



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

THE ASCENSION OF THE
LORD - YEAR A

*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 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom of Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were

still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 46:2-3, 6-9

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come.

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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)

John Wallace, Claire Hamish,
Bob Willis, Jeffery Family,
Bailey Smallacombe, Ann Tee,
Charlie Nicolson, Paula Collinson,
Jane Lloyd, Eileen McCoey,
Len Peake, Ron & Patrine Harris,
Neil Cumming,
Clancy Retallick, Ann Hannagan,
Mollie Davis, Jutta Millar,
Cath Howard, Keith Fawcner,
Trudi McNamara, Elizabeth Nance,
Allen Odgers, Jan Henderson,
Jesse Walker, Richard Eisenkoeck,
Rose Munro

RECENTLY DECEASED

Gerard McGrath

PARISH COLLECTION

13th & 14th May

1st (Presbytery) \$ 913.75
2nd (Parish) \$1,143.10

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

26th May

W. & J. Baker & F. Hanna

2nd & 9th June

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

VICTOR MORNING TEA

21st May

F. Hanna & A. Temme

28th May

W. & J. Baker

VICTOR MEET & GREET

May Saturdays

M. Farmer & H. Anderson

May Sundays

L. Sunman & F. Harris

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

May

P. Kennelly

Morning Tea

A. Turner, L. Clayson, M. Burfitt

G. Kennedy.

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday

Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

HOLY FATHER'S 2023 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY.

For Church Movements and Groups : We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



VINNIES WINTER APPEAL



Please help those who are struggling this winter! Envelopes will be available at both St John's and St Joan's after each of the weekend masses, when a Vinnies member will speak briefly for the Appeal. If you are able to make a contribution, please either take an envelope and return your donation to next week's 2nd collection or go online to www.vinnies.org.au or phone 13 18 12.

THE CENACLE

You are invited to join us in The Cenacle held every Wednesday at 9.30am in St Joan of Arc Church. We start by praying the Rosary, reading, meditating and reflecting on one of the messages given to Father Gobbi by Mary our Mother, and making an act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
Gemma Woodhead 0492 849 414

LECTIO DIVINA GROUP

Sunday 5pm in the Annex.

You are welcome to join this group to reflect on the Gospel of the day.

Phone Carol Sutherland. 0418 856 799.

OUR FIRST PRAYER SESSIONS FOR THE SYNOD STARTED LAST WEDNESDAY

May 17th at *St John's Goolwa after 9.30 Mass.*. Our thanks to Rosemary for preparing such a meaningful prayer service.

Further prayer gatherings

every 4th Wednesday - June, July, August, September at 10am.

SAVE THE DATE

St Joan's Social Club will be holding their Christmas in July on Friday 21st July. Please mark it in your diary. More information later.



Hello...you are invited to our Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. Let's get together and enjoy a cuppa so we can support those impacted by cancer.

Host: Catholic & Lutheran Churches of Goolwa

Where: Corner of Gardiner & Partridge Streets, Goolwa

Date: Thursday 25th May 2023

Time: 10.00am -12 noon

Speaker: Vivi Scriver

\$5.00 donation, raffles, auction, morning tea provided.

RSVP: 21/5/23

Phone/Txt: Vivi: 0439 430 486

Betty: 0423 635 400



KSC ANNUAL LUNCHEON

THURSDAY JUNE 15th AT GOOLWA CHURCH HALL

12 NOON FOR 12.30 START



Our guest speaker this year is Ray Klecko one of our Parish Managers. Ray has worked in Catholic Education for many years and with his keen sense of humour we are sure to hear a few interesting stories. Tickets will be \$20 each and will include a chicken lunch with salad and a chance to win one of several prizes we will have available.

We would ask all to pay by Sunday,

June 11th. A great time for all in the parish to come together and enjoy each other's company, and at the same time give support to the Knights to keep helping the many worthy causes we support.

Bookings: Ring Paul on 0402 852 825.

MOTHERS' DAY WINE RAFFLE WINNERS.

The lucky winners were Sue McCarthy {Goolwa} and Jeff Romemski {Victor} who was visiting our parish a few weekends ago.

Thank you all again for your support, and we will be back for Fathers' Day.

MUSICAL REQUEST FROM COMORO

The Don Bosco Centre is teaching music to their young people and are asking if we can send over music books to help. The instruments are violin, piano, guitar and drums. There will be a box in the porch of each Church for you to place the books. Thank you.



Bulletin Board



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

ASCENSION OF THE LORD, YR. A

*God mounts His throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on His holy throne.



