

Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

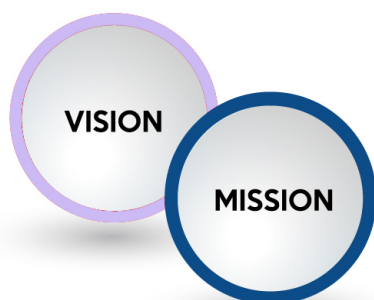
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

IT IS OUR MISSION TO:

- Endeavour to develop relevant and prayerful Eucharistic celebrations.
- Foster the experience of a personal relationship with God.
- Provide faith formation opportunities for parishioners.
- Care for each other and the environment, particularly the sick, lonely, aged and disabled within our Parish.
- Care for our environment towards a sustainable future.

WE WILL:

- Reach out to those in need in the local community.
- Be committed to Catholic Social Justice principles.
- Pray and work together with Christian Churches and all people of goodwill.
- Protect and engage with young people in our local area.
- Strengthen bonds with indigenous people in our region.



FIRST READING

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 65:1-7,16,20

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

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Bulletin Board

SPECIAL INTENTIONS (These names will be removed after one month. To keep names on this list please contact Parish Office)

Barbara Bond, John Wallace,
 Father John Langtry, Adrian and
 Margaret Langtry,
 Brian Smallacombe,
 Bailey Smallacombe,
 Russell Crichton, Bill Longworth,
 Daniel Holliday, Mark & Lola Kelly,
 Mary Davis, Claire Hamish,
 Joan Pillion, Angelo Fantasia,
 Jane Lloyd, West Family,
 Joseph Barry Kearsley,
 Lyn McCabe, Kathleen Tiltman,
 Emily McCarthy, Josephine Proctor,
 Andrew Sampson.
 Charlie Nicolson

RECENTLY DECEASED

ASSISTANCE DURING THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

We are conscious that there may be times when members of our parish community will need help in this time of the Coronavirus pandemic.

If you think that you might have the virus or have been exposed to the virus, the first step is to contact your doctor.

You may then be asked to spend some time in social isolation in your home either because you are suffering from the virus but don't need to go to hospital or if someone you have been in contact with, e.g., family, friends or neighbours, has contracted the virus.

In this case you may need help with shopping, a meal or you just might need to talk to someone.

The following people have offered to be points of contact for anyone in the parish who needs help:

Father Vinh 0429 098 892

Parish House: 8552 1084

GOOLWA: Anne Turner 0459 648 004

Joe and Maire Ryan 0401 671 476

Paul Kennelly 0402 852 825

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John and Wendy Baker 0419 046 147

Fran Hanna 0415 124 010

MIDDLETON, PT ELLIOT:

Ray Klecko 0438 364 870

MISSION CONTACT

In our parish we have many small networks of people who look out for each other. Please keep in contact by phone or email and give any help you feel able to give **safely**.

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2020 PRAYER INTENTIONS: MAY For Deacons

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.



CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WE NEED EACH OTHER

Over the weeks of this Easter time we have shared the story of the early growth of the Christian community in the Acts of the Apostles that have made up our first readings. We see what a **very human community** it was with disagreements about how to proceed e.g., were the pagans to be admitted, about who was getting the most share of supplies, which led to the ordination of deacons. And **yet marvelous deeds were done** as this week's reading shows and the message of Jesus spread far and wide.



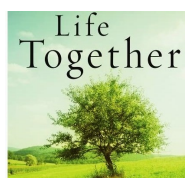
And they realised that they needed each other. No one person could have done it on their own. Even the great preacher Paul is grateful for help along the way. We too feel that need for community especially today when we cannot meet as we usually do.

From Henri Nouwen, spiritual writer: talking about all forms of Christian community

Christian community is the place where **we keep the flame of hope alive** among us and take it seriously so that it can grow and become stronger in us.

In this way we can live with courage, trusting that **there is a spiritual power in us when we are together** that allows us to live in the world without surrendering to the powerful forces constantly seducing us toward despair.

That is how **we dare to say that God is a God of love** even when we see hatred all around us. That is why we can claim **that God is a God of life** even when we see death and destruction and agony all around us.



We say it together. We affirm it in each other. Waiting together, nurturing what has already begun, expecting its fulfilment, that is the meaning of marriage, friendship, community and the Christian life.

LAUDATO SI - 5TH ANNIVERSARY



Laudato Si, the Pope's encyclical on the care of the environment came out five years ago. It had some challenging messages.

Bishop Long who is the head of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice – Mission and Service reminds us of this.

