



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT  
- 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

*Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7*

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death." ' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that

they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17*

*Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

### SECOND READING

*Romans 5:12-19*

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is

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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,  
Bob Willis, Jeffery Family,  
Bailey Smallacombe, Ann Tee,  
Peter Harris, Josephine Proctor,  
Rita Sullivan, Charlie Nicolson,  
Paula Collinson, Jane Lloyd,  
Eileen McCoey, Len Peake,  
Ron & Patrine Harris, Vin Slattery,  
Neil Cumming, Clancy Retallick,  
Ann & Kevin Hannagan,  
Mollie Davis, Jutta Millar,  
Cath Howard, Keith Fawcner.  
Trudi McNamara, Elizabeth Nance,  
Allen Odgers, Jan Henderson

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Peter McInnes, Tony Hudson

#### PARISH COLLECTION

**18th & 19th February 2023**

1st (Presbytery) \$1,001.60  
2nd Parish \$1,279.20

#### VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

**24th February & 3rd March**

W. & J. Baker & F. Hanna

**10th & 17th March**

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

#### VICTOR MORNING TEA

**26th February**

W. & J. Baker

**March 5th**

L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden

#### VICTOR MEET & GREET

**February Saturday**

M. Farmer & E. O'Connell

**February Sunday**

L. Sunman & R. Reid

#### GOOLWA MEET & GREET

**February**

C. Rivers

#### MORNING TEA

**February**

T. Curtis, E. Bourne, B. Hallion

#### ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday

Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199



## Bulletin Board

### THE HOLY FATHER'S 2023 PRAYER INTENTIONS



**February:**

**For Parishes**

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

### WORLD SYNOD (MEETING) OF BISHOPS

In September of this year and again in 2024 there will be a Synod (meeting) of the Bishops of the Catholic Church. The topic they will examine is *Synodality*. Synodality is a Greek word meaning *walking together*.



**The logo for the Synod is a powerful**

**one:** "A large, majestic tree, full of wisdom and light, reaches for the sky.

It expresses the Cross of Christ.

It carries the Eucharist, like the sun.

The horizontal branches, opened like hands or wings, suggest, the Holy Spirit.

The 15 silhouettes sum up our entire humanity in its wonderful diversity.

**There is no hierarchy between these**

**people who are all on the same footing:**

young, old, men, women, teenagers, children, lay people, religious, parents, couples, singles, healthy, disabled;

**the bishop and the nun are not in front of them, but among them..."**

Website: <https://www.synod.va/en.html>

### PARISH CENSUS

Thank you to those who have filled in and returned the pink Census form. If you haven't already done this please return your form this weekend and place on the collection plate. There are some extra copies in the porches of our Churches. Thank you.

### PROJECT COMPASSION

**First Sunday of Lent**

**25th & 26th February**

After losing her father when she was just 10-years-old, **Laxmi** was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty. But with the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club, became a leader in her school and is now a mentor to other children in her village.



**Please donate to Project Compassion**

**2023 through** donation boxes/ envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

**Friday March 3rd at 2pm**

**Goolwa:**

Uniting Church

1 Collingwood Street.

**Victor:**

Adare Uniting Church

The Drive, McCracken



The World Day of Prayer is a **global ecumenical movement led by Christian women** who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. It is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March.

**The movement aims to bring together people of various races, cultures and traditions** in a yearly Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

**This year the service centres around**

**Taiwan**, the earthquake prone island country between Japan and the Philippines and only 180km from the coast of China.

The service is based on women whose Christian faith has inspired them, hence *'I have heard about your faith.'*

**Come along and pray with other Churches in our area.**

### FUNERAL OF WALLY KURLAVICIUS

will be held on Thursday 2nd March at 2pm in St John's Church. Our sympathy goes to Romualdas. May Wally rest in peace.

# Bulletin Board



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

***Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.***

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.

My offences truly I know them;  
my sin is always before me.  
Against You alone have I sinned;  
what is evil in Your sight I have done.

A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not case 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.  
O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall declare Your praise.



## OUR LENTEN BOOKLET

Gospel values encourage me to treat others with love. Lenten renewal leads me to reflect on my relationship with others - family, friends, community, the wider society, our brothers and sisters overseas. We could include our relationship with the earth.

**CHOOSE ONE RELATIONSHIP THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO IMPROVE.**

**With God's help**

**WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO CHANGE?**

**OUR SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP AT ST JOAN'S IS REFLECTING ON THE LENTEN BOOKLET FROM WOLLONGONG. ALL WELCOME AT 5.00PM**  
**Ring Carol Sutherland for further information on 0418 956 799.**



**TIMES FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Goolwa: 3.30pm**  
**Victor: 5.30pm**

## GOOLWA INTERCHURCH CONNECT MEETING

Some of the issues to come out of the last meeting held on February 17th.

Christian Fellowship is our host church this year, but as their services are held at Goolwa High School which is not available in the afternoon, they will be held at St John's this year. Some of the items discussed were as follows.