OUR LADY, HELP of CHRISTIANS

Feast Day 24th May

On this day the Church in Australia



celebrates
the **Solemnity of Mary
Help of Christians.**
Mary Help of Christians
was adopted as patron
of the new Church of
Australia in 1844, at a

significant time in their history. British
settlement was just over fifty years old, the
transportation of convicts was coming to an
end and the first elections in Australian
history had been held in 1843. Issues of
land, immigration and education had begun
to surface and the Church was involved in
these social problems.

**Mary Help of Christians
watch over our Southern Land.
Help us to live in justice and peace.**

SPECIAL MENTION

to Maureen Farmer who sets up for Mass
each Saturday and Thursday, is part of the
Altar Roster, takes a turn at Meeting and
Greeting and takes Communion to a
homebound parishioner. Thanks Maureen.

**PRAY FOR
THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE**



LAUDATO SI WEEK

May 21st - 28th

The theme for 2023 is

Hope for the Earth, Hope for Humanity.



Eternal God, whose Spirit
moved over the face
of the deep
bringing forth light and life;
by that same Spirit, renew
your creation, and restore your image in
your people.

Turn us from careless tenants
to faithful stewards,
that your threefold blessing of
clean air, pure water and rich earth
may be the inheritance of everything that
has the breath of life
and one generation may proclaim to
another the wonder of your works;
through Jesus Christ, your living Word,
in whom the fullness of your glory is
revealed. Amen.

Rt Revd Libby Lane, Anglican Bishop

THE HEALING POWER OF GARDENS

Scientists write
of the fact that
there's
something
powerful and
positive about the experience within these
living territories we call gardens. Gardens
force us to slow down. We enter a
relationship more open to the environment.
It's one that demands nothing more than
being who we are, and to simply inhabit that
environment for a few moments.



**The same studies show that the
restorative effect of gardens occurs by
activating a kind of spontaneous
CARE in the brain.** It's related to a

capacity for awe—a capacity more than
necessary at the present moment as we
seek to understand and care for our Sister,
Mother Earth and the creatures that can
strive in our gardens.

Let us value our gardens, private and public,
even if we can only manage to cultivate a
pot plant. **The desire to care that we
develop there will sustain us as we take
the steps needed to heal our
environment.** And a big thank you to
those who maintain our parish gardens.
Reference *Oliver Sacks, Laudato Si.*

THIS WEEK 20th & 21st May

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: C. Huppertz

R.1 L. Blacket

R.2 J. Jeffery

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 S. Duong

R. 2 K. Dudley

EMHC L. Sunman

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: M. O'Halloran

R. 1 M. Mulvihill

R. 2 Michael Riddle

EMHC R. Austin



NEXT WEEK 27th & 28th May

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 C. Huppertz

R.2 C. Sutherland

EMHC E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 R. Reid

R. 2 A. Willis

EMHC A. Rose

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: V. Scriva

R. 1 M. Freeborn

R. 2 C. May

EMHC S. Muller

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RAMINDJERI land

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

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• PARISH MANAGERS

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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

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

• 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)

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 19/05/23)

- If you have tested positive for COVID-19, please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact.

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He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 28:19,20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

DON'T JUST STAND THERE: DO SOMETHING

(Mark 16: 15 - 20)

The Ascension of Jesus is an event recorded three times in the New Testament: at the end of Luke, the beginning of Acts, and here, in what's called the longer ending of Mark. (Early manuscripts record several different endings to his gospel.) In each version of the Ascension story, Jesus has different final instructions for the disciples – the ones in "longer Mark" being the most colourful. But in every account we have, Jesus tells the disciples to go and be witnesses of the gospel they have received. On this point, all three speak in one voice. It would seem this mission is non-negotiable.

How we do that is up to us. If we want to knock on doors or preach in the park, suit yourself. If you feel drawn to foreign missions, the

prayer of the church will support you. Maybe the least missionized corner of the world is right where you are. Do you have good news to share?

When you show up, is it "good news" for those around you? How do you demonstrate the gift of faith that's been given to you?

GPBS eNews

KIDS' CORNER

The disciples thought they had Jesus figured out, and sometimes we think that way too. We figure if we pray hard enough, God will do whatever we have in mind. But God often has something better in mind for us.

When his followers asked him if he would bring the kingdom back, Jesus told them about the better future in store: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1: 8).

What kind of future does God have in mind for you? Pray about it and let God lead you. GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(22 - 28 May)

- **Monday, 22:** Monday 7th week Easter (Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33)
- **Tuesday, 23:** Tuesday 7th week Easter (Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11)
- **Wednesday, 24:** Our Lady Help of Christians (Sirach 4:11-18; Jn 19:25-27)
- **Thursday, 25:** Thursday 7th week Easter (Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26)
- **Friday, 26:** St Philip Neri (Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19)
- **Saturday, 27:** Saturday 7th week Easter (Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25)
- **Sunday 28:** PENTECOST SUNDAY (Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23)

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.