



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

FIRST 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

Genesis 9:8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 24:4-9

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 4:4

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

*No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes
from the mouth of God.*

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

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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)

Vivi Scriva, John Wallace, Claire Hamish, Jeffery Family, Natalie Millar, Ann Tee Bailey Smallacombe, Charlie Nicolson, Jane Lloyd, Kristin Nicolson,

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, Geoff Monroe.

ANNIVERSARIES

Peter McInnes, Rod Jarvis

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bruce Smallacombe

PARISH COLLECTION February 10th & 11th

1st (Presbytery) \$1021.05
2nd (Parish) \$1340.90
Collection for Unborn Child Appeal \$877.35

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 23rd February & 1st March C. Pearsons & M. Farmer 8th & 15th March W. & J. Baker & F. Hanna

VICTOR MORNING TEA 18th February A. Temme & M. Chalmers 25th February W. & J. Baker

VICTOR MEET & GREET February Saturdays M. Farmer, E. O'Connell February Sundays R. Reid, M. Cunningham

GOOLWA MEET & GREET February C. Rivers

FEBRUARY MORNING TEA T. Curtis, E. Bourne, B. Hallion

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP Practice 3.00pm Wednesday. Claire Williams 0429 008 199

HOLY FATHER'S 2024 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

For The Terminally Ill : Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.



LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP

You are welcome to join our Lectio Divina on each Sunday at 5pm-6pm in the Annex. This year we are using the book called Pieta Lenten program 2024 from Wollongong. If you wish to attend please contact Fr Vinh so that we can print discussion references for you.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER VICTOR HARBOR THEME: PALESTINE

Friday March 1st at 2pm
I Beg You...

Bear With One Another in Love

This year St Joan's is hosting the World Day of Prayer with the combined churches of Victor Harbor. Please keep this date free and join us and 170 countries around the world in praying as one for peace and justice.



Come along to St Joan's and help share our hospitality with members of our local churches

WORLD DAY of PRAYER in GOOLWA

will be hosted by the Lutheran community at St John's Catholic Church at 2pm on March 1st.

LADIES CAN YOU HELP

St Joan's is hosting the World Day of Prayer on March 1st. We will need to cater for afternoon tea, so we would like some help with providing small cakes and slices. If you are able to do either of those, would you please contact Anita on 0448 030 346 in the next week or so to let us know what we have to offer the visitors, who will be attending our church. Thank you.



PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE AND THE HOLY LAND



PROJECT COMPASSION PHILLIPPINES

Ronita, 22, lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Metro Manila, in the Philippines. Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a



teenager, which could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family. Thankfully she heard about a program run by Caritas Australia's local partner, the Faithful Companions of Jesus. The program is called the Alternative Learning System (ALS) and enabled Ronita to re-enrol in her studies and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child.

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 caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

VISIT FROM TRACY TESSITORE

18th & 19th February

Tracey's job description reads as follows:



Pastoral Support

Justice, Healing and Inclusion and Caritas Diocesan Director.

Caritas is, of course, the group which organises Project Compassion each year. Tracey is coming to address us about the work of Caritas Australia which celebrates it's 60th birthday this year.

Welcome to our parish Tracey.

IT'S OFFICIAL !!

In the 2021 census, the Parish of Victor Harbor/ Goolwa had the oldest Catholic population with a median age of 65.

The national Catholic median age is 43.

Palm Island Parish (Townsville) had the youngest median age of Catholics, at 24.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM First Sunday of Lent, Yr. B

*Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep Your covenant.*

Lord, make me know Your ways.
Lord, teach me Your paths.
Make me walk in Your truth, and teach me:
for You are God my saviour.

Remember Your mercy, Lord,
and the love You have shown from of old.
In Your love remember me,
because of Your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path;
He teaches His way to the poor.



THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER Feast Day 22nd February



This feast recalls the mission of teacher and pastor conferred by Christ on Peter and continued in an unbroken line to the present Pope. We celebrate the unity of the Church, founded upon the Apostle, and renew our assent to the official teaching of the Roman Pontif..

PRAYER FOR REGIONAL ASSEMBLY Saturday 9th March



Creator of all that is,
we call on you to open our
hearts
to new life

as we take part in our
Regional Assembly
through our presence and our prayer.

Jesus, our Companion on the journey,
empower us to care
for each other and for our world
with compassion
as you have done.

Holy Spirit, Breath of Life
inspire us with wisdom to hear your call
and with the courage to respond.

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us

A SPECIAL CELEBRATION

took place at Victor Sunday Morning Tea last week when Sylvia and Michal Wycinka generously shared a delicious morning tea to celebrate the baptism of their baby son Wojciech. Aniela, their daughter, enjoyed the party too. Thank you Sylvia and Michal.

