



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT -
YEAR B

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

OUR VISION:

To build a faith community centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and communal parish activities.

OUR MISSION IS TO:

- Develop relevant and prayerful Eucharistic celebrations
- Foster the experience of a personal relationship with God
- Provide Faith Formation opportunities
- Care for each other particularly the sick, lonely, aged and disabled
- Witness to God's love for our earthly common home and all its creatures that abound

WE WILL:

- Reach out to those in need
- Be committed to Catholic Social Justice principles
- Pray and work together with Christian Churches and all people of goodwill
- Engage with young people
- Care for our environment towards a sustainable future
- Strengthen bonds with First Nation peoples

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

RECONCILIATION

St Joan's, Victor Harbor - Saturday
11am - 11.30am, or by appointment.



FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that

these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 18:8-11

*Lord, you have the words
of everlasting life.*

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the

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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)

John Wallace, Claire Hamish, Jeffery Family, Natalie Millar, Ann Tee, Bailey Smallacombe, Charlie Nicolson, Jane Lloyd, Kristin Nicolson, Geoff Munro Eileen McCoe, Len Peake, Neil Cumming, Dave Rivers, Clancy Retallick, Mollie Davis Ann Hannagan, Cath Howard, Trudi McNamara, Allen Odgers Elizabeth Nance, Jesse Walker Jan Henderson, J. Millar, Rose Munro, Andrew Nichols, John Slagter, Patricia Harris, William Ash, Eloise Ash, David Lee,

ANNIVERSARIES

Rod Jarvis, Tim & Kath Kennelly

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bruce Smallacombe

PARISH COLLECTION February 24th & 25th

1st (Presbytery) \$1,093.60
2nd (Parish) \$1,501.10

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 8th & 15th March

W. & J. Baker & F. Hanna
22nd & 29th March
M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

VICTOR MORNING TEA 3rd March

L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden
10th March
A. Williss & F. Hanna

VICTOR MEET & GREET March Saturdays

M. Farmer, C. Huppertz
March Sundays
R. Reid, W. Baker

GOOLWA MEET & GREET March D. Wilkinson

MARCH MORNING TEA

C. May, A. Turner, P. Stone,
P. Lowe

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.
Claire Williams 0429 008 199

HOLY FATHER'S 2024 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH:

FOR new martyrs: Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.



PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE AND THE HOLY LAND

THE CENACLE

You are invited to join us in the Cenacle held every Wednesday at 9.30am 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

PRAYERS PLEASE



Keep up your prayers for our Regional Assembly – one week away.

GOOLWA GARDEN GROUP

next Tuesday March 5th.
All welcome.



PROJECT COMPASSION LENTEN APPEAL

For all Future Generations

Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season as they strive to help vulnerable people around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.

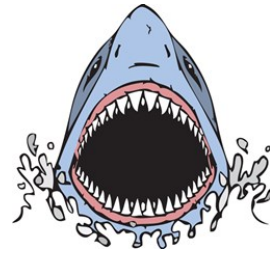
You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion> or by calling 1800 024 413

TIMES FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Goolwa 3.00pm
Victor 4.00pm

FISH AND CHIPS ANYONE?



St Joan's Social Club are holding their annual Fish and Chips Night on Friday 22nd March at 6.00pm for 6.30pm in the Annex . Cost is \$15.00 a head, BYO drinks.

Come and join in the fun.

Please call or txt Pat on 0410 593 617 or Colleen on 0405 634 744 if you are coming. Payment is due by 17th March.

LENTEN MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS

Woe to us if our Christian penance were to resemble the kind of penance that so dismayed Jesus.

Jesus speaks to us to when he says: "Whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting" (Mt 6:16). Instead, let others see joyful faces, catch the scent of freedom and experience the love that makes all things new, beginning with the smallest and those nearest to us. This can happen in every one of our Christian communities

FASTING

**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.

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF
UKRAINE AND THE HOLY
LAND



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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Third Sunday of Lent Yr.B-2

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just.

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb.



SAINTS PERPETUA AND FELICITY Feast Day 7th March



The account of the martyrdom of **Saints Perpetua and Felicity** forms one of the finest pages of the history of

the first centuries of the Church. It shows us clearly the wonderful sentiments of these two women when they heard that they had been condemned to the wild beasts. Knowing their own weakness but relying on the strength of Christ, who was fighting with them, they went to their martyrdom as to a triumphant celebration, to which they were invited by Christ.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day is a global holiday celebrated annually on March 8th as a focal point in the women's rights movement. IWD gives focus to issues such as gender equality and violence and abuse against women. Wikipedia

2023 PARISH FINANCE REPORT

Helen Taylor, chair of the Parish Financial Council will report to parishioners about 2023 finance at each Mass next weekend. Thank you all for your generous giving in the parish.

PROJECT COMPASSION



Leaia's story

"When it was very hot It became difficult for me to collect, and this would mean we had very little water, plus it was far away ... Without water, we can't do any of our daily activities, we rely heavily on water to live."

