



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

Second Sunday of Lent  
Year B

*A living, vibrant  
faith community*

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## VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

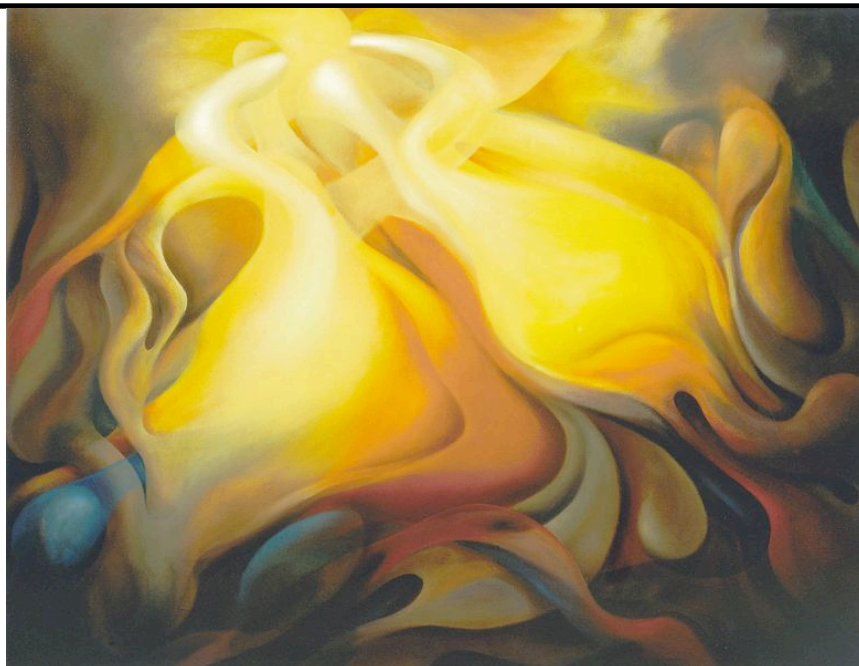
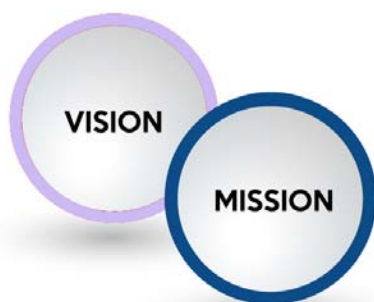
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

### 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

**Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18**

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it

is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 115:10, 15-19**

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

### SECOND READING

**Romans 8:31-34**

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

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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,  
Brian Smallacombe,  
Bailey Smallacombe,  
Russell Crichton, Bill Longworth,  
Mark & Lola Kelly, Josephine  
Proctor, Charlie Nicolson,  
Peter Harris, Bette Higgins,  
Barry Wilks, Rosalie Buck,  
Paula Collinson

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Richard Anderson

**THE HOLY FATHER'S 2021  
PRAYER INTENTIONS:**  
**February**

### Violence Against Women .

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.



## EXPLORING THE GOSPEL

**WITH LECTIO DIVINA** is held each Sunday night at 5pm in the Annex.

## THE CENACLE

You are invited to join us in The Cenacle held every Wednesday at 10am in St Joan of Arc Church. We start by praying the Rosary, reading, meditating and reflecting on one of the messages given to Father Gobbi by Mary our Mother, and making an act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Gemma Woodhead 0492 849 414.

**ST JOAN'S MAINTENANCE GROUP** will have their next meeting on Wednesday 10th March at 9.30am. Morning tea to follow. New members welcome. Michael McBride 0418 855 517

**ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB** will hold their next meeting on Tuesday 9th March at 1.30pm in the Annex. All welcome

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

### Friday 5th March

**Goolwa:** This year to be held at the Catholic Church and hosted by the Anglican Church at 7.00pm.

**Victor Harbor:** Salvation Army Hall, Bartel Boulevard, Encounter Bay at 2.00pm

## ABORTION BILL SUCCEEDS

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*Australian Family Coalition*

## REFLECTION FOR LENT

Do you want to fast this Lent?

