



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

SIXTH SUNDAY OF  
EASTER - 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

*Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48*

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 97:1-4*

*The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*

### SECOND READING

*1 John 4:7-10*

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Jn 14:23*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.*

*Alleluia!*

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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, Geoff Munro, Eileen McCoe, Len Peake, Neil Cumming, Dave Rivers, Clancy Retallick, Mollie Davis, David Lee, Ann Hannagan, Cath Howard, Trudi McNamara, Allen Odgers Elizabeth Nance, Jesse Walker J. Millar, Rose Munro, Andrew Nichols, John Slagter, Patricia Harris, William Ash, Eloise Ash, Gavin Schumacher

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Jan Henderson

**PARISH COLLECTION**  
27th & 28th April

1st (Presbytery) \$ 1138.45  
2nd (Parish) \$ 1423.65

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA**

A special thank you to our parishioners who generously donated \$5,313.45 to Caritas Project Compassion this year.

**VICTOR MORNING TEA**  
5th May

L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden  
12th May  
Mothers' Day - No morning tea

19th May  
A. Temme, F. Hanna

**VICTOR MEET & GREET**  
May Saturdays

M. Farmer, H. Anderson  
May Sundays

**GOOLWA MEET & GREET**  
May P. Kennelly

May MORNING TEA  
M. Burfitt, P. Stone, A. Fawknor

**ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP**  
Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.  
Claire Williams 0429 008 199

**HOLY FATHER'S 2024 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY:**

**FOR THE FORMATION OF MEN AND WOMEN RELIGIOUS AND SEMINARIANS:**

Let us pray that men and women religious and seminarians grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible of the Gospel.



**PORT ELLIOT CEMETERY CLOSURE**

You are advised that in accordance with the Burial and Cremations Act 2013 the second notice of proposed closure of the Cemetery on 31st December 2024, was published in the Advertiser and online on the 13th April 2024. Thankyou Helen Taylor

**VINNIES WINTER APPEAL**

is happening 11th/12th May (Mother's Day weekend). Envelopes will be handed out to parishioners as they leave.

**COMORO GARAGE SALE**

**SATURDAY 18th May**  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON 17/18th**  
**CAN YOU HELP?**

*Lists are available in the porches of our Churches with times when volunteers are needed. Please consider helping with this important event.*

**GOOLWA CHURCH KEYS AND LOCK.**

If you come into the church, please don't take the keys with you and leave the security lock empty. Last Friday afternoon there were quite a number of items to be placed in the church, but sadly the key had been taken. So please place the key back in the security box.

**KSC 45 CLUB**

Series 2 is now open. The first draw will be on 8<sup>th</sup> June. We are very grateful for your participation which enables us to support those in the parish and beyond who are so desperately in need.

**A MESSAGE FROM FR VINH**

Thank you for your prayers and support. My doctor is working on my admittance to hospital for further treatment.

In my absence I have asked Ray Klecko to be our Parish administrator who will keep the Parish running smoothly while I am away. Thank you Ray.

**BIGGEST MORNING TEA**  
DATE: Thursday 23rd May 2024



TIME: 10.00AM TO 12NOON

LOCATION: Catholic Church, Gardiner St Goolwa

The Catholic and Lutheran Churches of Goolwa join together to raise money for Cancer research. The other Churches too are hosting events—all in the name of the "Combined Churches of Goolwa". Media coverage inspires many of us to get involved and also informs the public about Cancer Council SA's life-changing cancer research, prevention and support programs. Programs made possible because of generous people like you. Let's make the most of this opportunity to help research and support the Cancer Foundation. On the morning there will be \* Morning tea ; \* Guest Speaker: Theme "Living with Cancer". \* Raffle prizes will be drawn. Bookings will assist seating and catering. Secure your seat by donating \$5. Raffle tickets available. If you cannot join us a donation would be appreciated.

RSVP: Sunday 19th May, Vivi 0439 430 486 or Betty (Lutheran) 0423 635 400

**PPC REPORT: APRIL MEETING**

Items included:

The need to obtain opinions and quotes on the roof at St Joan's and refurbishment of the pews and doors.

