



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

FOURTH 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

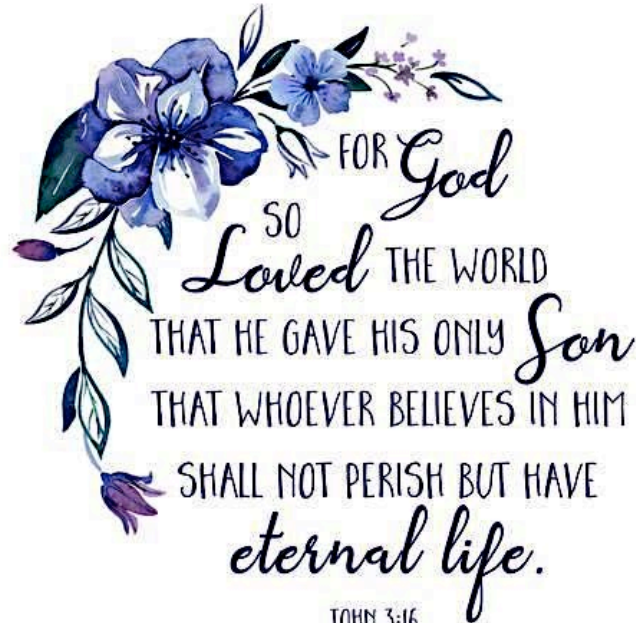
Weekend - Saturday 6.00pm;  
Sunday 11.00am.  
Weekdays - Tuesday, Thursday,  
Friday 9.00am

### • GOOLWA

Weekend - Sunday 9.00am.  
Weekday - Wednesday 9.30am

## RECONCILIATION

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



### FIRST READING

*2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23*

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord

that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "the Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 136

*Let my tongue be silenced,  
if I ever forget you!*

### SECOND READING

*Ephesians 2:4-10*

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that

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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

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

## 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.



## ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB

will meet at 1.30 on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March in the Annex. Newcomers Welcome.

## ST JOAN'S MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS

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



## ST JOAN'S PASTORAL CARE GROUP

will meet in the Annex next Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 4.30am.

## 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*

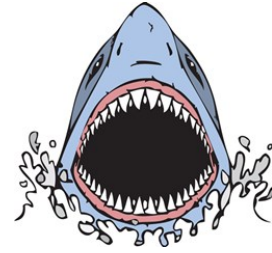
## GOOLWA SUNRISE SERVICE

will be held on Sunday March 31st at the later time than usual of 7.15 am. The service usually lasts about 45 minutes and is followed by a fish breakfast. It is an inspiring event over the river at the breaking of dawn to celebrate the risen Christ. Daylight saving comes to an end the weekend before.

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



## FISH AND CHIPS ANYONE?



St Joan's Social Club are holding their annual Fish and Chips Night on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> March.

## MASS TIMES

### FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

**Palm Sunday** (Normal Mass Times)

Goolwa 9.00AM

Victor Harbor 11.00AM

**Holy Thursday**

Goolwa 6.00PM

Victor Harbor 7.30 PM

**Good Friday**

Stations of the Cross

Goolwa 10.00AM

Liturgy

Victor Harbor 2.00PM

Goolwa 4.00PM

**Holy Saturday**

Goolwa 6.00PM

Victor Harbor 8.00PM

**Easter Sunday** (Normal Mass Times)

Goolwa 9.00AM

Victor Harbor 11.00AM

## EASTER LITURGIES – VICTOR HARBOR

Sheets are in the porch at Victor Harbor for Mass Ministries. Please place your name on the sheet if you are available to assist at these special celebrations.

## NEW MASS ROSTER EASTER – JUNE 2024 VICTOR HARBOR

I will shortly be preparing the new rosters for Victor Harbor Masses. If you would like to be added into one of these important ministries, or if you are unavailable any time during the next roster period, please let me know by the 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Carol Sutherland 0418856799,

[csutherland@internode.on.net](mailto:csutherland@internode.on.net)

## PARISH COLLECTION March 2nd & 3rd

1st (Presbytery) \$1088.70  
2nd (Parish) \$1139.15

## VICTOR MORNING TEA 10th March

A. Willis & F. Hanna

## 17th March

A. Temme & M. Chalmers

## 24th March

F. Hanna & L. McCallum

## 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

# Bulletin Board



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Fourth Sunday of Lent, Yr.B

*Let my tongue be silenced,  
if I ever forget you!*

By the rivers of Babylon  
there we sat and wept,  
remembering Zion:  
on the poplars that grew there  
we hung our harps.

For it was there that they asked us,  
our captors, for songs,  
our oppressors, for joy.  
'Sing to us,' they said,  
'one of Zion's songs.'

O how could we sing  
the song of the Lord  
on alien soil?  
If I forget you, Jerusalem,  
let my right hand wither!

O let my tongue  
cleave to my mouth  
if I remember you not,  
if I prize not Jerusalem  
above all my joys!



## ANNIVERSARY OF ELECTION OF POPE FRANCIS, 13th March 2013



Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give  
to Your shepherd, Pope Francis, a spirit  
of courage and right judgement, a  
spirit of knowledge and love.

## TIMES FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS on FRIDAYS



**Goolwa 3.00pm**  
**Victor 4.00pm**

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



Last Friday we celebrated  
the World Day of Prayer  
at Victor where we were  
hosts for the day and at  
Goolwa where the

Lutherans were the hosts.

