



## 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.

## Luke 13:1-9

# Planted for a Purpose

### FIRST READING

*Exodus 3:1-8,13-15*

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' he answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said, 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me

what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11*

*The Lord is kind and merciful.*

1. My soul give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. <R>
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. <R>
3. The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgment for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. <R>
4. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. <R>

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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**  
15th & 16th March

1st (Presbytery) \$1159.20  
2nd (Parish) \$1089.15

**VICTOR MORNING TEA**

**23rd March**

W. & J. Baker

**30th March**

F. Hanna & M. Cunningham

**VICTOR MEET & GREET**  
March Saturdays

M. Farmer & C. Huppatz

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.

**POPE ON THE MEND**

*Pope Francis is no longer in imminent danger from double pneumonia his doctors have announced for the first time.*  
Source: NCR.

**Project Compassion Lenten Prayer**  
**HEAR THE CRY OF THE EARTH AND**  
**THE CRY OF THE POOR**

*God of our journey  
we are all pilgrims of hope  
brought together by your love  
and your wish that we may all be one.  
We pray that in this Year of Jubilee  
when we are called to greater justice  
and care for our common home  
that we may Unite Against Poverty.  
May we work in unity for the freedom of  
the oppressed  
and the renewal of creation.  
May our compassionate minds and  
generous hearts  
help bring about a world where all can live  
in peace.  
May our Lenten pilgrimage of fasting,  
almsgiving and prayer  
bring us closer to your loving heart.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus.*

**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, 3 for \$10.**



**PROJECT**  
**COMPASSION**



*Toefuata'iga a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her*

*primary school now has a 10,000L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.*

*You can donate through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.*

*Or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)*

*Or by calling: 1800 024 413*

*Or by sponsoring Fran's Long Walk for Water at half an hour a day.*

*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 "Frances Hanna".*

*Very many thanks to those who have already donated. We have raised \$961.00 so far.*

**MOTHER'S 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 to 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.*

**LONELINESS**

*is rapidly becoming an epidemic in Australia with consequences for mental and physical health.*



*Loneliness is to be discussed at the next meeting of the Knights. They would be pleased to hear from any parishioners who wished to make a comment on this topic that affects so many people.*

*Speak to one of the Knights or phone or email Paul Kennelly 0402 852 825 or [janekennelly@yahoo.com.au](mailto:janekennelly@yahoo.com.au)*



## OPEN HOUSE GOOLWA CALLING FOR HELP

The Goolwa Uniting Church has operated Open House for homeless people for a number of years now and it has been a great success for the homeless and lonely in the community. However volunteer numbers need to improve for it to continue. It would be deeply missed by many people who support it.

**Can you help?** Helpers are needed in the kitchen, serving meals, or even just to sit with the clients and chat. You can ring on 8555 2589 or drop into the Uniting Church Office right next to the church. Please give this some thought if you have time.

Open House operates every Tuesday from noon till 1.30 pm.

## FURTHER INCOME FOR COMORO

As well as the money raised by our garage sale a further \$420 of donations has been added bringing our total to \$3,920. \$20 was added by our aluminium collectors. A big thanks to the Knights who ran the BBQ and manned the outdoor goods on a very hot day. They donated the \$40 made on the BBQ back to the garage sale. Thanks too to the many volunteers who helped on the day and on the three afternoons following. Thanks to Ellen O'Connell for her organisation of goods in the the Annex and the volunteers.

## DEATH OF BOB JEFFERY

Our prayers and sympathy are with the family of Bob Jeffery who died recently. His funeral was held at the Gospel Centre on Thursday.

## ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

**25th March**

God from all eternity, destined Mary to be the Mother of Jesus and closely related to him in the redemption of the world. It is a God-given role, God's grace from beginning to end.

**But it all depends on Mary's acceptance.**

Mary said "Yes" to God's plan. *Behold the handmaid of the Lord: be it done to me according to Thy Word.* Mary is our mother too.

We ask her help as we strive to say "Yes" to God in our daily lives.

