

Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

First Sunday of Lent
Year B

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

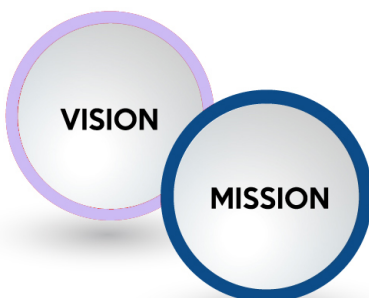
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

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 9:8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 24:4-9

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ himself, innocent though he was, 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, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

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.

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

ANNIVERSARIES

P. McInnes

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.

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY

Groups meet fortnightly on Mondays 2-4pm.
Phone Rob & Jocelyne Randabel-Williamson on 0402 341 071

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.

NEW VICTOR READERS' ROSTER

Mary Ferguson is asking readers to let her know if you are not available to read during March, April and May.

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.

CHILD PROTECTION MEETING

Approximately 30 parishioners from St John's and St Joan's attended the Child Protection meeting last Thursday. We heard about being alert to the presence of physical, mental and sexual abuse in children and who to contact if we are concerned.

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

Child Safe Officer Cathy May

(Goolwa - 0401 584 237)

Parish Office (Victor Harbor 8552 1084)

Further information on the website:

<https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/our-people/child-protection-unit/reporting-child-abuse>

PROJECT COMPASSION PRAYER

God of all peoples and nations,
as You accompany us
on our Lenten journey,
May our **fasting** strengthen
our commitment to live in solidarity,
our **almsgiving** be
an act of justice and
our **prayers** anchor us
in love and compassion.
Through living simply and
loving generously,
may we care for our global family
and our common home, as we
**"Aspire not to have more,
but to be more"*****

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

***St Oscar Romero*

POPE FRANCIS' LENT ADVICE:

Put down phone, pick up Bible.



Pope Francis urged Catholics to use the season of Lent to **spend less time immersed in the**

chatter and noise of the world through television and their phones, and to spend more time in silence and in conversation with God. *"We are inundated with empty words, with advertisements, with subtle messages. In this noise, "we struggle to distinguish the voice of the Lord who speaks to us, the voice of conscience, of good.*

A **positive** use of our phones could be to ring or text someone we think might like a call.

FEBRUARY SOUTHERN CROSS

AMAZING GRACE

With the SA abortion debate raging in recent months, an Adelaide mum invites any woman who is considering ending the life of her unborn child to spend some time with her daughter before making the decision. Despite the challenges of raising a child with Down syndrome, Monica Kwan said she could not imagine her life without Grace, who is such an important part of their family. **Lindy McMamara Southern Cross**
There are **other articles of interest** in this month's Southern Cross including tributes to Archbishop Philip Wilson, students returning to school, thoughts about the Plenary Council and more personal stories.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays in Lent

Goolwa 3.00pm

Victor 5.00pm

PARISH COLLECTION 13th & 14th February

(Presbytery) \$896.00
2nd (Parish) \$1,258.80

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

26th February

P. & J. Mezzino

5th & 12th March

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

VICTOR MORNING TEA

21st February

J. & R. Randabel-Williamson

28th February

F. Hanna & M. Mattson

VICTOR MEET & GREET

February Saturdays

M. Farmer & H. Anderson

February Sundays

L. Sunman & J. Schulze

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

February

J. McInnes

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2.00pm Wednesday.

Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM First Sunday of Lent, Yr. B

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep Your covenant.

Lord, make me know Your ways.
Lord, teach me Your paths.
Make me walk in Your truth, and teach me:
for You are God my saviour.

Remember Your mercy, Lord,
and the love You have shown from of old.
In Your love remember me,
because of Your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path;
He teaches His way to the poor.



THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER Feast Day 22nd February

This feast brings to mind the mission of teacher and pastor conferred by Christ on Peter and continued in an unbroken line down to the present Pope. We celebrate the unity of the Church, founded upon the Apostle, and renew our assent to the Magisterium of the Roman Pontiff, extended both to truths which are solemnly defined *ex cathedra*, and to all the acts of the ordinary Magisterium.
Text - Catholic Culture: Photo – Franciscan Media



FAREWELL

Trudi Clayton and her son Lucas are leaving us for Noarlunga Downs this Wednesday. We thank them for their prayerfulness and Trudi for her flower arrangements. We are sorry to see you go. Please come back and visit us.

