



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:

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 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.

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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 Jan Henderson, J. Millar, Rose Munro, Andrew Nichols, John Slagter, Patricia Harris, William Ash, Eloise Ash,

ANNIVERSARIES

Kevin Higgins, Graham Nicolson
Joan Kelly

PARISH COLLECTION 30th & 31st March

1st (Presbytery) \$2,428.40
2nd (Parish) \$2,555.45
Holy Places \$1,152.65

VICTOR MORNING TEA

7th April
L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden
14th April
A. Temme & M. Chalmers

VICTOR MEET & GREET

April Saturdays
M. Farmer, E. O'Connell

April Sundays

R. Reid, J. Baker

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

April J. McInnes

MARCH MORNING TEA

T. Siciliano, J. Dunthorne,
J. McMahon

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.
Claire Williams 0429 008 199

HOLY FATHER'S 2024 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL:

FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN:

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.



THANK YOU FR VINH. Our parish priest was the celebrant at 9 services over the Easter period giving our regulars and visitors a chance to attend Easter services. An amazing effort much appreciated by many. Please keep up your prayers for Fr. Vinh's health. Paul (PPC).

FROM A GRATEFUL PARISHIONER

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Fr Vinh and all the Parish Volunteers for their fantastic work over the Sacred Paschal Triduum. From the Lord's Supper through to Easter Sunday it was my pleasure to attend ceremonies that were given with great dignity and compassion.

The Easter Sunday morning Mass at Goolwa was my highlight for any Easter Mass I have ever attended, it was a glorious occasion and I hope that stays in my memory forever. Anne Fawkner.

DON'T FORGET YOUR DONATION!!

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal.

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



WORLD HEALTH DAY—7th APRIL

The theme for World Health Day 7th April 2024 is 'My health, my right'. This year's theme was chosen to champion the right of everyone, everywhere to have access to quality

health services, education, and information, as well as safe drinking water, clean air, good nutrition, quality housing, decent working and environmental conditions, and freedom from discrimination.

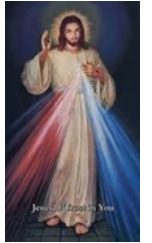
ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB

will meet at 1.30 on Tuesday 9th April in the Annex. Newcomers Welcome.

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Sunday after Easter

Pope John Paul II decreed that this would be a day of total forgiveness of sins and of punishment due to sins, for those who approach the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. (A Plenary Indulgence.)



"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

EASTER JOY – ALLELUIA!



It was a very special Easter with Father Vinh leading us through all the days, with the Masses and in his homilies.

Everyone supporting, giving so much, accomplishing, a unique and beautiful journey of Easter. And now we have 50 days to celebrate!! Alleluia!!

SOUTH COAST MINISTRIES SUPPORT GROUP – THE CHOSEN

School Chaplaincy Fundraiser will be held at Victa on Thursday 11th April, 7pm film, \$17 Adult/ \$15 Child.

Tickets available from Victa Cinema. The film is the acclaimed series "The Chosen" recounting the life of Jesus and his followers.

MOTHERS' DAY WINE RAFFLE

15 delicious reds!! Tickets @ \$10 are now available for the Knights' Mothers' Day wine raffle.



Paul Kennelly is the man to see at Goolwa and Des Wallace at Victor. We look forward to your usual support which we greatly value.

ST JOAN'S MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS

will meet in the Annex this Wednesday 10th April at 9.30 followed by Morning Tea. All welcome.

ST JOAN'S PASTORAL CARE GROUP

will meet in the Annex next Saturday 13th April at 4.30pm.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER

*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.'

I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;

He was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

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

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



ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD Feast Day 8th April

The feast of the Annunciation was first celebrated in the fourth or fifth century.

Its central focus is the incarnation: God has become one of us. Mary has an important role in

God's plan. From all eternity, God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to him in the redemption of the world. It is a God-given role, God's grace from beginning to end. Mary became the eminent figure she is, only by God's grace: she is the empty space where God could act. Mary is the virgin-mother who fulfils Isaiah 7:14. She is united with her son in carrying out the will of God (Psalm 40:8-9; Hebrews 10:7-9;))
Franciscan Media Luke 1:38 "And Mary said: Behold the handmaid of the Lord: be it done to me according to Thy word. And the angel departed from her."(NRSV)



PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE AND THE HOLY LAND



JOB VACANCY - GOOLWA



Lynne Healey has now accomplished her very fine work as our Roster organiser for our Wednesday readers and

extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist! Our most grateful appreciation and thanks, Lynne.

