



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 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied, he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me, They curl their lips, they toss their heads. "He trusted in the Lord, let him save him: let him release him if this is his friend." <R>
2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and

my feet, I can count every one of my bones. <R>

3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! <R>

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. "You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons." <R>

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Bulletin Board

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 time.

CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY

We meet for Lectio Divina (Scripture Reflection) and meditation on Monday afternoons at 4.30. Please contact Anne Weygood for details. 0429 653 844.

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY

Group meets fortnightly on Monday afternoons 2.00-4.00pm. Phone Rob & Jocelyne Randabel-Williamson on 0402 341 071.

SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE

Easter Sunday morning April 20th at **Goolwa Aquatic Club from 6.15am** and also in **Victor at Kent Reserve at 6.30**. 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 12th 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 Harbor Masses. Please contact the Parish Office. Carol Sutherland 0418 856 799.

ETHICAL EASTER EGGS

As Easter is fast approaching, ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious against Trafficking of Humans) is calling for everyone to consider the ethical dimensions of their purchases and make sure your Easter chocolate is slavery free. Look for chocolate with one of these logos:



or go to their website: <https://acrath.org.au/take-action/slavery-free-easter/>



As Project Compassion 2025 draws to a close for another year, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support throughout this Lenten Season.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES AND ENVELOPES. THEY CAN BE PLACED ON THE SECOND COLLECTION PLATE AT OUR MASSES.

FRAN HOPES TO FINISH HER DAILY HALF-HOUR WALKS ON HOLY SATURDAY SO THOSE WHO HAVE PLEDGED A DONATION CAN HAND THE MONEY TO FRAN OR PUT IN BLACK BOXES IN THE PORCHES BY THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED. \$1,420 to date.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
Today we commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem.

We follow the Jews' example proclaiming



Christ as a Victor. *Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.*

We then enter into the story of Jesus' passion read in the Gospel.

Where do I stand during these events. Am I happy to join with those welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem?

Do I continue to stand with him in his suffering and death?

For many centuries, the 5th Sunday of Lent was called "Passion Sunday," while the Sunday after it was called, "Palm Sunday." Currently we name Palm Sunday as "**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**," which **combines the two Sundays**.

CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER

We have a vacancy for the position of Child Protection Officer.

We have a video giving full job specifications and is available at the church office on Thursday mornings

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 Tregear, Betty Berry, Geoff & Rose Munro, Tommy & Eileen McCoe, Mairead & Neil Cummings, Mary Ferguson, Geoff Chalmers

ANIVERSARIES

Jan Henderson, Joan Kelly.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Trevor McGrath

PARISH COLLECTION 5th & 6th April

1st (Presbytery) \$855.70
2nd (Parish) \$1098.25

VICTOR MORNING TEA

13th April
F. Hanna & M. Cunningham
20th April
No Morning Tea

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

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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
400pm Goolwa

HOLY SATURDAY

6.00pm Goolwa
8.00pm Victor Harbor

EASTER SUNDAY

9.00am Goolwa
11am Victor Harbor

KNIGHTS/ SOUTHERN CROSS REPORT APRIL 2025

BBQ On 6th April the monthly BBQ raised \$92. Many thanks to donors and buyers. The next BBQ will be held on 4th May after 9am Mass.

DONATIONS Our group donated \$200 to the Easter Caritas appeal.

LONELINESS We have only received one reply to this matter but we will continue to discuss other ways to assist people.

ANNIVERSARIES Bill Mullett, Mick Maguire. R I P.

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE.

by now has opened well and truly with a voucher for lunch or dinner, at Whalers at Encounter Bay for the Victor draw, and for Goolwa people the same at the Goolwa Hotel.

Each voucher is worth \$100. There will be two further prizes in each draw details of which will be announced shortly. The profit from this raffle will be directed to the Vinnies Winter Appeal so we look forward to your valued support.

GOOD FRIDAY

HOLY PLACES APPEAL

The Annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, 29th March. *This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, parishes, and orphanages.* It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. *This donation is very much needed today.*



CHRISTIAN HOPE

In Holy Week and on Easter Sunday we will live out the reason for Christian hope

**Jesus as we walk with you on the
road to Calvary this week
and celebrate your
death and resurrection
help us to trust that
in the darkness of our world today
the Father is at work and that
His light and life will one day be
revealed to us.**

HOLY THURSDAY

GOOLWA 6pm

Commentator: A. Fawkner

R.1 P. Kennelly

R.2 C. May

EMHC R. Austin

VICTOR 7.30pm

Commentator: F. Hanna

R.1 A. Weygood

R.2 M. Cunningham

EMCH M. Farmer

GOOD FRIDAY

VICTOR 2.00pm

Commentator: T. White

R.1 G. Ryan

R.2 W. Baker

Passion Readers: F. Hanna,
L. Blacket

EMHC E. O'Connell, K. Dudley

GOOLWA 4.00pm

Commentator: V. Scriver

R.1 M. Freeborn

R.2 R. Lee

Passion Readers: J. Ryan
C. May

EMHC M. Ryan

HOLY SATURDAY (EASTER VIGIL)

