



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

FIFTH 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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people.

There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 50:3-4, 12-15

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

John 12:20-30

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we

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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, David Lee, 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,

ANNIVERSARIES

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.



PROJECT COMPASSION

Memory's story



Memory is 26 years old and lives in rural Malawi. As the eldest child in a low-income farming family, Memory had to take on many household chores and farming activities to support her parents. With the support of Caritas Australia Memory was able to enrol at a technical college where she learnt technical skills in carpentry. Today she works as a carpenter at one of Malawi's largest hydroelectric power stations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS MARCH 2024 REPORT

The Knights held their first meeting for the year on February 21st and among other things discussed was our fundraising for 2024. We are trying to set up a system where we are not always asking our parishioners for support or running two fundraisers at the one time. Hopefully it works !

MOTHERS' DAY WINE RAFFLE. Our popular wine raffle for Mothers' Day will begin shortly after Easter at both Mass centres.

See Des Wallace at Victor and Mike or Paul at Goolwa. More details later.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DECEASED

MEMBERS. Jim and Cathy Ridge, Ernie Munslow. March is also the anniversary of the passing of former parish priest Mons. Tom Horgan who played a key part in forming our branch back in the eighties.

NEXT MEETING The next meeting of our branch will be held on March 21st at Goolwa at 4 pm.

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.

FISH AND CHIPS ANYONE?

St Joan's Social Club are holding their annual Fish and Chips Night on Friday 22nd March at 6.00pm for 6.30pm in the Annex . Cost is \$15.00 a head, BYO drinks & glass **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 17th March.**

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY NEWS

Our Regional Assembly took place last Saturday. There were over a 100 people present, parishioners from Kangaroo Island, Noarlunga Seaford, Willlunga, Morpett Vale and of course our own Victor/Goolwa contingent. **We had the largest group per capita at the Assembly.** We met at Cardijn College Marian Campus in a new building there with, thanks be to God, excellent air-conditioning.

There were three presentations, one on community, one on faith formation and one on our call. The speakers were challenging as were the questions we were asked to consider.

A highlight of the day was mixing with parishioners from other parishes and also with young people from Cardijn who were in Year 12 and part of the YCS group that the school has. They were articulate and enthusiastic - a hopeful sign for the future.

What next? We are planning to speak to the PPC and share our thoughts and ideas. We hope some practical results will flow from our experience.

A special thanks to those who undertook to pray for the Assembly. Your prayers were certainly answered as we all felt the presence of the Holy Spirit throughout the day.

Each parish or group was asked to bring along a 5 minute video about its strengths and challenges. You can see our video at <https://www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au/> Click on *Regional Assembly*.

CAT LOVER

living in the Victor/Goolwa Parish wanted to look after a four-months-old female kitten in April, May and June. Food and kitty litter supplied with an on-loan cage sized 50x50x75cm to house kitten. Willing to pay for care cost. Contact Robert Cox on 0448 545 108.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FORESTS 21ST March

Forests cover nearly a third of the Earth's land surface. These forests provide healthy habitats for nearly one billion people.

PARISH COLLECTION March 9th & 10th

1st (Presbytery) \$1,101.30
2nd (Parish) \$1,317.25

VICTOR MORNING TEA 17th March

A. Temme & M. Chalmers
24th March
F. Hanna & L. McCallum

VICTOR MEET & GREET March Saturdays

M. Farmer, C. Huppatz
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

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM Fifth Sunday of Lent Yr.B-2

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in Your kindness.
In Your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from Your presence,
nor deprive me of Your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of Your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors Your ways
and sinners may return to You.



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



Patrick was humble, courageous and accepted suffering and success with indifference. Little is known of his personal life but he called himself both a Roman and a

Briton. At 16 he and some of his father's slaves and vassals were captured by Irish raiders and sold as slaves in Ireland. Forced to work as a shepherd he suffered cold and hunger. After six years he escaped, possibly to France, and returned to Ireland at 22. His captivity had meant spiritual conversion. Consecrated bishop at the age of 43 his great desire was to proclaim the good news to the Irish. He ordained many priests, divided the country into dioceses, held councils, and founded several monasteries. Despite opposition from pagan druids and criticism in England and Ireland, in a relatively short time the island had experienced deeply the Christian spirit.