At Victor Pat Clingan ably led the ceremony  
on our behalf and Wendy Baker as the key  
speaker spoke of her journey of Faith and  
her journey to the Holy Land – a beautiful  
sharing.

It was lovely to have so many women present  
from various Christian Churches and thanks  
too to those men who came along as well.  
There was a real buzz in the Annex  
afterwards!!!

Thanks to all those who helped with cakes  
and slices and serving of afternoon tea with  
special thanks to Anita Williss for her  
organisation.

\$767.50 was raised for the  
Bible Society in the Holy Land.

It was a beautiful World Day of Prayer led by the



Lutheran Church with  
support from all the  
churches in Goolwa and our  
own Catholic community.  
About 70 people attended.

This year an ecumenical group of Christian  
women of Palestine worked together over  
four years to bring this service to us,  
based on the theme:

*'I beg you... bear with one another in love.'*

We offered our personal prayers on the colours  
of the flag of Palestine, with the placing of a  
stone as a gesture to remember, at this difficult  
time, our brothers and sisters of Palestine.  
Our snack to follow was also in the Palestine  
tradition. Our thanks to Betty Feist of the  
Lutheran community for her organisation.  
The St John's choir, led by Claire and supported  
by Marilyn coming at short notice as an extra  
voice and Peter coming from Swan Reach,  
ensured our choir gave its very best.

## LOOKING FOR A CHANCE TO SPEND SOME TIME IN PERSONAL REFLECTION? THIS MIGHT BE FOR YOU

### Reflections:

*Opportunity for non-spoken personal  
contemplation with piano and organ music in  
Newland Uniting Church.*

*"Come when you can, leave when you must".  
10.00 to 11.00 Thursdays.*

*There is opportunity for morning tea in the hall  
afterwards.*

(Information shared during afternoon tea on  
World Day of Prayer.)

## THIS 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:** V. Scriver

**R. 1** M. O'Halloran

**R. 2** D. Huppatz

**EMHC** A. Turner



## NEXT WEEK: 16th & 17th March

### VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

**Commentator:** E. O'Shaughnessy

**R.1** C. Huppatz

**R.2** L. Blacket

**EMHC** E. O'Connell

### Sunday 11am

**Commentator:** F. Hanna

**R. 1** K. Dudley

**R. 2** A. Williss

**EMHC** L. Sunman

### GOOLWA 9.00am

**Commentator:** V. Scriver

**R. 1** E. Bourne

**R. 2** C. May

**EMHC** T. Siciliano

## VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA PARISH

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RAMINDJERI land

### CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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### PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

#### • PARISH PRIEST

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#### • PARISH MANAGERS

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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)

### DID YOU KNOW

- We meet Nicodemus again in John's Gospel when he brings myrrh and aloes to anoint the body of Jesus after the crucifixion. He brings a lavish amount 'weighing about a hundred pounds'! Nicodemus' journey to faith is complete and he openly acknowledges Jesus as Lord.
- Jesus' words about being 'lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert' refer to an incident when, the people of Israel were attacked by venomous serpents. God instructed Moses to raise a bronze image of a serpent. All who looked on it were cured. Jesus being 'lifted up' on the cross was to become the salvation of all.

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you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit.

We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he has meant us to live it.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Jn 3:16*

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

*God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.*

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

### GOSPEL

*John 3:14-21*

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

### COMING TO THE LIGHT (John 3: 14 - 21)

What does it mean to come to the light? It starts with honesty, primarily about ourselves. We have to lay down our defences and rationalisations, "our side of the story," and confess ourselves in good old-fashioned Catholic tradition, telling the truth about who we are. It involves

admitting we're afraid of our darkness, ashamed of some of our choices, knowing we can be petty and self-serving. We may be unwilling to love our enemies or to forgive those who injure us. Our compassion is undersized, and we shrink from self-sacrifice above all. We don't like risking our comfort and security; most acts of goodness, we know, require that.

We prefer the darkness to the light. In darkness, we can pretend we're better people. We can feel better about ourselves without having to change. But once we come into the light, things have to change. WE must change. The good news is, Jesus makes such change possible, even desirable. We become who we've longed to be. And God so loved the world, just for this.

### KIDS' CORNER

Have you ever compared brand-new white socks with your old white socks? The old ones might be dingy, more grey than white. In fact, maybe you forgot how white socks could be until you saw those new ones. It's sort of the same thing with sin. Sometimes we don't notice how we slip into the bad habits that can lead to sin. It can happen a little at a time, so slowly that we don't notice until it feels like it's too late. But it's never too late. We can always come to God and ask God's forgiveness, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. God will forgive us, so we'll be good as new.

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(11 - 17 March)

- **Monday, 11:** Monday of 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent (Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54)
- **Tuesday, 12:** Tuesday of 4<sup>th</sup> of Lent (Ezek 37:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-3, 5-16)
- **Wednesday, 13:** Wednesday of 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent (Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30)
- **Thursday, 14:** Thursday of 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent (Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47)
- **Friday, 15:** Friday of 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent (Wis 2:1, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30)
- **Saturday, 16:** Saturday of 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-52)
- **Sunday 17:** FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT (Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33)

### 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.