

Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

SECOND SUNDAY OF
EASTER - 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.

MASS TIMES

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

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24

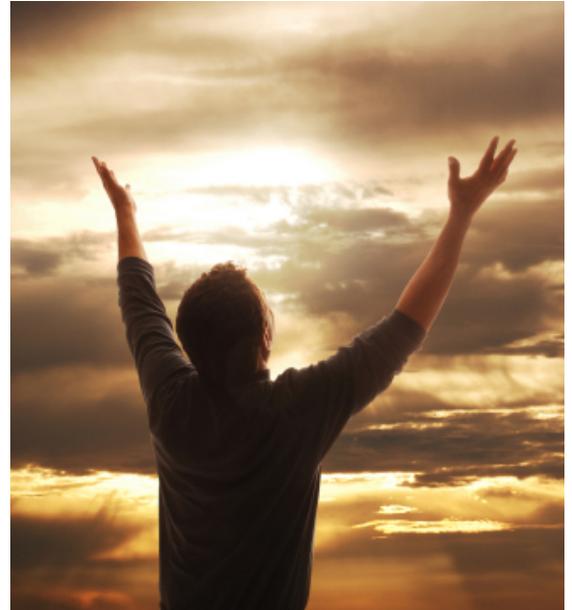
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

*'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'*

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

*'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven; for those whose
sins you retain, they are retained.'*

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

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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, Barry Wilks,
Josephine Proctor, Peter Harris,
Charlie Nicolson, Bette Higgins,
Paula Collinson, Jen Jeffery,
June Lloyd, Claire Hamish.

PARISH COLLECTION

3rd & 4th April

Presbytery (1st) \$ 2505.00
Parish (2nd) \$ 2885.55
Holy Places \$1022.95
Project Compassion \$1309.70

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

16th –23rd April

C. Pearsons, M. Farmer

30th April—7th May

G. Woodhead & W. & J. Baker

VICTOR MORNING TEA

11th April

J. & W. Baker

18th April

P. Chigwidden & L. Sunman

VICTOR MEET & GREET

April Saturdays

M. Farmer, E. O'Connell

April Sundays

W. Baker & R. Reid

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

April

T. Tomlinson & L. Clayson

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2.00pm Wednesday.

Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199.

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2021 PRAYER INTENTIONS:

APRIL: Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.



EXPLORING THE GOSPEL WITH LECTIO DIVINA

is held each Sunday night at 5pm in the Annex.

CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY

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

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY

Group meets 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

KSC NEWS

KSC free BBQ tea will now be held on 18th April from 5 pm till 8 pm at Goolwa, and it has been recorded in the diary! This is a free tea to show our appreciation to our parishioners for their support of our fundraising. The menu will include chops, sausages, and burgers as well as salads. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. We are asking for all who put their name forward for our previous to confirm they can still attend, and of course we welcome others who may now be able to get along. Bookings with Mike on 0416 102 678 .



ST JOAN'S MAINTENANCE GROUP

will have their next meeting on **Wednesday 14th April at 9.30am.** Morning tea to follow. New members welcome. Michael McBride 0418 855 517

ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 13th at 1.30 in the Annex. All welcome.

CHECK-IN REMINDER

Over the last few weeks the numbers attending Mass aren't reflecting the numbers that are using the QR Code or signing in.

It is most important that we all continue to check in when arriving at the Church. We cannot become complacent. If you check in by using the QR on your phone please put a QR on our sign-in sheet so that we know how many people are attending.

Thank you all for your co-operation in these difficult times.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope Paul II decreed that from that year forward, the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This was proclaimed at the Canonisation Mass of **St. Faustina Kawalska,**

who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God.

Loyola Press

The message of Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And He wants us to recognise that **His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others.** Thus, all will come to share His joy. *Passionist Sisters USA*

“Let us have the courage to come back to Jesus to meet His love and mercy in the sacraments. Let us feel His closeness and tenderness, and then we will also be more capable of mercy, patience, forgiveness and love.” *Pope Francis*

Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity. *Diary of St Faustina*

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Victor Harbor/Goolwa

We welcome new members. This year our meetings are held **monthly** alternating between Victor Harbor (3rd Thursday in the month) and Goolwa (3rd Wednesday in the month). **The next meeting will be at St John the Apostle, Goolwa on 21st April following 9.30 am Mass.**

CONGRATULATIONS

to Bill & Gemma Woodhead on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. Well done !!

Bulletin Board



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Second Sunday of Easter, Yr.B
(Divine Mercy)

*Give thanks to the Lord for He is good,
His love is everlasting.*

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;

His right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live
and recount His deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the
Lord, but not doomed to die.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.



LEADLIGHT WINDOWS AT ST JOAN'S

The Rose Window is called Spirit of Light and the leadlight windows on either side of St Joan's are called Encounter Windows. Their plaques are being blessed at this weekend Masses at Victor. We thank Ray Klecko and Mark Leaney who donated them to the Parish in our centenary celebrations.