**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.**



## EARTHCARE in LENT 22ND MARCH WORLD DAY FOR WATER

*The United Nations has designated*



*2025 as the International Year of Glacier Preservation. Glaciers serve as long-term freshwater*

*reserves, supporting ecosystems and human communities worldwide. Their rapid melting threatens water availability, agriculture, and Increases the risk of natural disasters such as floods and landslides.*

## REFLECTION

We can survive without food for several weeks but without water for only a few days. In the Bible, water is a sign of life. Jesus promises that *"whoever drinks of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty again."*

Let us ask for the gift of that water.

*Try drinking water only for a day.*

We pray for those whose access to food and water is insecure. May the whole human family respond generously in creating lasting justice in the distribution of life's necessities.

## 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**

**THIS 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



**NEXT WEEK: 29th & 30th March**

**VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm**

**Commentator:** E. O'Shaughnessy

**R.1** C. Huppertz

**R.2** A. Fawcner

**EMHC** J. Jeffery

**Sunday 11am**

**Commentator:** T. Hounslow

**R. 1** P. Clingan

**R. 2** P. O'Brien

**EMHC** A. Rose

**GOOLWA 9am**

**Commentator:** A. Fawcner

**R. 1** E. Bourne

**R. 2** C. May

**EMHC** A. Turner

**VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA  
CATHOLIC PARISH**

NGARRINDJERI and  
RAMINDJERI land

**CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE**

32 Seaview Road (PO Box 464)  
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Email: [catholicvhg@bigpond.com](mailto:catholicvhg@bigpond.com)  
Web: [www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au](http://www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au)

**PARISH TEAM CONTACTS**

• **PARISH PRIEST**

Fr Vinh-Quang Tran (8552 1084;  
in an emergency - 0429 098 802)  
Email: [Vinh2511@bigpond.com](mailto:Vinh2511@bigpond.com)

• **PARISH MANAGER**

Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)  
(Monday & Thursday: 10am - 12 noon)  
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*)

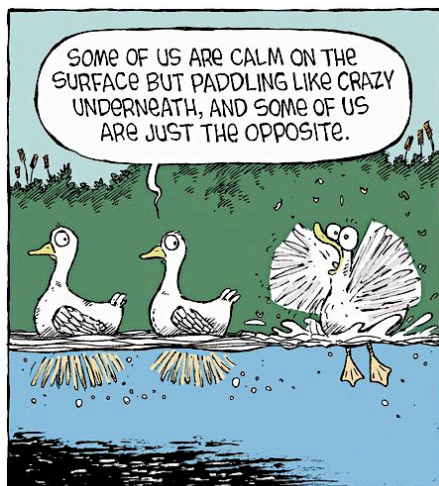
• **PARISH TREASURER**

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)  
Email: [parish\\_treasure@bigpond.com](mailto: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)



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**SECOND READING**

*1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12*

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 4:17**

*Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

**GOSPEL**

*Luke 13:1-9*

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to

look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

**MINDFUL OF OUR POSTURE**

If you have a little plot of ground, so much as a flower pot to call your own, you can sympathise with the vineyard owner. With a little bit of earth in which to encourage things to grow, there is no room for the barren vine, the fruitless tree. Tear it up; plant something that will bloom!

But in Luke's merciful gospel, we always get a second chance. Unlike the fig tree stories elsewhere that end in Jesus cursing the tree and withering it, Luke forms a parable in which a compassionate gardener speaks for the tree. "Let me give it the extra care it may be lacking. Let me give it every chance to come around."

Lent is the season of extra care our hearts may need to soften up and receive the seed of the Gospel. We take this time to allow the Gardener to loosen our roots, water us generously, and fertilise us vigorously in the hope that any barren ground within us will begin at least to respond.

GPBS eNews

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

(24 - 30 March)

- **Monday, 24:** Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> week Lent (2 Kg 5:1-15; Lk 4:24-30)
- **Tuesday, 25:** The Annunciation of the Lord (Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38 )
- **Wednesday, 26:** Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> week Lent (Deut 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19)
- **Thursday, 27:** Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> week Lent (Jer 7:23-328; Lk 11:14-23)
- **Friday, 28:** Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> week Lent (Hosea 14:2-10; MK 12:28-34)
- **Saturday, 29:** Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> week Lent (Hosea 5:15-6:6; Lk 18:9-14)
- **Sunday, 30:** FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32)

**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.