The work undertaken by the St Joan's Engineers in moving the organ, and in caring for the church surroundings was noted, with thanks.

The Parish Action Plan, including suggestions from attendees at the Regional Assembly. This item will be finalised at the PPC's May meeting.

Session 3 of the formation document 'Joy of the Gospel' included discussion about how our parish supports 'seekers' to encounter the love of God. A priority area identified for action is to "provide a range of opportunities to deepen biblical and theological literacy". (Info re seminar *Women who walked with Jesus*

<https://registrationcentre.cesa.catholic.edu.au/event-5664540>)

Agreement on Guidelines for Comoro partnership projects, and a progress update. Mark Leaney is currently in Comoro.

Reports from our Parish Managers and our two churches on parish activities, and how our community is travelling, with a particular focus on those who are unwell.

Thanks from Fr Vinh for the support he is receiving from parishioners, and his upcoming arrangements for his wellbeing.



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YR.B-2

*The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power.*

Sing a new song to the Lord  
for He has worked wonders.  
His right hand and His holy arm  
have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known His salvation;  
has shown His justice to the nations.  
He has remembered His truth and love  
for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth,  
ring out your joy.



## SPECIAL PRAYER FOR FR VINH

A group of parishioners is saying the *Memorare* (or any prayer to Mary) for Father Vinh's recovery at 10am each day. You are very welcome to join in.

### THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that *never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left*

*unaided.* Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.



## GOOLWA GARDEN DAY

TUESDAY 7th May

9.30 TILL 11.30 AM.

All help appreciated.  
Apologies the wrong date was placed in last week's Encounter.



## THE KNIGHTS of the SOUTHERN CROSS

**BBQ THIS SUNDAY** after 9am Mass Goolwa. Still only \$2 with bread, sauce of your choice and onion. Thanks for your anticipated support.

**PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE AND THE HOLY LAND**



## VICTOR HARBOR GOOLWA PARISH AND COMORO PARISH



### GUIDELINES FOR THE SISTER PARISH RELATIONSHIP

The Victor Harbor Goolwa Parish sponsors an outreach mission to the overseas parish of Comoro, in Timor-Leste.

**Communication** with the Comoro parish is managed on behalf of the Victor Harbor Goolwa Parish by a working party that comprises representatives from Victor Harbor and Goolwa Mass centres. The working party is responsible to the Parish Pastoral Council and reports regularly to this group. The working party communicates directly with representatives from the Comoro parish.

**Development projects** in Comoro are proposed by parishioners in Comoro and confirmed by their parish priest. Proposals are then submitted to the working group. Projects may be fully or partly funded.

**Responsibility for managing development projects** is undertaken by representatives from the Comoro parish. Victor Harbor and Goolwa parishioners are kept informed about development projects in Comoro by occasional reports in the parish bulletin and/or verbal reports from members of the working party.

**The working party on behalf of the Victor Harbor Goolwa Parish engages in fund-raising and accepts donations** in support of development projects in Comoro that are approved by the working group and the Parish Pastoral Council.

**All major expenditure** and accompanying documentation for Comoro is submitted to the Parish Pastoral Council for approval and confirmed by the Victor Harbor Goolwa parish priest.

**Minor expenditure** is approved by the working group. All funds raised by the Victor Harbor Goolwa Parish for our sister parish in Comoro go to Comoro in full for project assistance.

**An annual statement** of receipts and expenses is submitted to the Parish Pastoral Council by the working group.

**Regular visits** to and from Comoro are encouraged to further develop positive communication and personal relationships between members of each parish.