Fast from hurting, say kind words

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude

Fast from anger and be filled with patience

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope

Fast from worries and have trust in God

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity

Fast from pressure and be prayerful

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy

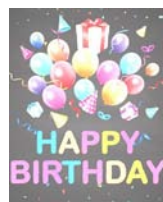
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others

Fast from grudges and be reconciled

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

*Pope Francis*

## CONGRATULATIONS



to two parishioners who are celebrating "0" birthdays next week, Pat Clingan 5th March, Peter O'Shaughnessy 8th March. We'll leave you to guess their ages!!

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## SISTER PARISH RELATIONSHIP

### COMORO, DILI

#### Contact numbers

John Dunthorne 0437 515 144  
Rose Mulraney 0417 328 932  
Ted Hounslow 0404 258 161  
Mark Leaney 0412 607 891.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

### Fridays in Lent

**Goolwa 3.00pm**

**Victor 5.00pm**

## PARISH COLLECTION 20th & 21st February

(Presbytery) \$1128.55  
2nd (Parish) \$1132.75

## VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 5th & 12th March

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

## VICTOR MORNING TEA 28th February

J. & R. Randabel-Williamson

## 7th March

A. Williss & R. Reid

## VICTOR MEET & GREET March Saturdays

M. Farmer & E. O'Connell

## March Sundays

W. Baker & F. Harris

## GOOLWA MEET & GREET March

K. & A. Fawkner

## ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2.00pm Wednesday.

Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199.



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Second Sunday of Lent, Yr. B

*I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.*

I believed, even when I said,  
"I am greatly afflicted."  
Precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful ones.

O Lord, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the son of your  
handmaid;  
you have loosed my bonds.  
To you will I offer sacrifice of  
thanksgiving,  
and I will call upon the name of the Lord

My vows to the Lord I will pay  
in the presence of all his people,  
In the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.



### K. S. C.

Tuesday 2nd March garden clean-up.

The next Knights BBQ will be on 14th March instead of the 7th due to unavailability of volunteers.

Vale Pauline Bence. We send our condolences to the Lutheran Community on the passing of their organist Pauline.

The Knights are organising a mini St Pat's night at the church on 21st March. The meal consisting of chops, burgers and sausages with salad, will begin at 5pm. **AND ITS FREE !!**

The bank balance is good and the treasurer is happy to thank the parishioners for their support to our fund raising as well as getting everyone together again socially.

Bookings to Paul 0402 852 825 or Mike 0416 102 678

The limit will be 60 and bookings close on 10th March.

The night will close about 8pm.



## PROJECT COMPASSION BE MORE

### Week 3

Oliva, 22, could not read, write or count, and her business was losing money. Then she



attended Caritas Australia-supported literacy and numeracy classes, and set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours. Now her classes, business and family are thriving, and she aims to become a pastor and run for local leadership.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

### GOOLWA PASTORAL CARE GROUP

We have just re-established the Goolwa Pastoral Care Group. Our members bring Holy Communion to people at home or in residential care facilities. We also visit new parishioners, making them welcome and connecting them to the Parish.

Fr. Vinh wishes to thank Mary Byrne, Vivi Scriva, Stephen Muller, Lynne Healey and also Anne Turner who has accepted the role of Chairperson.

We meet bi-monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday after 9.30am Mass for half an hour, commencing on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

### CREATION PRAYER

Triune Lord, wondrous community  
of infinite love,  
teach us to contemplate You  
in the beauty of the universe,  
for all things speak of You.

Awaken our praise and thankfulness  
for every being that  
You have made.

Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined  
to everything that is.

