

# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A  
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

*A living, vibrant  
faith community*

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## VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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## PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

### • PARISH PRIEST

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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](mailto:catholicvhg@bigpond.com)  
(*All items for the newsletter must be received  
no later than Wednesday evening*)

### • PARISH TREASURER

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## MASS CENTRES AND TIMES

### • ST JOAN OF ARC

30 Seaview Road, Victor Harbor

#### MASS TIMES

Saturday 6.00pm  
Sunday 11.00am

#### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 11.00am - 11.30am  
Saturday 5.30pm - 5.50pm

### • ST JOHN THE APOSTLE

10-14 Gardiner Street, Goolwa

#### MASS TIMES

Sunday 9.00am

#### RECONCILIATION

Sunday 8.30am - 8.50am

## CHILD PROTECTION

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



## FIRST READING

*Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7*

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17*

*Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

## SECOND READING

*Romans 5:12-19*

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone,

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### 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, Michelle L,  
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, Joseph Barry  
Kearsley, West Family,  
Lyn McCabe

### ANNIVERSARIES

Father Jim Honner.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Brian Cronin.

### PARISH COLLECTION 15th & 16th February

1st (Presbytery) \$1057.40  
2nd (Parish) \$1294.05

### VICTOR MORNING TEA 8th & 15th March

M. Cunningham & A. Wright  
**22nd & 29th March**  
H. & P. Sampson

### VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 7th & 14th March

M. Davis & F. Harris  
**21st & 28th March**  
R. Munro & T. Clayton

### VICTOR MEET & GREET March Saturdays

M. Farmer & D. McLaughlin  
**March Sundays**  
A. Wright & L. Sunman

### ST JOAN'S CHOIR :

Practice time is 10.30am each  
Friday

### GOOLWA MORNING TEA

**March** M. Burford, A. Fawkner,  
S. Butler, K. O'Shea

### GOOLWA MEET & GREET

**March** C. & J. Slagter

### ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm each Tuesday  
Call Claire Williams 042 008 199.

### THE HOLY FATHER'S 2020 PRAYER INTENTIONS: MARCH

#### For Evangelisation Catholics in China:

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.



### EXPLORING THE GOSPEL WITH

**LECTIO DIVINA** is held each Sunday night at 6pm in the Annex.

### CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY

We meet for Lectio Divina (Scripture Reflection) and meditation on Monday afternoons at 4.30 for 2020. Please contact Anne Weygood for details. 0429 653 844.

### CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY

Groups meet fortnightly on Thursday nights 7.00pm-9.00pm and Monday afternoons 2.00-4.00pm. Phone Rob & Jocelyne Randabel-Williamson on 0402 341 071.

### TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE GOOLWA

Our prayer service is held on the third Wednesday of each month. The next one will be held on **Wednesday 18th March** at 10.15 after the 9.30 Mass.

### GARDENING AND MAINTENANCE GROUP GOOLWA

On the first Tuesday of each month we need helpers at 9.30 to maintain the church gardens and surrounds.



Next meeting Tuesday  
March 4th. Tony Siciliano.

### ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

St John's Music Group meets in the Church each Tuesday at 2pm for practice. Singers and musicians are very welcome. If interested please contact Claire Williams on 042 008 199.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

Our next meeting is in Goolwa on Wednesday March 11th after 9.30 Mass.

### ST JOAN'S SOCIAL GROUP

Our next meeting is on Tuesday March 10th at 1.30 in the Annex. All welcome

### ST JOAN'S MAINTENANCE GROUP

The next meeting will be on Wednesday March 11th from 9.30-10.30 followed by morning tea.



### CENTENARY NEWS PLEASE SEE INSERT

#### Apology from Bishop Charles

We received the news this week that Bishop Charles Gauci is unable to be with us on March 15th. He has a meeting in Townsville that he must attend. Bishop Charles wished us well on the day and assured us that his prayers are with us.

**Special request. Please leave area for emergency vehicles in St Joan's precinct free for the Governor.**

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### PLENARY COUNCIL SUBMISSIONS

We would like to give an explanation about the Plenary Council Submissions we shared with you recently. There seems to be some misunderstanding for which we apologise. These submissions were sent **on behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council group only**, not on behalf of the whole Parish. Although many of you will support the submissions made by our group, there are others who in conscience are unable to do so, therefore we cannot in this case claim to speak on behalf of all parishioners. The process of discernment is happening in small groups across Australia because it requires a lot of praying, listening and sharing which can't easily be done in large groups. In future weeks we will send out the submissions made to the Plenary Council by other parish groups who are happy to share them. Your PPC.

### FEBRUARY PPC MEETING POINTS

**Signs outside both Churches.** Members are looking at updating signs outside each Church so that they are more visible and informative.

#### Centenary report:

**Catering** is in hand.

Mark Leaney reports that with Father's help his **leadlight windows** will be up by March 15th.

**Plaque for convent/school** available to show the Sisters of Mercy who are coming to the Centenary celebration.

#### General business

Box for parishioners' prayers to God to be left in foyer before Masses each weekend.

#### Father Vinh's report

1. Goolwa Choir going well. Good to see choir operating creatively and independently.
2. Father expressed gratitude to Margaret Meade for her generous help in the transfer to our new treasurer

#### Parish Manager's Report

Merv Mallett (new treasurer) and Tony Agius (Occ Health & Safety Officer) are settling in well.