**WEEK: 4th & 5th May**

**VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm**

**Commentator:** E. O'Shaughnessy

**R.1** L. Blacket

**R.2** J. Ryan

**EMHC** J. Jeffery

**Sunday 11am**

**Commentator:** P. Clingan

**R. 1** A. Rose

**R. 2** L. Sunman

**EMHC** P. O'Brien

**GOOLWA 9am**

**Commentator:** D. Huppatz

**R. 1** P. Kennelly

**R. 2** M. Freeborn

**EMHC** S. Muller



**NEXT WEEK: 11th & 12th May**

**VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm**

**Commentator:** L. Blacket

**R.1** M. Mulvihill

**R.2** C. Sutherland

**EMHC** E. O'Connell

**Sunday 11am**

**Commentator:** R. Klecko

**R. 1** A. Weygood

**R. 2** W. Baker

**EMHC** J. Baker

**GOOLWA 9am**

**Commentator:** J. Ryan

**R. 1** A. Fawkner

**R. 2** R. Lee

**EMHC** M. Ryan

## VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA PARISH

NGARRINDJERI and  
RAMINDJERI land

### CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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### PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

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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 - 8552 1084, [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 (Office 8552 1084)

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

### EXPLORING THE WORD

The heart of today's gospel lies in Jesus repeating himself: 'Love one another'. The model for this love is the love that Jesus showed towards all those who follow him. Jesus has changed the way in which God relates to human beings. We are no longer servants of God but are drawn into deep intimacy and friendship through the Son. This new relationship is not dependent on our choice or will. God has chosen us and we are now commissioned to bear fruit, fruit that will last.

The Christian command to love is not a vague feeling of good will; it is a love which suffers all, and may demand great sacrifice. The command to love as Jesus loved may be the most difficult test of our Christianity. This is how the presence of Jesus is experienced even in his absence.

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### GOSPEL (John 15:9-17)

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

### I CALL YOU FRIENDS

Jesus sets the ultimate standard for love: putting your life on the line for your friends. Most of us don't go anywhere near that far. I have a physically challenged friend who's greatly loved within our parish and school community. Everyone declares how much he means to them, and how they would do anything for him. But there are things that few will actually do. Sitting with him is one thing; bathing him is another. Bringing over dinner is okay, but cleaning potties is not. Some will only come by when he's particularly well; when he's especially frail and helpless, some can't bear the sight of his suffering. Each of us has limits on how far we're willing to go with love, how much responsibility we're prepared to assume. None of us has a perfect record, and no one shows signs of the "best love" that Jesus models.

Yet Jesus calls us friends anyway. Even though he's a better friend to us than we'll ever be in return. Jesus takes our imperfect love and breaks it, blesses it, and passes it around like Eucharist to a hungry world. Jesus multiplies our little fragments of love and makes them sufficient. Our love may not be perfect, but that's no excuse to withhold what

we've got. Jesus will make it what it needs to be. Our task is to offer it.

### CREATE COMMUNITY ONLINE

I'm grateful the pandemic didn't happen 10 years ago – before the ability to meet virtually was widespread. While I had already been working remotely for many years, it made staying in touch with loved ones easier – and for the first time, I created new relationships solely online. One of them was with a spiritual director. Having this new friend guide me in my spiritual journey, especially through the COVID years like we had, helped me enormously to recognise God's presence and action in my life and discern how to respond.

She and I often talked about how much we missed Mass, but I also shared with her my disappointment in my neighbourhood parish – its lacklustre spirit, problem priests, and comfortable congregation. I told her I stayed there to try to make it better. "You deserve to be fed too," she said, and together we prayed for that.

Very quickly, I found pockets of people all over the country – a Tuesday evening prayer group, a Sunday Liturgy of the Word – to connect with via Zoom. These new faith communities nourished me spiritually in ways I didn't realise I needed. Even now, since things have returned to "normal", we still meet online and share from time to time – and my cup is more full than it used to be when it comes to loving one another.

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(06 - 13 May)

- **Monday, 06:** Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 - 16:4)
- **Tuesday, 07:** Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11)
- **Wednesday, 08:** Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15)
- **Thursday, 09:** Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20)
- **Friday, 10:** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23)
- **Saturday, 11:** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28)
- **Sunday 12:** The ASCENSION of the LORD (Acts 1:1-11; Eph 4:1-13; Mk 16:15-20)

### 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.