BAPTISM OF MAVIS SANDERS

Congratulations and welcome Mavis into our parish faith community as you are baptized today at our 9am Mass. May God continue to bless your family as you join our Parish.



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. He became holy by opening himself totally to God. It is no contradiction of Joseph's manly holiness that he decided to divorce Mary when she was found to be with child. The important words of the Bible are that he planned to do this "quietly" because he was "a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame" (Matthew 1:19). 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*

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE AND THE HOLY LAND



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.

A TASTE OF CEYLON 2

A meal to support refugees to be held in St Augustine's Church Hall on Friday 5th April. \$25 Bookings essential. Details in Flyer in St Joan's porch.

THIS WEEK: 16th & 17th March

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 C. Huppertz

R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 K. Dudley

R. 2 A. Willis

EMHC L. Sunman

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: V. Scriver

R. 1 E. Bourne

R. 2 C. May

EMHC T. Siciliano



NEXT WEEK: 23rd & 24th March

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 C. Sutherland

R.2 B. Bullen

Passion Readers: C. Sutherland,
J. Ryan

EMHC J. Jeffery

Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 W. Baker

R. 2 A. Rose

Passion Readers: P. O'Brien
F. Hanna

EMHC J. Baker

GOOLWA 9.00am Palm Sunday

Commentator: M. Freeborne

R. 1 C. May

R. 2 E. Bourne

Passion Readers J. Ryan, V. Scriver

EMHC A. Turner

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• PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

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Goolwa (Cathy May 0401 584 237)
Victor Harbor (Office 8552 1084)

• CSHW SA (Safety, Health, Welfare)
Cathy May (0401 584 237)

DID YOU KNOW

- The festival referred to here was the Passover (Jn 12:1). Observant Jews who were able to come from far and wide to celebrate this great festival at the Temple in Jerusalem. The city was overflowing with pilgrims from many lands and regions.
- Often, people stayed outside the city because accommodation was very stretched at the times of the pilgrimage festivals. They came into the city each day to celebrate and then returned outside the walls to sleep, either in a nearby village or, often, under the stars.

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should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

SEEING JESUS

It was a simple request. Some strangers in town wanted to see Jesus, and they approached Philip with the hope of getting an audience with the famous rabbi. What did they expect to see? Did they just want the first-century equivalent of an autograph? Or did they want a life-transforming encounter with a holy man?

When Jesus is told of their request, his response is rather mysterious. What does it mean that Jesus is

about to be glorified? Jesus proposes that the only route to seeing him is to travel the road he's about to take: dying and rising. If we lose our lives, die to ourselves, and follow him in service, then we'll see who Jesus is. Otherwise, we're only clutching his garments and missing the Son of Man entirely.

Many of us know Jesus from hearsay, like the strangers did. We've seen his picture, read his story, and can quote a few memorable lines. But until we die and rise with him in a truly surrendered life, we haven't really seen Jesus. We've missed the glory.

KIDS' CORNER

When Hanna gets home from school, she and her grandpa talk together over milk and choc-chip biscuits. Grandpa tells jokes, and Hanna shares things that happened during the day. Hanna knows Grandpa listens and cares, and that makes Hanna happy. Our prayer life can be like this. We can tell God what's going on in our lives anytime. And while it's true that our prayer is pleasing to God, our prayer can be pleasing to us too. We pray because we know that God listens to us and cares for us. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(18 - 24 March)

- **Monday, 18:** St Patrick (Jer 1:4-9; Acts 13:46-49; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20)
- **Tuesday, 19:** St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24)
- **Wednesday, 20:** Wednesday 5th week of Lent (Dan 3:14-20, 24-25, 28; Jn 8:31-42)
- **Thursday, 21:** Thursday 5th week of Lent (Gen 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59)
- **Friday, 22:** Friday 5th week Lent (Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42)
- **Saturday, 23:** Saturday 5th week Lent (Ezek 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-46)
- **Sunday 24:** PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD (Entrance: Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47)

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.