**1. Messy Church.** The next service will be held on March 19th at St John's. Volunteers required to assist with kitchen etc. Please see Paul or Vivi if interested.

**2. School Chaplaincy.** At Goolwa High School, Amy who created such a great impression last year has been given four more hours a week in recognition of her efforts. Her Christmas Party at the school was a great success and she is now looking to get together small Easter gift boxes for the children in April. New chaplain Jo begins in Goolwa Primary school this year so please keep her in your prayers.

**3. The Christmas Concert** at Goolwa oval was a great success.

**4. Biggest morning tea** to fight cancer will be held again in May.

**5. A meeting** will be held shortly to arrange the **Easter sunrise service.**

## KNIGHTS OF SOUTHERN CROSS DONATE TO TURKEY SYRIA APPEAL

Our local knights have donated \$500 to this appeal through Caritas Australia. If any parishioners would like to donate, ring Caritas on 1800 024 413

## 3.8 WALK WITH A MATE TO FIGHT MYELOMA.

Myeloma is a cancer of the blood cells that affects immunity, blood and bones. The walk will begin at Church of Christ Goolwa from 1.00 pm and finish at 3.00 pm. The registration fee is \$20, and of course goes towards fighting this disease. Flyer on Church notice board.

## PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE



**THIS WEEK 25th & 26th Feb.**

## VICTOR HARBOR

**Saturday 6.00pm**

**Commentator:** E. O'Shaughnessy

**R.1** J. Jeffery

**R.2** L. Blacket

**E.M.** E. O'Connell

**Sunday 11.00am**

**Commentator:** T. Hounslow

**R. 1** R. Klecko

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

**E.M.** M. Taylor

## GOOLWA

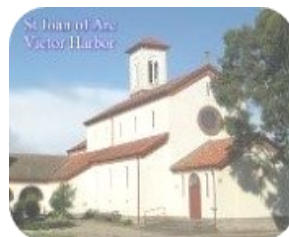
**Sunday 9.00am**

**Commentator:** V. Scriva

**R. 1** P. Kennelly

**R. 2** C. May

**E.M.** S. Muller



**NEXT WEEK 4th & 5th March**

## VICTOR HARBOR

**Saturday 6.00pm**

**Commentator:** L. Blacket

**R.1** J. Ryan

**R.2** C. Sutherland

**E.M.** E. O'Shaughnessy

**Sunday 11.00am**

**Commentator:** R. Klecko

**R. 1** A. Rose

**R. 2** L. Sunman

**E.M.** P. Clingan

## GOOLWA

**Sunday 9.00am**

**Commentator:** M. Freeborn

**R. 1** E. Bourne

**R. 2** L. Healey

**E.M.** M. Glazewski



## VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA

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### PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

#### • PARISH PRIEST

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#### • PARISH MANAGERS

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

#### • PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

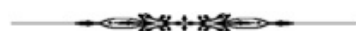
Child Protection Unit (8210 8159)

Goolwa (Cathy May 0401 584 237)

Victor Harbor (Office 8552 1084)

#### • CSHW SA (Safety, Health, Welfare)

Cathy May (0401 584 237)



### COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 23/02/23)

- If you have tested positive for COVID-19, please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Wearing of face-masks in Church is recommended.
- 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.

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even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

### 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!*

### GOSPEL

*Matthew 4:1-11*

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

*Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'*

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

*He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'*

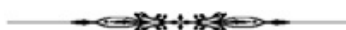
Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

*You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'*

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

*You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'*

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.



## A SINGLE ACT OF GOODNESS

(Matthew 4: 1 - 11)

Israel wandered for decades in the desert, not yet having learned how to be a faithful, holy people. They demanded that God "turn stones into bread," or at least to send bread from heaven and water from a rock. Israel demanded continual signs of God's intervention and interest. They even worshipped the golden calf, hoping that it would safeguard them better than Moses and his God.

When Jesus enters the desert, he faces the same Exodus temptations. But where Israel falters, Jesus remains steadfast. What does this single victory over the devil mean, against the sad tribulation of centuries of failure on the part of the rest of us? What can Jesus' victory mean, when I fall to the lure of sin again and again?

The example of Jesus' faithfulness may keep the saints on course during great trials; but a common sinner like me can keep an eye of Jesus' example while still fainting under the spell of self-interest. The real power of Jesus' victory over temptation is that it destroyed the necessary relationship between sin and death. I may fall to sin along the way, but the ultimate victory belongs to God.

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### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(27 February - 5 March)

- **Monday, 27:** Monday, first week of Lent (Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46)
- **Tuesday, 28:** Tuesday, first week of Lent (Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15)
- **Wednesday, 01:** Wednesday, first week of Lent (Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32)
- **Thursday, 02:** Thursday, first week of Lent (Esther 14:1, 3-5, 12-14; Mt 7:7-12)
- **Friday, 03:** Friday, first week of Lent (Ezek 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26)
- **Saturday, 04:** Saturday, first week of Lent (Deut 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48)
- **Sunday 05:** SECOND SUNDAY of LENT (Gen 12:1-4; 2 Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9)

### 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.