1. *"Laudato Si is offered to us as timely reminder that we humans are part of the interconnected cosmic web of creation and we need to live in harmony with it"*
2. *We must have the courage to align ourselves with God's plan for the world.*
3. *The moral imperative, of all Catholics, is to respond to this ecological crisis, one we have witnessed recently through bushfires following on from years of drought."* May 2020

Many of us in our parish appreciate deeply our connection to the natural world around us and take time to grow in this appreciation.

Many of us are involved in efforts to respond to this call to care for our planet and those adversely affected by our actions. We do this through our lifestyle choices, large and small, through re-cycling, thoughtful gardening, supporting earth friendly enterprises and community groups that work for the environment and in many other ways.

May this fifth anniversary of *Laudato Si* inspire us anew.



FR VINH'S SNAPSHOT REVIEW

After 7 years working in the parish, I wish to have a snapshot of my priestly ministry.

I know that Sharon Duong has worked in the area of performance review for the Catholic Education Office, Darwin. About 4 months ago, I initiated this process and invited her to facilitate the review and she agreed to assist.

I have asked 11 leaders to be involved, being mindful of balance of men and women, across of both mass centres and across different ministries in the parish.

Please keep those involved and me in your prayer as we commence this snapshot process. Fr Vinh

Bulletin Board



AROUND THE PARISH

RESPONSORIAL PSALM SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YR A

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth
O sing to the glory of His name.
O render Him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous Your deeds!

'Before You all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to You, sing to Your name!'

Come and see the works of God,
tremendous His deeds among men.

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in Him;
He rules for ever by His might.

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what He did for my soul:
Blessed be God Who did not reject my
prayer nor withhold His love for me.



SAINT BERNARDINE Feast Day May 20th (1380-1444)



Bernardine was born in Carrara, Italy. Even as a boy he nursed the sick during a pestilence in Siena. During a severe illness he decided to enter a monastery and became a Franciscan. Having been made

General of the Order, he resigned this charge in order to devote himself to preaching. He preached the name of Jesus with such love that it wrought the transformation of many souls. He was instrumental in effecting many conversions. In 1439 at the Council of Florence, St Bernardine laboured strenuously to end the schism. He died at Aquileia, in the midst of his missionary labours, He died on May 20th 1444 and was canonised six years after his death.

Catholic Culture

The Southern Cross featured a thank you to Bishop Greg O'Kelly for his generous care of the Archdiocese of Adelaide as well as his own diocese of Port Pirie over the last two years. Everyone mentioned his sense of humour. Since our own Archbishop-designate is rumoured to have a quirky sense of humour it seems to be an essential Ingredient for those aspiring to the position!!

K S C News May Thanks to Peter Sullivan our meeting in April was held with the help of Zoom technology. Members discussed how they are handling their life without church, especially at Easter. Some tuned into Bishop Charles' services in Darwin, and also appreciated Fr Vinh's homilies and messages. We will use any means we can to support Father and the parish at this time of isolation.

The next Knights' meeting will be held on **Thursday May 21st at Victor 4 pm.** Any member who wishes to use Zoom technology to be part of the meeting please make contact with Peter Sullivan
May anniversary Mike Bilston R I P

KSC Wine raffle

There will be 15 bottles of red including 3 bottles of French Bordeaux which has won 5 gold medals. Tickets are \$10 each and can be paid by bank transfer or if you wish to pay cash, ring



Mike on 0416 102 78 or Paul on 0402 852 825

For bank transfer below are details of the Knights' bank account. Use your name for reference.

**BSB 105-160
Ac No. 015876240.**

FOUND NEAR PT ELLIOT

A Rosary Bracelet with crucifix, deep maroon in colour. Now left hanging at the back of St Joan's church for collection.

A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to Jenny Dunthorne who celebrated her 70th birthday this week. Welcome to the 70s club Jenny!!

VISITS TO OUR CHURCHES

Just a reminder that visits to our Churches are now allowed.

St Joan's opens from 10am to 5pm.

St John's: Use the code to get in.

Under current rules **10 people only** may be inside at any one time.

Please remember to keep the

social distancing rules of 1.5 metres and all hygiene rules.

It is easy to forget these practices but they are so important in caring for each other. The Bishop's letter re these visits mentioned that the Premier appreciated the support of the Churches. **Let's continue to do our bit.**

REQUEST FROM FATHER PHILIP MARSHALL

We call on our communities to pause for prayer at **8am every Friday** until at least Pentecost. This pause can be for just a few minutes to pray for:

- An end to the pandemic
- Healing for people suffering from the illness
- Those researching a vaccine
- Our political and community leaders as they try to provide wise leadership
- Our health workers as they are at the front line
- Those affected financially and

ONLINE RESOURCES

Father Vinh's homilies

<http://www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au/>

St Francis Xavier's Cathedral

Live streaming of Daily Mass at 12.10pm.

