



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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*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

*Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18*

Taking Abram outside, the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

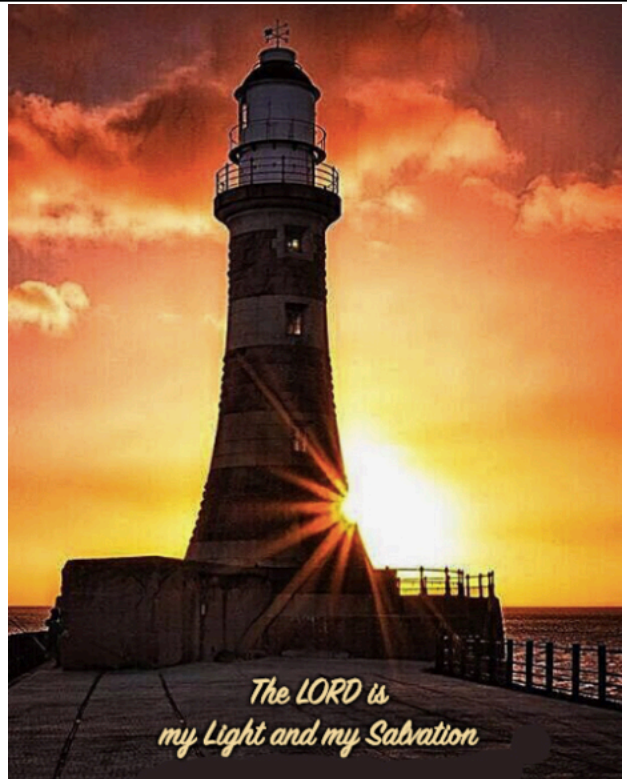
'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 26: 7-9, 13-14*

*The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? <R>



2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' <R>
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. <R>
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord. <R>

## SECOND READING

*Philippians 3:17-4:1*

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are proud of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things.

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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)

Graham Blacket, John Blacket, John Slagter, Paul Fahey, Jeffery Family, John Tregeagle, Geoff & Rose Munro, Tommy & Eileen McCoe, Mairead & Neil Cummings.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Kath & Tim Kennelly, Kevin Higgins, Graham Nicolson

**PARISH COLLECTION**  
8th & 9th March

1st (Presbytery) \$1021.40  
2nd (Parish) \$ 949.30

**VICTOR MORNING TEA**

16th March  
M. Cunningham & E. Dabinett  
23rd March  
W. & J. Baker

**VICTOR MEET & GREET**  
March Saturdays

M. Farmer & C. Huppertz  
March Sundays  
R. Reid & E. Dabinett

**GOOLWA MEET & GREET**  
March

K. Rivers

**MORNING TEA**

March C. May, A. Turner, P. Stone, P. Lowe

**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 MARCH:**



**FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS**

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



**Caritas**  
AUSTRALIA

**PROJECT**  
**COMPASSION**

Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. Each of this year's stories reflects diverse challenges, yet they are united by the shared determination to create better futures for themselves and their communities.

**Please donate today.**

through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code below.

Or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) Or by calling:

1800 024 413



**LONG WALK FOR WATER**

*You can also donate to Project Compassion by sponsoring Fran as she walks half an hour each day remembering those who daily take the Long Walk for Water. You can give to Fran directly or put an amount or a pledge in the black box at the back of our churches or online at <https://fundraise.projectcompassion.org.au/donate> Type in "Frances Hanna" \$399 raised so far, \$100 promised.*

**EARTHCARE in LENT**

Lack of water reminds us of our need for God as in Psalm 62:

*O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.*

*My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.*

This week put out water for the birds and animals. Let your water container be low enough for the neighbouring lizards. Give thanks every time you use water.

Pray for rain.

**KNIGHTS SOUTHERN CROSS NEWSLETTER MARCH 2025.**

**BBQ** Our March BBQ raised \$186, and was a sell-out. Many thanks for your support, especially the wonderful people who donated so kindly. The next raffle will be held on 6th April.