EASTER IN DARWIN

My wife and I spent Easter in Darwin, and caught up with Bishop Charles who asked that his love be passed on to all in our parish. He looks well and seems to have settled well in Darwin. Sunday morning Mass was packed to overflowing. St Mary's Cathedral has the largest ceiling fans I have ever seen, and even with those working, and every side door opened it was still a little warm. Such is the heat in Darwin. *Paul Kennelly.*

R I P BRENDAN NAGGY was a young boy who tragically drowned on Hindmarsh Island at Easter 1993. His plaque is on the right hand side of St John's altar. We think of him in our prayers.

FLOODS DELUGE - DILI, TIMOR-LESTE



Devastating floods have hit Timor-Leste, forcing thousands to take refuge and leaving at least 27 people

dead, with 13 of those killed in Dili, including at least six children. **Comoro parishioners have been affected by the floods as the Comoro River burst its banks.** Dili was under an extended COVID lockdown when the floods hit. Please keep Timor-Leste and our Comoro sister parish in your prayers.

Australian parishes have received a request for help from the Salesians who administer the Comoro Parish. They are using their Don Bosco Training Centre as a major relief centre providing shelter and food for those who have lost their homes and possessions.

Donations can be sent to:

Salesian Missions Australia

P O Box 264

ASCOT VALE Vic 3032

Or through

<https://www.givenow.com.au/>

[salesianmissionstimorleste](https://www.givenow.com.au/salesianmissionstimorleste)

Phone : 03 9377 6060

Donations are tax deductible.

Tina Newton Salesian Missions Australia

PALLIATIVE CARE ON THE FLEURIEU



An information session on Palliative Care in this region will be held on April

28th @ The Gospel Centre 1 to 3 pm.

Please ring 0466 246 672 if you wish to attend.

Coming at a time when the question of legalising euthanasia is being debated in our parliament, this topic of palliative care deserves our serious attention.

In the Southern Cross this month Jenny Brinkworth's article ***The other side of the dying story*** is worth reflecting on..

HIDDEN TALENT



A certain well-known member of our parish community participating in the "Come and Try" session for the local Dragon boats!!

This Week : 10th & 11th April

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 B. Bullen

R.2 J. Ryan

E.M. E. O'Connell

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R.1 R. Klecko

R.2 S. Duong

E.M. P. O'Brien

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R1 C. May

R2 M. Mulvihill

E.M. S. Muller



Next Week : 17th & 18th April

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 B. Bullen

R.2 C. Sutherland

E.M. M. Farmer

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator: T. Hounslow

R.1 P. Chigwidden

R.2 A. Rose

E.M. J. Baker

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R1 M. O'Halloran

R2 R. Lee

E.M. M. Ryan

COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(April 2021)

Different rules apply for Churches with fixed or non-fixed seating. Please check with your Church for details on how seating will be handled.

- For fixed seating 100% of available seats may be used, provided 100% of attendees wear masks. If 75% of seats are used, masks are not necessary.
- The non-fixed seating capacity is worked on 3:4sqm. No masks are required for this density. Masks are essential for anything more than the capped density.
- Singing as a congregation may recommence, provided masks are worn.
- 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.

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Telephone: 8552 1084 (*Please leave a message if the Office is unattended - we will get back to you asap*)
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Web: www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au

PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• PARISH PRIEST

Fr Vinh-Quang Tran (8552 1084; in an emergency - 0429 098 802)
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• PARISH MANAGERS

Mr Ray Klecko (0438 364 870)
Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)
Email: Parish_manager@bigpond.com

• 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*)

• PARISH TREASURER

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)
Email: 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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When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The period from Easter Sunday to Pentecost is known as the Great Fifty Days and is an integral part of the Lent-Easter- Pentecost cycle.
- There is an ancient tradition that Thomas preached the gospel as far east as India.

EXPLORING THE WORD

This gospel is one of transformation. The fear of the disciples is transformed by the gift of peace and the doubt of Thomas is transformed by his encounter with the risen Jesus. With this transformation, however, comes responsibility. The disciples are not to simply bask in the joy of Christ risen but are sent to continue the mission of Jesus in the world: 'As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.'

When Thomas is told by his

companions that they have seen Jesus, he places his own conditions on faith. He will not believe unless he sees. Jesus must fulfil the expectation that Thomas has. The following week, he is forced to confront this and is brought to realise the pointlessness of imposing conditions on God. Only then can he see that God's ways are often surprising. Only after accepting this truth does Thomas come to understand what faith really is.

SHARING THE TRADITION

'Those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven. Those whose sins you shall retain, they are retained.' Jesus' disciples are to continue the work of reconciling all people to God. His power to forgive sins is conferred on the Church. Through baptism, God's forgiveness becomes available to us, but human beings do not lose their tendency to sin just because they are baptised. The sacrament of reconciliation is there to assist the faithful to acknowledge human sinfulness and seek the forgiveness and reconciliation of God.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(12 - 18 April)

- **Monday, 12:** Monday of the 2nd week of Easter (Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8)
- **Tuesday, 13:** Tuesday of the 2nd week of Easter (Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7-15)
- **Wednesday, 14:** Wednesday of the 2nd week of Easter (Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21)
- **Thursday, 15:** Thursday of the 2nd week of Easter (Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36)
- **Friday, 16:** Friday of the 2nd week of Easter (Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15)
- **Saturday, 17:** Saturday of the 2nd week of Easter (Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:1-15)
- **Sunday 18:** THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48)

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).