REBUILD OUR CHURCH

We encourage you to say this prayer with your spouse or friends at home. The instructions are well presented in the prayer book. These prayers are similar to the priest's prayer. Our Archbishop has initiated it for the whole Diocese.

PROJECT COMPASSION BE MORE

The theme of Project Compassion is taken from a saying of St Oscar Romero
"Aspire not to have more but to be more."

Week 2



Margret is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands that suffered long-term water shortages and damage from Tropical Cyclone Harold. With Caritas Australia's support, Margret's school installed water tanks, repaired cyclone damage and implemented COVID-19 prevention measures, and is now planning to boost food security.

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 or telephoning 1800 024 413.

SISTER PARISH RELATIONSHIP COMORO, DILI

Thanks to members of the Working Party who spoke to us on the weekend about this project. Remember if you are interested you can contact them directly.



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

HEARING AID IN OUR CHURCH

Many people have reported that if they sit directly under the speakers they can hear clearly. At St Joan's there are two black speakers installed under the choir loft. There are **RESERVED SIGNS** on the pews near the speakers for hearing impaired people.

This Week : 20th & 21st February

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm
Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 M. Farmer
R.2 B. Bullen
E.M. E. O'Connell

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am
Commentator: R. Klecko

R1. J. Tregagle
R2 A. Williss
E.M P. Clingan

GOOLWA Sunday 9am
Commentator: D. Huppertz

R1 A. Fawkner
R2 K. Fawkner
E.M. T. Siciliano



Next 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 R. Kuske

GOOLWA Sunday 9am
Commentator: Marie Riddle

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

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.
- There should be no physical contact outside one's family or household group. There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- 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.
- Hand sanitizer is to be available at church entrance
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are encouraged not to attend.
- The obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage.

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

- **PARISH PRIEST**
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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 by Wednesday evening)

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GOSPEL

Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'



EXPLORING THE WORD

The Baptist had promised that Jesus would baptise with the Holy Spirit and at his baptism the Holy Spirit had descended on him. Now that same Spirit drives Jesus into the wilderness. He is not the master of his own destiny. He is the object of the action of God. There is no murmur of opposition to this. Jesus accepts God's Spirit and God's will. As a consequence, the harmony of creation is restored and Jesus 'is with' the wild beasts. It is a fulfilment of the prophecy of Isaiah that 'the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the lion and fatling together' (Is 11:6-7). The new creation has begun in the person of Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God. Indeed, he proclaims that the Kingdom of God is close at hand.

But Jesus also summons his followers to repent and believe the good news. Lent is a time to listen attentively to the gospel and to turn back to the ways of the Father. It is a time for us to consider how close we are to the Kingdom of God.

DID YOU KNOW?

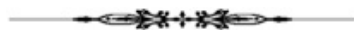
- Lent lasts for forty days in imitation of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday.
- There is evidence of Lenten preparation for Easter very early in

the Church's history but its practices became more regularised after the Council of Nicaea.

- Each Lent all the baptised are expected to adopt the three Lenten disciplines of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving to those in need.
- In years gone by, Catholics did not eat meat on any Friday, and later, on Fridays in Lent. Today there are two days of the year when Catholics are expected to not eat meat—Ash Wednesday and Good Friday—but all the Fridays of Lent are still days when we should 'fast'.
- This scene in the gospel has been traditionally associated with the Judean wilderness, an unforgiving dessert landscape in the south of the country.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- How do you experience 'the wilderness' in your life? What are the 'wild beasts' for you in this place? Who or what looks after you?
- What comforts and distractions make it difficult for you to follow Jesus' way?



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(22 - 28 February)

- **Monday, 22:** The Chair of St Peter (1 Pet 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19)
- **Tuesday, 23:** Tuesday of 1st week of Lent (Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15)
- **Wednesday, 24:** Wednesday of 1st week of Lent (Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32)
- **Thursday, 25:** Thursday of 1st week of Lent (Esther 14:1, 3-5, 12-14; Mt 7:7-12)
- **Friday, 26:** Friday of 1st week of Lent (Ezek 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26)
- **Saturday, 27:** Saturday of 1st week of Lent (Deut 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48)
- **Sunday 28:** SECOND SUNDAY of LENT (Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10)

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).