MORE YOUNG PEOPLE

And speaking of young parishioners, our congratulations to Nam who has taken on the role of Altar Boy for the Goolwa Sunday Mass. Everyone is impressed with how well he carries out this role. Thank you, Nam.

VINNIES FIRST MEETING OF 2024



February 21st at Goolwa after 9.30am Mass. New members most welcome.

KNIGHTS of the SOUTHERN CROSS

The first meeting of the year will be held **next Wed. 21st Feb.** at Goolwa Church from 4 pm.



ANNIVERSARIES OF MEMBERS FOR FEBRUARY

Wally West, Peter McInnes and Frank Refchange.

GOOLWA CONNECT INTER CHURCH GROUP

The first meeting of the group was held last Thursday at the Catholic Church. A report will follow next week.

SOUTHERN CROSS

Don't forget your copy of the Southern Cross. Some interesting articles including the fact that we are the oldest parish in Australia!!!

SAVE THE DATE

World Day of Prayer - Friday 1st March
Regional Assembly - Saturday 9th March
Fish n Chips Night - Friday 22nd March

TIMES FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS EACH FRIDAY



Goolwa 3.00pm
Victor 4.00pm

THIS WEEK: 17th & 18th February

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 T. Hounslow

R. 2 A. Willis

EMHC K. Dudley

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R. 1 E. Bourne

R. 2 M. Freeborn

EMHC T. Siciliano



NEXT WEEK: 24th & 25th February

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 C. Huppatz

R.2 S. Duong

EMHC J. Jeffery

Sunday 11am

Commentator: T. Hounslow

R. 1 P. Chigwidden

R. 2 P. O'Brien

EMHC M. Taylor

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: V. Scriver

R. 1 P. Kennelly

R. 2 L. Healey

EMHC S. Muller

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RAMINDJERI land

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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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• CHILD PROTECTION

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Victor Harbor (Office 8552 1084)

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

DID YOU KNOW?

- Lent lasts for forty days in imitation of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday.
- There is evidence of Lenten preparation for Easter very early in the Church's history but its practices became more regularised after the Council of Nicaea.
- In years gone by, Catholics did not eat meat on any Friday, and later, on Fridays in Lent. Today there are two days of the year when Catholics are expected to not eat meat—Ash Wednesday and Good Friday—but all the Fridays of Lent are still days when we should 'fast'.

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GOSPEL

Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

AMONG THE WILD BEASTS

(Mark 1:12 -15)

The Baptist had promised that Jesus would baptise with the Holy Spirit and at his baptism the Holy Spirit had descended on him. Now that same Spirit drives Jesus into the wilderness. He is not the master of his own destiny. He is the object of the action of God. There is no murmur of opposition to this. Jesus accepts God's Spirit and God's will. As a consequence, the harmony of creation is restored and Jesus 'is with' the wild beasts. It is a fulfilment of the prophecy of Isaiah that 'the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the lion and fatling together' (Is 11:6-7). The new creation has begun in the person of Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God. Indeed, he proclaims that the Kingdom of God is close at hand.

But Jesus also summons his followers to repent and believe the good news. Lent is a time to listen attentively to the gospel and to turn back to the ways of the Father. It is a time for us to consider how close we are to the Kingdom of God. *GPBS eNews*

KIDS' CORNER

Jesus remained in the desert for forty days and forty nights, tempted by Satan. (*Mark 1:13*)

Jesus is good and loving. So how could he be tempted? Well, Jesus became one of us because he loves us. He shared in our life, and so he experienced temptations just as we do. But he never gave in to them, and he

showed us how to resist them too. But Jesus went further. He never hurt those who hurt him. He never refused to help those who needed him. Jesus showed us how to love others as he did and how to live as he lived. Then he said to us, "Follow me."

GPBS eNews

- There is no temptation that cannot be faced and overcome.
No temptation?
- In the wilderness, you will feel dreadfully alone.
We will not find friends, but God will be with us.
- In the wilderness, you will feel abandoned by God.
God will not change anything, but God will be with us.
- In the wilderness, you will feel tempted to follow the self-serving pathway.
God will not give us all we want, but God will be with us.
- In the wilderness, fear will bewilder and test you.
God will not bring peace, but God will be with us.
- There is no temptation that cannot be faced and overcome.
Thanks be to God.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(19 - 25 February)

- **Monday, 19:** Monday of 1st week of Lent (Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46)
- **Tuesday, 20:** Tuesday of 1st week of Lent (Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15)
- **Wednesday, 21:** Wednesday of 1st week of Lent (Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32)
- **Thursday, 22:** The Chair of St Peter (1 Pet 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19)
- **Friday, 23:** Friday of 1st week of Lent (Ezek 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26)
- **Saturday, 24:** Saturday of 1st week of Lent (Deut 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48)
- **Sunday 25:** SECOND SUNDAY of LENT (Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10)

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.