**MOTHERS' DAY RAFFLE.** This year we are replacing the wine raffle with:

*for our Victor people*

*a meal for 2 to the value of \$100 at the Whalers Restaurant at Encounter Bay and for the Goolwa folk*

*a \$100 voucher to the Goolwa Hotel.*

In each raffle there will be two other prizes to be won. Watch out early April for starting dates and full details.

**DONATIONS** The Knights will donate \$100 each quarter to the South Coast Christian Care throughout 2025.

**ANNIVERSARIES OF MEMBERS FOR MARCH**

Jim Ridge, Ernie Munslow and Mons. Tom Horgan, who helped and supported the beginning of our branch 40 years ago.

**LONELINESS** is a subject on our agenda for the next meeting. We would be pleased to hear from any parishioners who wish to make comment on this topic that effects so many people.

**NEXT MEETING AT GOOLWA**

**WEDNESDAY 16th APRIL AT 4 PM.**

**METANOIA LENTEN BOOKLET**

*Our Sunday evening prayer group is reflecting on the Lenten Booklet from Wollongong named "Metanoia"*

*All Welcome at 5pm in the Annex.*

THERE ARE A FEW COPIES AVAILABLE AT \$10 PER BOOK. PLEASE SEE FR VINH

**PARISH MANAGER**

As I informed you Ray Klecko has resigned from his position as one of our parish managers due to ill-health. Both Ray and Pat Clingan have worked well together and this makes for a smooth transition. Currently I am looking for a parishioner who shows interest in taking Ray's place. Please let me know if you are interested in this position. Fr Vinh







**SAINT PATRICK**  
**Feast Day 17th March**  
 (c.415 – c.493)



Patrick was humble, courageous and accepted suffering and success with indifference.

Consecrated bishop at the age of 43 his great desire was to proclaim the good news to the Irish. In a relatively short time the island had experienced deeply the Christian spirit. St Patrick used the three-leaved shamrock to demonstrate three persons of the Trinity as one God.

We give thanks to the Irish priests and nuns and lay people who have contributed so much to the faith in Australia. *Franciscan Media*

**SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Feast Day 19th March**

The Bible pays Joseph the highest compliment: he was a “just” man. By saying Joseph was “just”, the Bible means



that he was one who was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. Joseph was simply joyfully, wholeheartedly obedient to God – in marrying Mary, in naming Jesus, in shepherding the precious pair to Egypt, and in bringing them to Nazareth.

*Franciscan Media*

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

The ladies at the **Church of Christ in Goolwa** put a lot of effort into the theme of the Cook Islands. The church had beautiful bright flower arrangements and the readers were dressed in bright clothes with head decorations and leis. About 50 attended but the numbers are decreasing each year. The service and address were inspiring with the theme “*I am wonderfully made*”.

The **Uniting Church in Victor/Pt Elliot** likewise held a meaningful ceremony with our own Wendy Baker doing a reading. It was a valued opportunity to learn about how other women are contributing to their community.

**St Joan’s Social Club is holding their Famous Fish n Chips Night on Friday 11th April at 6pm in the Annex (after Stations)**



**Cost is \$15 ph. BYO + glass. Please contact Pat on 0410 593 617 or Colleen on 0405 634 744 by 4th April with numbers & money. Always a great night, don’t miss out.**

**COMORO GARAGE SALE SUCCESS**



Once again, a big thank you to all who participated in our Sister Parish Garage Sale. There were many monetary

donations. A large cohort of pre-sale and day of sale faces put a “whole of parish” flavour to the event which topped the \$3,500 mark. What great community spirit! Again, thanks from the whole of the Working Group.

**COMORO RAFFLE**

A Goolwa parishioner has kindly donated 3 crayfish for a raffle for Comoro fundraising from our parish. There will be 3 prizes.

**The first prize 2.40kg cray, the second at 1.16 kg and the third prize is a 700 gm cray.**

Tickets will be available the next 2 weeks at both Mass communities and all tickets will go into the draw on 30th March at Goolwa. Cost of tickets:  
**1 for \$5.00 3 for \$10.**

**DISUSED COMPUTER FOR COMORO.**

They must have the current password. They will be cleaned of all files. Contact Paul Kennelly or John Baker.

