



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF
EASTER - 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

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 99:1-3, 5

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. <R>
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. <R>
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. <R>

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. (Continued page 4)



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 Tregeagle, Betty Berry,
Geoff & Rose Munro, Mark Kelly,
Tommy & Eileen McCoey,
Mairead & Neil Cummings,
Mary Ferguson, Geoff Chalmers,
Pat Mezzino

PARISH COLLECTION 3rd & 4th May

1st (Presbytery) \$938.50
2nd (Parish) \$1,104.40

VICTOR MORNING TEA

11th May
F. Hanna & M. Cunningham
18th May
M. Cunningham & E. Dabinett

VICTOR MEET & GREET May Saturdays

M. Farmer & H. Anderson
May Sundays
R. Reid & E. Dabinett

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

May P. Kennelly

MORNING TEA

May
A. Turner, A. Murrie
M. Burfitt, F. Clifford

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 MAY:



For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanised.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

This year the message from Pope Francis is entitled

"Pilgrims of Hope: the Gift of Life."

"A vocation is a precious gift that God sows in our heart, a call to leave ourselves behind and embark on a journey of love and service. **Once again, we acknowledge that each Baptised Christian has a unique call and vocation from God**, and within this context, we pray for an increase in the vocations to the Consecrated Life, the Diaconate and the Priesthood.

We renew our own unique vocation and pray for our children and young people that they will hear the voice of God echoing in their hearts."

We give thanks to Father Vinh for answering God's call to become a priest and for his faithfulness over many years.

MOTHER'S DAY— MAY 11TH



Lord we pray for mothers everywhere, those just beginning their role and those no longer with us. Thank you for our mothers.

They **gave us life** and for that gift we are forever grateful.

Help us to trust **in the loving care** of your Mother, Mary, who is now our mother.

This week (Tuesday) we remember Mary's appearance to three children at Fatima asking us to pray for peace.

INTERNATIONAL NURSES' DAY - May 12th

is celebrated around the world every May 12th, the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth. We have all at some time in our lives experienced the care of a nurse. May they be supported in their life-giving vocation.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PLANT HEALTH



Plants are life— we depend on them for 80% of the food we eat and 98% of the oxygen we breathe; **Healthy plants** constitute the foundation for all life on Earth, as well as ecosystem functions, food security and nutrition. **Plant health** is key to the sustainable development of agriculture required to feed

a growing global population by 2050.

Thanks to all our gardeners who strive for healthy plants.

SUCCESSFUL PLANT SALE

Congratulations to Maureen for her successful plant sale at Victor last weekend. \$86.80 was raised. Well done Maureen. We will hold another Plant Sale in a few weeks' time together with containers of worm pee. All proceeds to our Sister Parish, Comoro.

Bulletin Board



CAN YOU HELP? VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for our Sunday morning teas in Victor and Goolwa.

In Goolwa you are asked to look after Sunday morning tea for one or two months during the year. Anne Turner sets up for you and you are asked to serve and tidy up.

In Victor your turn is one Sunday a month. You are asked to set up before Mass, serve and stay to tidy up afterwards.

Hospitality is an important ministry in our parish – a time to get to know each other and build up our community. A worthwhile service. Speak to Anne Turner in Goolwa at Mass or on 0407 570 944 or Fran Hanna in Victor at Mass or on 0415 124 010.

JUBILEE OF BANDS AND POPULAR ENTERTAINMENT MAY 10TH-11TH

All members of military, institutional, amateur, folk, village, sports, school and college bands are especially celebrated in this jubilee.

Where would we be without music?

Thanks to our own musicians and choristers.



PRAYERS FOR A NEW POPE

By the time you read this newsletter we may already have a new Pope. On this Good Shepherd Sunday we pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit for whoever is chosen for this challenging role.

MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS


meet this Wednesday 14th May at 9.30 at St Joan's with morning tea to follow. All welcome.



ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB

meets at 1.30 this Tuesday 13th May in the Annex. Newcomers welcome.



 Next weekend Vinnies is launching its Winter Appeal on 18th May, Feast Day of Pope John I. This year the focus is on homelessness. In our local community, by giving a hand-up to those struggling in despair with escalating rents, we help ease the burden by giving food vouchers and supermarket grocery cards. We are also allied with the local Foodbank. Envelopes will be offered in the porch/foyer of our churches after Mass on that day.

VINNIES next meeting is **Thursday 15th May** in the Annex at **St Joan's**, Victor Harbor. Our small Conference team is in real need of new members and we'd love to welcome anyone who may feel called by our late Pope Francis' plea to help with compassion the needy in our communities.

NEW PARISHIONER We welcome John Dabrowski from Hindmarsh Island to our parish. We hope that you soon feel part of our Parish community.

THIS WEEK: 10th & 11th May VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 V. Cross
R.2 C. Sutherland

EMHC M. Farmer

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 T. Hounslow
R. 2 G. Ryan

EMHC P. O'Brien

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R. 1 P. Kennelly
R. 2 R. Lee

EMHC M. Ryan



NEXT WEEK: 17th & 18th May VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

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

EMHC A. Fawkner

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 K. Dudley
R. 2 M. Cunningham

EMHC P. Clingan

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: A. Fawkner

R. 1 D. Huppatz
R. 2 M. Freeborn

EMHC S. Muller

**VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA
CATHOLIC PARISH**

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RAMINDJERI land

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- **CSHW SA (Safety, Health, Welfare) Cathy May**
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One of the elders said to me, ‘These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God’s throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.’

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep and mine know me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 10:27-30

Jesus said:

‘The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.’

WHAT MAKES A GOOD SHEPHERD?

I read recently that it takes a flock of sheep a long time to accept a new shepherd. Without that bond, sheep instinctively run the other way or form a frightened huddle.

As I ponder this Fourth Sunday of Easter – celebrated as Good Shepherd Sunday in mainstream Christian churches – I find myself mulling instances where humans look to other humans to shepherd them. What comes to mind are extremes. On one hand are cults and cult leaders, like those who surrendered trust and obedience (and good sense) to a Charles Manson or Jim Jones.

Looking to the other extreme, I can’t help but think of someone like Anne Sullivan – that ever-present teacher who finally broke through to Helen

Keller, freeing her from the isolation of being unable to see, hear, or speak. I think of Sullivan and Keller, in particular, when Jesus says he knows each of his followers’ voices and they know his; also, in his Parable of the Lost Sheep, with the shepherd leaving 99 to give undivided attention to the one.

Such extremes beg the question: How are we to know – especially in times of trial or great change – which human shepherds are good and which are not? For me, it goes right back to Jesus. It means honouring, knowing and loving individuals as well as the herd. It means building trust organically and one-on-one, rather than using manipulation or fear.

Although, ultimately, it’s Jesus we trust most as Good Shepherd, it’s fair to say that parts of Psalm 23 (“The Lord is my shepherd ...”) apply to human interaction as well. A good shepherd leads my soul to places of true peace and “guides me on the paths of righteousness.”

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THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(12 - 18 May)

- **Monday, 09:** Monday, 4th week of Easter (Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10)
- **Tuesday, 10:** Tuesday, 4th week of Easter (Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30)
- **Wednesday, 11:** St Matthias (Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17)
- **Thursday, 12:** Thursday, 4th week of Easter (Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20)
- **Friday, 13:** Friday, 4th week of Easter (Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6)
- **Saturday, 14:** Saturday, 4th week of Easter (Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14)
- **Sunday 15:** FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER (Acts 14:21-27; Rev 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35)

Happy
MOTHER'S
DAY

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.