GOOLWA 6pm

Commentator: V. Scriver

4 Readings

M. Freeborn, A. Cowley,
R. Lee, J. Ryan,

EMHC R. Austin

VICTOR 8pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

4 Readings

P. Clingan, F. Hanna,
A. Fawkner, J. Jeffery

EMHC M. Farmer

EASTER SUNDAY

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: P. Kennelly

R. 1 E. Bourne

R. 2 D. Huppatz

EMHC A. Turner

VICTOR 11am

Commentator: T. White

R. 1 K. Dudley

R. 2 P. O'Brien

EMHC J. Baker

THIS WEEK: 12th & 13th APRIL Palm Sunday

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 C. Huppatz

R.2 J. Jeffery

Passion Readers: C. Sutherland
A. Fawkner

EMHC M. Farmer

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 L. Sunman

R. 2 W. Baker

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. Scriver

EMHC T. Siciliano

ANZAC DAY MASS

Friday 25th April 9am

St Joan's Victor.

FREE SOUTHERN CROSS

The April edition of *The Southern Cross* will be published as an insert in *The Advertiser* on Saturday 12th April. It will also be free at Mass centres over Easter.

**VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA
CATHOLIC PARISH**

NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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VICTOR HARBOR SA 5211
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message if the Office is unattended -
we will get back to you asap)
Email: catholicvhg@bigpond.com
Web: www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au

PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• **PARISH PRIEST**

Fr Vinh-Quang Tran (8552 1084;
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Email: Vinh2511@bigpond.com

• **PARISH MANAGER**

Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)
(Monday & Thursday: 10am - 12 noon)
Email: Parish_manager@bigpond.com

• **PARISH ENCOUNTER**

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**

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)
Email: parish_treasure@bigpond.com

• **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 ACCLAMATION

Phil 2:8-9

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

*Christ became obedient for us even to
death, dying on the cross. Therefore
God raised him on high and gave him
a name above all other names.*

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

GOSPEL

Luke 22:14-23:56

(heavily abridged)

When they reached the place called
The Skull, they crucified him and the
two criminals also, one on the right,
the other on the left.

Jesus said, 'Father forgive them; they
do not know what they are doing.'
Then they cast lots to share out his
clothing.

The people stayed there watching
him. As for the leaders, they jeered at
him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let
him save himself if he is the Christ of
God, the Chosen One.'

The soldiers mocked him too and
when they approached to offer him
vinegar they said, 'if you are the king
of the Jews, save yourself.' Above
him there was an inscription: 'This is
the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there
abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?'
he said. 'Save yourself and us as
well,' But the other spoke up and
rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of
God at all?' he said.

'You got the same sentence as he did,
but in our case we deserved it; we are
paying for what we did. But this man
has done no wrong. Jesus,' he said,
'remember me when you come into
your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise
you,' he replied, 'today you will be
with me in paradise.'

It was now the sixth hour and, with
the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over
the whole land until the ninth hour.

The veil of the Temple was torn right
down the middle; and when Jesus had
cried out in a loud voice, he said,
'Father, into your hands I commit my
spirit.' With these words he breathed
his last.

I WANNA BE LIKE CHRIST

To me, the whole point of being a
Christian is so that I will never have

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.

to stand on the side of Jesus' torturers.
If I am true to my faith, then such
depravity and inhumanity will be
impossible for me. If I follow Jesus'
way of love, then I will never be in
Pilate's camp, washing my hands of
one I know to be innocent. Caiphas
and the high priests, with their
cowardice and power-mongering, will
not be part of my coterie, either. No
good people will get sold down the
river by me – if I choose to follow
Christ.

That's a big if, of course. I fear that
without vigilance, I could become one
of these dealers in death. We all may
be capable of such extreme acts of sin
– think of torturers in prisons since the
beginning of time. If we constantly
and consistently choose to deny God's
loving presence in our lives, we will
become our own worst enemies.

So I am committed to keeping God
before me and taking up my cross
each day. It's true that by following
Jesus, I must bear ridicule, swallow
my pride, go against the status quo,
fight social injustice, show extreme
mercy, and, all in all, do things that do
not come easy for me. But, the good
news is: I will save my soul in the
process. Better than losing my
soul, which, as Jesus showed us, is a
fate worse than death – even death on
a cross. GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(14 - 20 April)

- **Monday, 14:** Monday of Holy Week
(Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11)
- **Tuesday, 15:** Tuesday of Holy Week
(Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38)
- **Wednesday, 16:** Wednesday of Holy
Week (Is 50:4-9; Mt 26:14-25)

SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

- **Thursday, 17:** Thursday of the
Lord's Supper (Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1
Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15)
- **Friday, 18:** Friday of the Passion of
the Lord (Is 52:13-53:12; Heb
4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19;42)
- **Saturday, 19:** Holy Saturday Vigil
- **Sunday 20:** Sunday of the
Resurrection