



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 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 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!

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

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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, Ann Tee

ANNIVERSARIES

Brendan Naggy, Bill Mullett, Mick Macquire, Monsignor Tom Horgan, Frances Mysior

PARISH COLLECTION 1st & 2nd May

Presbytery (1st) \$782.90
Parish (2nd) \$1,069.05

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

14th May - 21st May
J. & P. Mezzino

28th May - 4th June
M. Farmer & C. Pearson

VICTOR MORNING TEA

16th May
F. Hanna & M. Mattson

23rd May
M. Cunningham & J. Andrews

VICTOR MEET & GREET May Saturdays

M. Farmer, M. Taylor
May Sundays
L. Sunman, F. Harris

GOOLWA MEET & GREET May

Paul Kennelly

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2.00pm Wednesday.
Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199.

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2021 PRAYER INTENTIONS:



MAY: Universal Intention— The world of finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with Governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

COMMUNITY DAY, SUNDAY 16TH MAY

You are invited to a reflection day focussing on the significance of

“SILENCE IN RELATIONSHIPS.”

So often we meet someone, ask how are you? and go on our way. What if we listen further? And what about our relationship with God? Silence is God's universal language: the language of Love.

We begin the day with 8:30am Mass at St Joseph's Catholic Church, 12 St Jude St, Willunga and then afterwards in the Willunga parish Hall. Bring a plate of food to share for lunch. We finish at 3.30pm. **All are welcome.** Any further information contact Fr Tom Gleeson 0438 153 489

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*

2021 ANNUAL DIOCESAN AND NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE

Over the first 4 weekends of May we will be conducting the count of attendance at all Masses. This will be done after Communion. It should take no more than 5-7 minutes.

ST JOAN'S MAINTENANCE GROUP



Our next meeting will be on Wednesday March 12th at 9.30am followed by morning tea. New members welcome.

ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB will hold their next meeting on Tuesday 11th May at 1.30pm in the Annex. All welcome

ST VINCENT DE PAUL The next meeting will be held at Victor Harbor after 9am Mass on Thursday 20th May. **We welcome new members.**

THANK YOU TO OUR PARISH FAMILY:

May I express my thanks and gratitude to so many in the parish who sent cards, good wishes and messages of concern to me during my recent operation and since then. I am so grateful for your good thoughts and prayers at this time which have raised my spirits and helped me get through this. Your faith has raised me! I am much better and on the improve day by day, and hoping to get back to Mass soon and see our parish friends and acquaintances.

Ray Klecko

TO THE DEAR PARISHIONERS OF VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

I wish to thank you for your prayers and support for my family in England, my brother-in-law, Peter (Marion's husband) and my sister Carol, both died last Monday 3/5/2021 at 7.30am and 2.30pm.

I wish to thank you all for your prayers and well wishes that I have received during this journey. Please say a special prayer for Marion, her daughter, Tanya, my brother Ralph, Noel and Jojo, Carol's daughter. Peace be with you.

Tony Mawdsley

NOTES FROM THE APRIL 2021

PPC MEETING

COVID-19 Regulations: Our Parish Managers implement regulations as mandated by the Government; and parishioners are thanked for following them as changes are made.

Easter Services: Attendance was down at both churches but it was pleasing that many holiday makers could attend Easter Services.

Garden Maintenance: Volunteers at both churches were thanked for the high standard of garden maintenance achieved prior to Easter services.

Knights of the Southern Cross BBQ (18 April 2021): 45 parishioners gathered and appreciated the opportunity to socialise; and some went home with a raffle prize! Local businesses and donors were thanked for their generosity and parishioners were encouraged to support local businesses.

New OH&S Officer: We thank Cathy May for undertaking this role.

National and Parish Censuses: Pat Clingan and volunteers are thanked for organising both censuses at all weekend Masses in May.

Police Checks: These are in progress.

Comoro Parish: Dili, Timor-Leste was seriously impacted by a cyclone. Fr Joao sent photos of the impact and post cyclone relief provided; and asked us to pray for his parishioners and Timor-Leste. Photos will be shared after Mass 6 June. Comoro Parish will be included in the 'Prayers of the Faithful' at all weekend Masses



RESPONSORIAL PSALM 6th Sunday of Easter Yr. B

*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.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA Feast Day 13th May

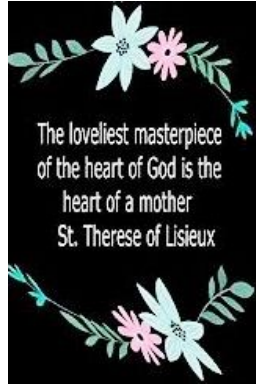
Between May 13 and October 13, 1917,
three Portuguese children—Francisco and
Jacinta Marto and their
cousin Lucia dos Santos
—received apparitions of
Our Lady at Cova da Iria
near Fatima, north of
Lisbon. Mary gave the children three se-
crets. After Francisco's and Jacinta's
deaths, Lucia revealed the first secret in
1927. It concerned devotion to the Immac-
ulate Heart of Mary. The second secret
was a vision of hell. When Lucia grew up
she became a Carmelite nun and died in
2005 at the age of 97.