And now we are seeking another person who would be available to step into this role. Please let Lynne know if you could be this person! And if you would like to have your name added to the roster to assist on the Wednesdays, please let Lynne know.

JAN HENDERSON - Rest in Peace

Long time parishioner of Goolwa Jan Henderson passed away on Easter Sunday morning after a brave fight against cancer. Along with her late husband Brian, Jan was involved in many voluntary jobs for our parish, and for many other organisations in the area. Brian and Jan were great helpers in any group they became involved in. Towards the end of her life Jan was a volunteer at Open House for the Homeless, as well as helping out at the Messy Church services at our Goolwa church. She put her name down to serve on the PPC about 2 years ago but after just a couple of meetings her health problems led her to retire. On behalf of our parish we send our condolences to daughters Katie and Louise and their families.

Jan's funeral will be on Tuesday 16th April at 11.30 at Goolwa.

HOUSE FULL AT ST JOHN'S

After 100 people attended the Vigil Service at Goolwa on Saturday night a crowd of about 370 people attended the 9.00am morning Mass on Easter Sunday. A number were forced to stand outside at the back of the church or by the side doors. (Similar crowds were seen at St Joan's.) In typical Catholic style despite several calls that there were still 3 seats at the front of the church, nobody came forward! It reminded me of the eighties when then parish priest Mons. Horgan would not start Mass at Goolwa until more came forward and didn't cluster at the back of the church. Until they did he would not start Mass! It took a few tense minutes but the front pews soon got filled up and Mass began. Thanks to so many who worked leading up to the Easter and those who supported the services at this sacred time.

THIS WEEK: 6th & 7th April

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 M. Mulvihill

R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC J. Jeffery

Sunday 11am

Commentator: T. Hounslow

R. 1 A. Weygood

R. 2 W. Baker

EMHC J. Baker

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: V. Scriver

R. 1 M. Freeborn

R. 2 P. Kennelly

EMHC A. Turner



NEXT WEEK: 13th & 14th April

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 C. Sutherland

R.2 J. Jeffery

EMHC M. Farmer

Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 T. Hounslow

R. 2 P. Clingan

EMHC P. O'Brien

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: P. Kennelly

R. 1 E. Bourne

R. 2 L. Healey

EMHC T. Siciliano

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NGARRINDJERI and
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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• CHILD PROTECTION

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Goolwa (Cathy May 0401 584 237)
Victor Harbor (Office 8552 1084)

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

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.



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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. 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.

BELIEVING IS SEEING

Believing is seeing. We are taught it's the other way around: seeing is supposed to be believing. But we see a lot of things we don't believe. We see how old we are in the mirror and pretend the truth away with hair colour and makeup. We see injustices and rationalise them into sounding all right. We live as in George Orwell's

classic novel 1984, in which the news is rewritten daily to conform to the preferences of the powerful. "Facts" are more fluid than we care to admit. Many are convinced, not by what they see, but by what makes us all comfortable.

So it seems the reverse is true: believing is seeing. Our beliefs tell us how to see. They tell us what to look for. Faith gives us eyes to see what others may be blind to. The worldly view is cynical: things are bad and getting worse, and not much can be done. But through believing, we see the Kingdom coming, arriving as an invitation to grace in every hour. Believers have hope, which heals the past and invents the future. That's why, though we have not literally seen Jesus, we can believe in him, and in believing, we can truly see.

KIDS' CORNER

Have you ever done something you thought was so bad no one could forgive you? Almost everyone has. Peter was once so frightened that he pretended not to know Jesus. When he thought about what he'd done, he wept. And here Peter is again, speaking to the people who once cried out these words: "Crucify him!" Peter knows they can be forgiven just as he was, if only they will ask. Remember, God is merciful. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(08 - 14 April)

- **Monday, 8:** The ANNUNCIATION of the LORD (Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Tuesday, 9:** Tuesday of the 2nd week of Easter (Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7-15)
- **Wednesday, 10:** Wednesday of the 2nd week of Easter (5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21)
- **Thursday, 11:** St Stanislaus (Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36)
- **Friday, 12:** Friday of the 2nd week of Easter (Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15)
- **Saturday, 13:** Saturday of the 2nd week of Easter (Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21)
- **Sunday 14:** 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 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.