<http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/news-and-events/coronavirus-updates-and-alerts/videos>

or on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/adelaidearchdiocese/>

Darwin with Bishop Charles:

<http://www.darwin.catholic.org.au/>

or on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/darwindiocese/videos/>

Taizé live on Facebook and on a video download at - Taize.fr

BIRTHDAYS

Adrian Langtry May 18th

Margaret Chalmers May 20th

Meredith Cunningham May 21st

Wendy Baker May 23rd

Birthday blessings to you all.



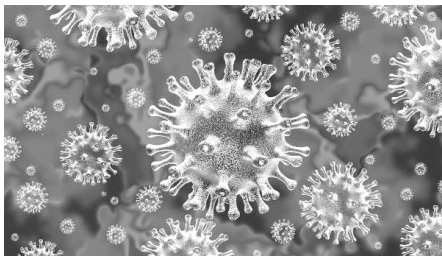
GOD IS WATCHING

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic primary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large tray of apples. A nun wrote a note and put it on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching."

Moving along the lunch line, at the other end was a large tray of chocolate chip cookies. A girl wrote a note and posted it on the cookie tray: "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."



CORONAVIRUS UPDATE



THERE WILL BE NO MASSES OR PUBLIC LITURGIES IN EITHER OF OUR CHURCHES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE SEE THE NEWSLETTER
ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE

[www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au/
news.html](http://www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au/news.html)

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• PARISH MANAGERS

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• PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please forward items for the newsletter
to the Parish Office - ph 8552 1084 or
catholicvhg@bigpond.com
(*All items for the newsletter must be received
no later than Wednesday evening*)

• PARISH TREASURER

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)
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CHILD PROTECTION

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Cathy May (Goolwa - 0401 584 237)
Parish Office (Victor Harbor 8552 1084)

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GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.’

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

*Speak out with a voice of joy ...
the Lord has set his people free!*

Even though we remain conscious of the real trauma that many continue to struggle with today, there is a sense of joy in this week's readings. We hear of it arising from the marvellous acts of the apostles (today's First Reading), and also in the Psalm, a hymn rejoicing in the great things the Lord has done for his people.

In the same way, we have a taste of this joy in the Gospel promise: the Spirit will be given to us, and the Lord will be in us and we in the Lord.

Even the sufferings meted out to the followers of Christ (Second Reading) could not diminish their gratitude for the Lord. This was bound up in the hope of the Resurrection which gave them, as it today gives us, the reason to respect one another and to reverence the Lord.

This week, let's pray that the trials we have faced over the past months, and the sufferings we continue to endure, will not hold back the life of the Spirit in us. In all things, may we speak with joy of the good things the Lord has done and continues to work in our lives.

"Australian Catholics"

O SAY CAN YOU SEE

Ellie signed on to teach a year in Bolivia. She enjoyed the work, the country, and the people - especially one young man. Oscar, who was intelligent, good-hearted, and handsome. That year, she and Oscar fell in love. Eventually, he came to Australia, and they got married at her parish church in outer Brisbane. Oscar had held an important job in Bolivia, but his hard-earned credentials did not transfer to Australia. His grasp of English was shaky. The only job he could find was working as a banquet waiter at a local hotel. Guests call him "Boy," whistled or clapped at him to get his attention and felt free to boss him around. But mostly they ignored him; they did not see him at all.

He would come home from work sullen, and Ellie felt excruciating pain that this proud man was being treated as nothing. The world did not see Oscar, but Ellie saw him.

Today, Jesus tells the apostles, "In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me". The world could pass Jesus by on the street and ignore him. They could whistle to get his attention and call him "Boy" because he does not live in them nor they in him. They could do that easily - after all, each day they do it to the least of his sisters and brothers.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(18 - 24 May)

- **Monday, 18:** Monday 6th week Easter (Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4)
- **Tuesday, 19:** Tuesday 6th week Easter (Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11)
- **Wednesday, 20:** Wednesday 6th week Easter (Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15)
- **Thursday, 21:** Thursday 6th week Easter (Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20)
- **Friday, 22:** Friday 6th week Easter (Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23)
- **Saturday, 23:** Saturday 6th week Easter (Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28)
- **Sunday 24:** The ASCENSION of the LORD (Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20)

PASTORAL CARE

If you need a Priest for anointing of the sick or last rites
contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552),
Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).