### This Week : 27th & 28th February

**VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm**  
**Commentator:** F. Hanna

**R.1** L. Blacket  
**R.2** M. Farmer  
**E.M.** J. Jeffery

**VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am**  
**Commentator:** P. O'Brien

**R1.** A. Williss  
**R2** T. Hounslow  
**E.M** P. Clingan

**GOOLWA Sunday 9am**  
**Commentator:** Marie Riddle

**R1** R. Lee  
**R2** Michael Riddle  
**E.M.** M. Glazewski



### Next Week : 6th & 7th March

**VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm**  
**Commentator:** J. Ryan

**R.1** B. Bullen  
**R.2** M. Farmer  
**E.M.** E. O'Shaughnessy

**VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am**  
**Commentator:** R. Klecko

**R1.** P. O'Brien  
**R2** P. Chigwidden  
**E.M** A. Rose

**GOOLWA Sunday 9am**  
**Commentator:** V. Scriva

**R1** G. Byrne  
**R2** J. McInnes  
**E.M.** S. Muller



## MASS TIMES

- **Victor Harbor** - Weekends - Saturday 6.00pm; Sunday 11.00am. Weekdays - Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.00am
- **Goolwa** - Weekend - Sunday 9.00am. Weekday - Wednesday 9.30am

## COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(Current for 23/24 January)

- Attendees at Mass must maintain social distancing of 1:2 sqm.
- Funerals are capped at 200 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- Weddings are capped at 200 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- No beverage or food consumption (ie cup of tea after Mass)
- Singing as a congregation is to be avoided.
- Every gathering must record contact details - either with the QR code for smart phones, or the handwritten log - both located at the entrance to the Church.
- The obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage.

## VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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

## PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

### • PARISH PRIEST

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### • PARISH MANAGERS

Mr Ray Klecko (0438 364 870)  
Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)  
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### • PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - ph 8552 1084 or [catholicvhg@bigpond.com](mailto:catholicvhg@bigpond.com) (All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening)

### • PARISH TREASURER

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)  
Email: [Parish\\_treasure@bigpond.com](mailto:Parish_treasure@bigpond.com)

### • CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit (8210 8159)  
Goolwa (Cathy May 0401 584 237)  
Victor Harbor (Parish Office 8552 1084)

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Mt 17:5

*Glory and praise to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud,  
the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ!*

## GOSPEL

### Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- This event in the life of Jesus is known as the Transfiguration. It is traditionally associated with Mt Tabor near Nazareth in Galilee.
- The words of the voice from the cloud echo the words from heaven at Jesus' baptism, 'You are my son, the beloved, my favour rests on you' (Mk 1:11).
- The three disciples who witness Jesus' glory in this episode are the same three who will witness his

agony on the Mount of Olives on the night before he died.

- Jesus is joined by Elijah and Moses in this episode. They represent the Prophets and the Law, major sections of the Hebrew Scriptures.

## EXPLORING THE WORD

In the biblical tradition a mountain is often used to situate close encounters between God and his people. In this text, Jesus' appearance takes on the imagery of the divine. Those who join Jesus are significant: Moses was the receiver of the Law and Elijah was the first prophet. Here the Law and the Prophets, the fullness of Scripture, meet Jesus transfigured. Understandably, the disciples are terrified and Peter suggests they build three tents. This would allow them to remain on the mountain and contemplate the face of God. But this is to misunderstand the true call of the disciple. Gazing heavenwards is not enough - the disciple must also listen and act. The mystery of this response will only become clear when placed in the context of the death and resurrection of Jesus. There can be no sidestepping of the cross and its invitation to all who are followers of Jesus that they too must lose themselves for the sake of others.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(01 - 07 March)

- **Monday, 26:** Monday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent (Dan 9:4-10; Lk 6:36-38)
- **Tuesday, 27:** Tuesday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent (Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12)
- **Wednesday, 28:** Wednesday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent (Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28)
- **Thursday, 01:** Thursday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent (Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31)
- **Friday, 02:** Friday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent (Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46)
- **Saturday, 03:** Saturday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent (Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32)
- **Sunday 04:** THIRD SUNDAY of LENT (Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25)

## 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).