# Bulletin Board



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### 1st Sunday of Lent

*Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

Have mercy on me, God, in Your kindness.

In Your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me.

Against You, You alone have I sinned, what is evil in Your sight I have done.

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me do not cast me away from Your presence, Nor deprive me of Your Holy Spirit.

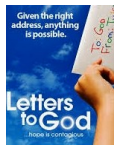
Give me again the joy of Your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me.

O Lord, open my lips

and my mouth shall declare Your praise.



## WRITE TO GOD DURING LENT



Take time during Lent to sit down and write a letter to God. It could be an apology, it could be a complaint, it could be a request, it could be a thank

you, it could be about anything at all of concern to you. At both Churches there will be a sealed box left in the foyer before each weekend Mass where we can "post" our letter. The box will be then taken up to the altar during Mass and kept safely in the sacristy until the following week. Letters can be anonymous. The boxes with the letters will be burnt during the Easter ceremonies.

## GOOLWA INTER CHURCH NEWS

**Messy Church** The next service is at St. John's Goolwa on March 15 at 3.30 pm. **Healing Room** At Uniting Church in Room 2 on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. A prayerful support for all people with physical and mental struggles in life.

## STUDY SESSIONS DURING LENT

**Victor** Tues. after 9.00 Mass.

**Goolwa** Friday 2pm before Stations of the Cross. The title of the Study Programme is **GRACE**. Come and deepen your sense of God's presence in your life.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This Ecumenical event takes place on Friday March 6:



World Day of Prayer

**AUSTRALIA**

### GOOLWA at

1.00pm at Church of Christ, organised by Goolwa Christian fellowship.

**VICTOR HARBOR** at 1.30pm at the Lutheran Church.

The theme this year is

**Rise! Take your mat and walk!**

Come and join with other Churches to support people in ZIMBABWE.



## PROJECT COMPASSION

Shirley, 36, lives in a remote province in the Philippines. Shirley was struggling to support her family and keep their

children in school. With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley trained to become an indigenous health worker. She has learnt to supplement her income and is able to feed her family. The program has also empowered Shirley to send her children to school. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by phone 1800 024 413 or online

[www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) s

## THANKS FROM

### LEN AND MARGARET FRACEK

Margaret and Len wish to thank Father Vinh and all the parishioners for their parish farewell celebration on Sunday last (one of many we are told!). Margaret and Len described the Victor/Goolwa parish as the best they have ever belonged to. They have appreciated the warmth of the community and the chance to deepen their spiritual life during their time here. They paid a special tribute to Father Vinh for his leadership.

## ST JOAN OF ARC PIANO

A Wertheim piano with stool, currently in the Church Annex is available for purchase by donation. Tuning is probably required. Enquiries via the Church Office 8552 1084.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS EACH FRIDAY IN LENT

GOOLWA 3PM

VICTOR 5PM



## This Week : 29th Feb. & 1st March

### VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 J. Jeffery

R.2 C. Sutherland

E.M. M. Farmer, E. O'Shaughnessy

### VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : R. Klecko

R.1. S. Duong

R.2 T. Hounslow

E.M R. Kuske, L. Sunman, P. Clingan, K. Howard, A. Weygood.

### GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: P. Kennelly

R1 J. McMahon

R2 D. McMahon

E.M. L. Healey, T. Siciliano, J. Ryan, M. Ryan, Marie Riddle.



## This Week : 7th & 8th March

### VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: F. Hanna

R.1 J. Ryan

R.2 B. Bullen

E.M. E. O'Connell, M. Farmer

### VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : P. O'Brien

R.1. A. Willis

R.2 J. Randabel-Williamson

E.M P. Clingan, M. Von Holst, M. Taylor, M. Cunningham

### GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: J. McInnes

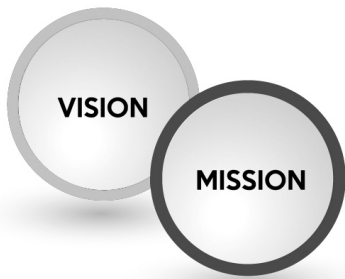
R1 B. Longworth

R2 L. Longworth

E.M. A. Turner, D. Elliott, D. West, K. O'Shea, M. Glazewski.

**VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA  
CATHOLIC PARISH**

**VISION AND MISSION  
STATEMENT**



Our Vision and Mission 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.

**WE WILL:**

- Endeavor 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.



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so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Mt 4:4**

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 4:1-11**

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

*Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'*

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

*He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'*

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: *You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'*

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

*You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'*

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

**DO YOU WANT TO FAST  
THIS LENT?**

*(Pope Francis on Lent - 2017)*

- Fast from hurting words and 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 trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures 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.



**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

*(02 - 08 March)*

- **Monday, 24:** Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> week Lent (Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46)
- **Tuesday, 25:** Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> week Lent (Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15)
- **Wednesday, 26:** Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> week Lent (Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32)
- **Thursday, 27:** Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> week Lent (Esther 14:1, 3-5, 12-14; Mt 7:7-12)
- **Friday, 28:** Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> week Lent - *Autumn Ember Day in Australia* (Ezek 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26)
- **Saturday, 29:** Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> week Lent (Deut 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48)
- **Sunday 01:** SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (Gen 12:1-4; 2Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9)

**PASTORAL CARE**

If you (or someone you know) is house-bound, in hospital or in residential care and would appreciate a visit from a Priest or someone from the Parish, please let us know.  
Contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).