



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT -  
YEAR C

*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

*Isaiah 43:16-21*

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past,  
no need to think about what  
was done before.  
See, I am doing a new deed,  
even now it comes to light;  
can you not see it?  
Yes, I am making a road in the  
wilderness, paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour  
me, jackals and ostriches,  
because I am putting water in  
the wilderness  
(rivers in the wild)  
to give my chosen people drink.  
The people I have formed for  
myself will sing my praises.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 125*

*The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.*

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. <R>
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. <R>
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. <R>
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back full of song, carrying their sheaves. <R>

## SECOND READING

*Philippians 3:8-14*

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For



him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Joel 2:12-13*

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

*With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.*

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

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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)

Graham Blacket, John Blacket, John Slagter, Paul Fahey, John Tregheagle, Betty Berry, Geoff & Rose Munro, Tommy & Eileen McCoe, Mairead & Neil Cummings, Mary Ferguson, Geoff Chalmers

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Kevin Higgins, Graham Nicolson, Jan Henderson

**PARISH COLLECTION**  
29th & 30th March

1st (Presbytery) \$897.25  
2nd (Parish) \$1056.55

**VICTOR MORNING TEA**

**6th April**  
L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden  
**13th April**  
F. Hanna & M. Cunningham

**VICTOR MEET & GREET**  
April Saturdays

M. Farmer & E. O'Connell  
April Sundays  
R. Reid & M. Cunningham

**GOOLWA MEET & GREET**  
April

M. O'Halloran

**MORNING TEA**

**April** T. Siciliano, J. McMahon  
J. Dunthorne,

**ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP**

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.  
Claire Williams 0429 008 199

**PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF**



**UKRAINE and THE HOLY LAND**

**HOLY FATHER'S 2025 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL:**



**FOR THE USE OF THE NEW TECHNOLOGIES.**

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human

relationships, will respect the dignity of the person and will help us face the crisis of our times.

**SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE**



Easter Sunday morning  
April 20th

at **Goolwa Aquatic Club**  
from 6.15am and in

**Victor at Kent Reserve** at 6.30am.

Bring a chair to Victor Service.

**VICTOR HARBOR MASS ROSTERS**

are being prepared for the months of May, June and July. If you are unavailable at any time during these months, can you let me know by 12<sup>th</sup> of April. If you would like to take part in the Mass as a commentator, reader or minister of Holy Communion, we need new volunteers for both Victor Masses.  
Carol Sutherland 0418 856 799

**MY HUMAN HEART**

This is the title of a book provided by the Knights of the Southern Cross for all parishioners to read. The author is Ron Tesoriero, a lawyer who spent 20 years, with Mike Willesee, trying to establish the DNA from blood and human heart tissue that formed from discarded communion host from 4 different countries.

*Copies available in the church foyers.*

**THE CHOSEN - THE LAST SUPPER (Season 5) at the Victa Cinema on 10th April at 7 pm. \$20.**

It is a fundraiser for school pastoral care work on the South Coast. By attending and supporting this event, you are directly helping our local **Pastoral Care Workers (School Chaplains)** be 'the hands, feet and heart of Jesus in our schools.'



**MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS**

Wednesday 9th at 9.30am  
at St Joan's with morning tea to follow. All welcome.

**St Joan's Social Club is holding their Famous Fish n Chips Night on Friday 11th April at 6pm in the Annex (after Stations) Cost is \$15 ph.**

**BYO + glass.**

**Please contact Pat on**

**0410 593 617 or Colleen on 0405 634 744 by**

**6th April with numbers & money.**

**Always a great night, don't miss out.**



**Irene** lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty.

With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family. *You can donate through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.*

*Or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)*

*Or by calling: 1800 024 413*

*Or by sponsoring Fran's Long Walk for Water at half an hour a day.*

*You can give to Fran directly or put an amount or a pledge in the black box at the back of our churches or online at <https://fundraise.projectcompassion.org.au/donate>*

*Type "Frances Hanna".*

*A big thank you to those who have already donated. We have raised \$1250.50 so far.*

**CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER**

We have a vacancy for the position of Child Protection Officer. We have a video giving full job specifications and it is available at the Church Office on Thursday mornings.

*Our thanks to Cathy May who has held this position for the last five years as well as continuing to be our Safety, Health and Welfare Officer.*

**ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB** meeting is on Tuesday 8th April at 1.30pm in the Annex.

**ST JOAN'S PASTORAL CARE GROUP**

meeting is on Saturday 12th April at 4.30pm in the Annex.





## CEREMONIES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

### HOLY THURSDAY:

6.00pm Goolwa  
7.30pm Victor Harbor

### GOOD FRIDAY:

Stations of the Cross  
10am Goolwa  
The Passion of the Lord:  
2.00pm Victor Harbor  
4.00pm Goolwa

### HOLY SATURDAY

6.00pm Goolwa  
8.00pm Victor Harbor

### EASTER SUNDAY

9.00am Goolwa

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

It's so long since I went to Confession. I'd find it very embarrassing to confess to someone who will probably guess who I am. **I don't remember how to go about it? I have too many sins to confess and anyhow I don't do anything too wrong in my life.** These are some of the thoughts that might go through our head when we think about going to Confession or as Vatican II named it the Sacrament of Reconciliation with God. **Maybe this Lent is a time to celebrate God's gift of forgiveness and healing and experience it in a deeper way.**