With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed in Leaia's home to harvest rainwater. This means that her family can now have access to clean water to drink and bathe. The time that was previously used to collect drinking water can now be used for other essential tasks and, most importantly, her children don't have to miss out on school.

EARTHCARE MATTERS CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA

The power of one person's idea

More than 21 million Aussies have participated in Clean Up Australia activities and events over the past three decades. What was started over thirty years ago by an "average Australian" who had a simple idea to make a difference in his own backyard has now become the nation's largest community-based environmental event. *Thanks to all those in our parish who have participated over the years and those who still do, including our own Coastcare members*

NEWS FROM ST JOHN'S ALUMINIUM COLLECTION!

Thank you to the team - Lennie, Anne Fawkner, Marie Ryan, John Dunthorne, Joy McInnes, Lynne and Dave, Vivi, Chrisso and Marilyn Freeborn. Individually we come and collectively we are doing our part for a healthier earth and to support our sisters and brothers in Comoro. This month we collected aluminium of all sorts and cans! Thank you everyone so much - \$15.20 raised.
Rosemary

ABORTION NEWS

Dr Joanna Howe who spoke at Walk for Life in Adelaide this year writes: ***This week I broke the news on national television that 8 healthy, premature babies were needlessly killed in South Australia since the introduction of abortion up to birth I envision an Australia where every unborn child's rights are recognised, and every mother receives the support she needs.***

You can read more about Dr Howe on https://www.drjoannahowe.com/about_dr_joanna_howe

THIS WEEK: 2nd & 3rd March

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 L. Blacket
R.2 C. Sutherland

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 A. Rose
R. 2 L. Sunman

EMHC M. Taylor

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: M. Freeborn

R. 1 M. Mulvihill
R. 2 C. May

EMHC A. Turner



NEXT WEEK: 9th & 10th March

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 M. Mulvihill
R.2 J. Jeffery

EMHC M. Farmer

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 A. Weygood
R. 2 S. Duong

EMHC A. Rose

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R. 1 M. O'Halloran
R. 2 D. Huppattz

EMHC M. Ryan

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RAMINDJERI land

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• PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - 8552 1084, catholicvhg@bigpond.com (All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening)

• PARISH TREASURER

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Email: parish_treasure@bigpond.com

• CHILD PROTECTION

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

• CSHW SA (Safety, Health, Welfare)
Cathy May (0401 584 237)



PRAYER FOR OUR REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Creator of all that is, we call on you to open our hearts to new life as we take part in our Regional Assembly through our presence and our prayer.

Jesus, our Companion on the journey, empower us to care for each other and our world with compassion as you have done.

Holy Spirit, Breath of Life inspire us with wisdom to hear your call and the courage to respond.

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.

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wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 3:16

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!*

GOSPEL

John 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

TURNING THE TABLES

Jesus put together a whip out of strips of leather and chased them out of the Temple, stampeding the sheep and cattle, upending the tables of the loan sharks, spilling coins left and right.

He told the dove merchants, "Get your things out of here! Stop turning God's house into a shopping mall!" That's when his disciples remembered the scripture, "Zeal for your house consumes me."

A crowd of onlookers had quickly gathered. One man from the crowd, hoping to see a fight, shouted at Jesus, "Who do you think you are with your whip and your big mouth?" Another voice added: "He must be going crazy". "Get the rabbi," another shouted. Jesus knew their hearts. They had little time for God. They had little concern for their temple which had been reduced to a public market. They had even less interest in the message of Jesus. There was a pall of hopelessness about the scene, but they would all be back in the morning. Business as usual!

Lent charges into our lives once a year, overturning our tables. Lent challenges us to think about our interests, our positions, and our transgressions. Lent asks us to examine the way we live, and the integrity of our relationship with God. During Lent, we may uncover obstacles which keep us from living our faith to the fullest.

Jesus will hand us his whip of cords so we can use it to drive the obstacles away, those things in the temple of our hearts that need "driving out" this Lent. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(04 - 10 March)

- **Monday, 04:** Monday of 3rd week of Lent (2Kg 5:1-15; Lk 4:24-30)
- **Tuesday, 05:** Tuesday of 3rd of Lent (Dan 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35)
- **Wednesday, 06:** Wednesday of 3rd week of Lent (Deut 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19)
- **Thursday, 07:** Thursday of 3rd week of Lent (Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23)
- **Friday, 08:** Friday of 3rd week of Lent (Hosea 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34)
- **Saturday, 09:** Saturday of 3rd week of Lent (Hosea 5:15-16:6; Lk 18:9-14)
- **Sunday 10:** FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT (2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21)

PASTORAL CARE

If you need a priest for anointing prior to medical treatment or if you are ill (not necessarily life-threatening) or for last rites please contact: (08) 8552 1084 or in an emergency 0429 098 802.