In 2000 Pope John Paul II directed the
Holy See's Secretary of State to reveal
the third secret . It spoke of a "bishop in
white" who was shot by a group of sol-
diers who fired bullets and arrows into
him. Many people linked this vision to the
1981 assassination attempt against Pope
John Paul II. The feast of Our Lady of
Fatima was approved by the local bishop
in 1930 and added to the Church's world-
wide calendar in 2002. *Franciscan Media*

LIGHTS IN THE ANNEX

During the last 3 weeks, lights in the
Annex were left on, especially in the
toilets and flower room. Please turn
them off before you lock up the Annex.

A MOTHERS' DAY PRAYER



WE HAVE THE BEAUTIFUL TRADITION OF MARY AS OUR MOTHER.

Lord we pray for mothers everywhere.
Thank you for our mothers.
They **gave us life** and for that gift we are
forever grateful.
We pray for **mothers everywhere**,
including those no longer with us.
In Jesus' name Amen.

**Marian Procession and Peace Rally in the
Adelaide Showgrounds on Sunday May 16
at 2pm. Please book online for tickets.
<https://www.trybooking.com/BPJAN>**

LAUDATO SI (Praise be to you my Lord) and A PARISH WORM FARM

Six years ago Pope Francis wrote what was
to become a most profound call to Catholics
and to the world for us all to be **protectors of
creation.**

To conclude the *Laudato Si'*
5th Anniversary Year and celebrate the 6th
anniversary of *Laudato Si'*, **various events
will take place around the world from 16th
– 24th May, 2021.**

**The Australian Bishops' Conference is
urging parishes to get involved.**

A group of us are starting a
parish worm farm as a way
of caring for the earth by
recycling our food waste and
hopefully providing fertiliser
for our parish gardens. Ini-
tially it will be in Victor but
there may be some interest-
ed parishioners in Goolwa.



We are meeting on Wednesday 12th May at 9.30 in the Annex.

If you are interested in being part of this pro-
ject in some way speak to Joan Whitbread,
Mary Izzo, Meredith Cunningham,
Mark Leaney or Fran Hanna or ring Fran on
0415 124 010.

This Week : 8th & 9th May

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm
Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 B. Bullen
R.2 J. Ryan
E.M. M. Farmer

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am
Commentator: F. Hanna

R.1 P. Chigwidden
R.2 S. Duong
E.M. P. O'Brien

GOOLWA 9.00am
Commentator: V. Scrivera

R1 M. Mulvihill
R2 H. Harris
E.M. R. Austin



Next Week : 15th & 16th May

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm
Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 M. Farmer
R.2 L. Blacket
E.M. S. Duong

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am
Commentator: P. O'Brien

R.1 P. Chigwidden
R.2 J. Tregeagle
E.M. M. Cunningham

GOOLWA 9.00am
Commentator: J. Ryan

R1 Marie Riddle
R2 Michael Riddle
E.M. M. Ryan

COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(May 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.

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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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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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• PARISH PRIEST

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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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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.'

BAPTISM AS THE CONSCRIPTIVE ROPE

To be baptized into the church is to be a consecrated, displaced person. What does that mean?

In John's Gospel, there is a revealing exchange between Jesus and Peter. Jesus asks Peter three times: "Do you love me?" Three times, Peter replies that he does.

Based on that confession of love, Jesus tells him: "In truth I tell you, when you were young you girded your own belt and you walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will put a rope around you and take you where you would rather not go."

What has just been described is, in essence, Peter's baptism – and the dynamics of any real baptism into the church. Baptism consecrates us and consecration is a rope that takes us to where we would rather not go, namely, into the suffering that produces maturity.

To consecrate means to set aside, to displace from ordinary usage, to derail from normalcy. Long before this has to do with sacred buildings, altars, chalices and vowed religious, it is descriptive of something within ordinary life.

One of the best examples of what church, baptism and consecration

really mean is the example of having and raising children.

From the moment a couple has their first child, unless they are very calloused, they will, without necessarily wanting it, start to mature. Every time they turn around, tiny and not so tiny hands will be stretched out, demanding something of them – their time, their energy, their money, their car keys, their understanding, their hearts. They will be forced, by a clear conscription, to think of others before themselves. All those years of practice will eventually pay dividends. Normally, by the time their children are grown, the parents are mature.

Instead of their normal agenda, they are conscriptively asked to make sacrifices in lifestyle, career, hobbies, meals out, vacations and so on. Their children stand before them daily, like Jesus before Peter, asking: "Do you love me?"

Such is baptism. When St Paul became a Christian, Ananias was sent to him with the message: "Tell him how much he will have to suffer for the name."

Love is baptismal. Immediately upon confessing it, our freedom is derailed and, painful though it may be, we are taken by conscription into maturity.

Ronald Rolheiser

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(10 - 16 May)

- **Monday, 10:** Monday, 6th week of Easter (Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 - 16:4)
- **Tuesday, 11:** Tuesday, 6th week of Easter (Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11)
- **Wednesday, 12:** Wednesday, 6th week of Easter (Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:1; Jn 16:12-15)
- **Thursday, 13:** Thursday, 6th week of Easter (Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20)
- **Friday, 14:** St Matthias (Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17)
- **Saturday, 15:** Saturday, 6th week of Easter (Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28)
- **Sunday 16:** 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 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).