Find some helpful hints on <https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/reconciliation.html>

*"Do not be afraid of Confession! When one is in line to go to Confession, one feels all these things, even shame, but then when one finishes Confession one leaves free, grand, beautiful, forgiven, candid, happy. This is the beauty of Confession!" (Pope Francis, General Audience of February 19, 2014).*

## THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

is annually celebrated on 6th April, to recognize the power of sport in fostering positive change, bridging barriers, and transcending boundaries. It has a message for all our lives:

*God, let me play well but fairly.  
Let competition make me strong but never hostile.  
Forbid me to rejoice in the adversity of others.  
See me not when I am cheered, but when I bend to help my opponent up.  
If I know victory, allow me to be happy;  
If I am denied, keep me from envy.  
Remind me that sports are just games.  
Help me to learn something that matters once the game is over.  
And if through athletics I set an example, let it be a good one.*

Pray like a champion Prayer Book.

## CRAY RAFFLE PRIZES

1st Prize: Alex White, 2nd: Steve Muller, 3rd Peter Carpenter. A total of \$510 was raised for the Comora Parish. Many thanks to Tony Curtis for donating the crays.

## THIS WEEK: 5th & 6th APRIL

### VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: T. White

R.1 L. Blacket  
R.2 J. Jeffery

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

### Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. Clingan

R. 1 M. Cunningham  
R. 2 A. Weygood

EMHC K. Dudley

### GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: V. Scriva

R. 1 A. Fawcner  
R. 2 R. Lee

EMHC R. Austin

## EARTHCARE FOR LENT

In this week's readings we see the symbol of water renewing the earth. See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth,

do you not perceive it?

*In the desert I make a way, in the wasteland, rivers.*

*Wild beasts honour me, jackals and ostriches,*

*for I put water in the desert and rivers in the wasteland for my chosen people to drink.*

We pray for rain for our area and help to those suffering floods.

We are careful with watering our plants and gardens; with how much water we use in our homes.

## ELECTION MESSAGE FROM OUR BISHOPS

"In determining our electoral choices, Australian Catholics search to uphold the sanctity of life, protect the vulnerable, support and strengthen families, promote the common good, and foster a just society where all Australians can thrive."

"As political discourse becomes increasingly polarised, we must commit ourselves to conscientious voting, carefully considering the facts and supporting policies that improve the lives of all, especially the most vulnerable and disadvantaged".

*Australian Bishops' Statement.*

<https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Election-Statement-2025>



## NEXT WEEK: 12th & 13th APRIL

### VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 C. Huppatz  
R.2 C. Sutherland

Passion Readers: C. Sutherland  
A. Fawcner

EMHC M. Farmer

### Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 W. Baker  
R. 2 A. Rose

EMHC J. Baker  
Passion Readers: P. O'Brien  
K. Dudley

### GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R. 1 E. Bourne  
R. 2 R. Lee

Passion Readers: D. Huppatz  
V. Scriva

EMHC T. Siciliano

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**• PARISH MANAGER**

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**• PARISH ENCOUNTER**

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**

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**• CHILD PROTECTION**

Child Protection Unit (8210 8159)  
Victor Harbor (Office 8552 1084)

**• CSHW SA (Safety, Health, Welfare)**

Cathy May (0401 584 237)



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**GOSPEL**

**John 8:1-11**

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of every-body, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remain-ed standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

**A STONY RECEPTION**

The board of directors' decision to hire a consultant to come up with some new fundraising strategies at the financially hurting organisation was met with huge resistance. Long before the consultant's first day, the company rumour mill had begun, and by the time the "outsider" came face to face with the employees, they had painted him as an axe-wielding brute intent on slashing every beloved program currently in place.

As the company president was introducing him, the consultant scanned the room and saw nothing but scowls. Before he had a chance to say good morning, the accusations – thinly veiled as questions – bombarded him from all directions. Some of the assumptions were so ludicrous, he didn't even know how to respond.

Wild fear that somehow the consultant would stand in judgment of each employee and expose personal failures and incompetencies fuelled the anger and panic: "How can you possibly understand our business? Most of us have worked here for years. You have no idea what goes into our programs or what our donors want. We're wasting our money on you."

And so it went – with no stone left un-thrown. It seems Jesus' "the one who is without sin" rule didn't apply that day. *GPBS eNews*

**The Commissioning**

Don't dwell on the past; don't get hung up on what has happened. Look expectantly, look confidently, to what is now possible.

- In Christ, those without hope will find hope.
- In Christ, those in wheelchairs will get everywhere.
- In Christ, women and children will get the respect they deserve.
- In Christ, the refugee will find a home.
- In Christ, the infirm elderly person will find support.
- In Christ, the mentally ill will know compassion.

Is this wishful thinking?  
In the spirit of Christ, all is possible.

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

(07 - 13 April)

- **Monday, 08:** Mon, 5<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11)
- **Tuesday, 08:** Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Num 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30)
- **Wednesday, 09:** Wed, 5<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Dan 3:14-20, 24-25, 28; Jn 8:31-42)
- **Thursday, 10:** Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Gen 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59)
- **Friday, 11:** Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Jer 20:10-13; Jn 31-42)
- **Saturday, 12:** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Ezek 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56)
- **Sunday, 13:** PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD (Entrance: Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56)

**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.