**EARTH HOUR 8.30 – 9.30 PM 22nd March**

**Millions of participants around the world will switch off their lights at this time to demonstrate their care for the environment. Join them if you can.**

**THIS WEEK: 15th & 16th March**  
**VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm**

**Commentator:** T. White

**R.1** L. Blacket  
**R.2** C. Sutherland

**EMHC** A. Fawkner

**Sunday 11am**

**Commentator:** P. O'Brien

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

**EMHC** L. Sunman

**GOOLWA 9am**

**Commentator:** J. Ryan

**R. 1** M. O'Halloran  
**R. 2** R. Lee

**EMHC** T. Siciliano



**NEXT WEEK: 22nd & 23rd March**  
**VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm**

**Commentator:** L. Blacket

**R.1** J. Jeffery  
**R.2** B. Bullen

**EMHC** E. O'Shaughnessy

**Sunday 11am**

**Commentator:** F. Hanna

**R. 1** G. Ryan  
**R. 2** L. Sunman

**EMHC** P. Clingan

**GOOLWA 9am**

**Commentator:** Marie Riddle

**R. 1** P. Kennelly  
**R. 2** A. Cowley

**EMHC** S. Muller

**VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA  
CATHOLIC PARISH**

NGARRINDJERI and  
RAMINDJERI land

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• **PARISH MANAGER**

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Email: [Parish\\_manager@bigpond.com](mailto:Parish_manager@bigpond.com)

• **PARISH ENCOUNTER**

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)

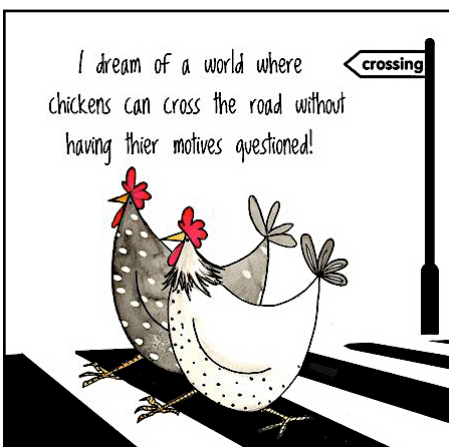
• **PARISH TREASURER**

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• **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)



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For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

**GOSPEL**

**Luke 9:28-36**

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

**AN EXCELLENT DAY**

It was no surprise who won the award of excellence. Year after year for nearly 15 consecutive, he was top in his field. With a new panel of judges every year no one suspected favouritism. In fact, no one doubted

**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.

his work was the best. The question was how did he keep so consistently good? The answer: Each day he was committed to doing his best work.

That is the message of today's gospel. Jesus takes the disciples to the mountaintop and they see him in all his glory. Peter wants to pitch three tents and stay for a while basking in God's glory. He obviously doesn't get it, so God is very clear: God tells Jesus' disciples to take this moment of truth to listen to Jesus about how to participate in the life of the divine. When they come down from the mountain, Jesus immediately gets to work healing, forgiving, and preparing for the agony and ecstasy to come.

As modern disciples of Christ we are asked to do the same. We need time to pray, but that is just the beginning. Our week must then be filled with the business of participating in God's kingdom – sharing; listening; being responsive and courteous; performing tasks faithfully and honestly; confronting problems reasonably and respectfully; showing diligence in our pursuit of justice, patience in our desire for understanding, compassion to the least of our sisters and brothers, and mercy on ourselves and others for not consistently achieving excellence.

GPBS eNews

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

(14 - 20 March)

- **Monday, 17:** St Patrick (Jer 1:4-9; Acts 13:46-49; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20)
- **Tuesday, 18:** Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> week Lent (Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12)
- **Wednesday, 19:** ST JOSEPH, spouse of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (2Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24)
- **Thursday, 20:** Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> week Lent (Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31)
- **Friday, 21:** Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> week Lent (Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46)
- **Saturday, 22:** Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> week Lent (Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Micah 7:14-15, 18-20)
- **Sunday, 23:** THIRD SUNDAY of LENT (Ex 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9)