



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

SECOND SUNDAY OF  
EASTER - YEAR C

*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.



Give thanks to the Lord,  
his love is *everlasting.*

### FIRST READING

*Acts 5:12-16*

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. <R>

3. O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord grant success. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light. <R>

### SECOND READING

*Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19*

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

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### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 117:2-4, 22-27*

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
his love is everlasting.*

1. Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let those who fear the Lord say:  
'His love has no end.' <R>
2. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner-stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was



# 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, John Tregeagle, Betty Berry, Geoff & Rose Munro, Tommy & Eileen McCoey, Mairead & Neil Cummings, Mary Ferguson, Geoff Chalmers

### ANIVESARIES

Jan Henderson, Joan Kelly.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Trevor McGrath

### PARISH COLLECTION 19th & 20th April

1st (Presbytery) \$3299.40  
2nd (Parish) \$ 2463.30  
Holy Places \$215.00

### VICTOR MORNING TEA

#### 27th April

F. Hanna & M. Cunningham

#### 4th May

L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden

### VICTOR MEET & GREET

#### May Saturdays

M. Farmer & H. Anderson

#### May Sundays

R. Reid & E. Dabinett

### GOOLWA MEET & GREET May

P. Kennelly

### MORNING TEA

#### May

A. Turner, A. Murrrie

M. Burfitt, F. Clifford

### ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.

Claire Williams 0429 008 199



**PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF  
UKRAINE and  
THE HOLY LAND**

### DEATH OF POPE FRANCIS



We give thanks for the life of Pope Francis who sought to live out his life in response to the *Cry of the Earth* and the *Cry of the Poor*. We pray for the cardinals who will elect his successor that they will be open to the voice of the Holy Spirit. We pray for ourselves that we will continue, as Pope Francis did, to show the humility and love of Jesus to our world.

### EASTER JOY – ALLELUIA!



It was a very special Easter with Father Vinh leading us through all the days with the Masses and special celebrations and in his homilies.

Thank you to all who worked overtime to assist in making our celebrations such a success.

Thanks to our sacristans, as well as those who opened

the church up to allow for the larger crowds, and our choirs which excelled themselves. Also to our garden groups who had our ground areas looking tidy and clean. As well to all who gave their time as special ministers, readers, and commentators - again thanks so much. Everyone supporting, giving so much, accomplishing a unique and beautiful journey of Easter.

And now we have 50 days to celebrate!! Alleluia!!

**A special thanks:** It is with gratitude that we thank the Goolwa Lutheran Church community for gifting our Goolwa community with beautiful woven palm crosses to share during our Palm Sunday celebration.

### FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

#### Sunday after Easter

Pope John Paul II decreed that this would be a day of total forgiveness of sins and of punishment due to sins, for those who approach the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. (A Plenary Indulgence.)

“Let us have the courage to **come back to Jesus to meet his love and mercy in the sacraments**. Let us feel his closeness and tenderness, and then we will also be more capable of mercy, patience, forgiveness and love.” Pope Francis

**Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity.**

*Diary of St Faustina*



**PLEASE RETURN YOUR PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES AND ENVELOPES. THEY CAN BE PLACED ON THE SECOND COLLECTION PLATE AT OUR MASSES. FINAL PLEDGES AND DONATIONS FOR FRAN'S WALK CAN BE PUT IN BOX IN FOYER.**

**KNIGHTS' MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE** Only 2 weeks to go to for the Victor people to win a \$100 voucher for lunch or dinner at the Whalers restaurant at Encounter Bay or for the Goolwa people the same deal at the Goolwa Hotel. There will be consolation prizes and they will be announced in next week's Encounter. Tickets are \$10 each. Your support will help the Knights give a substantial donation to the Vinnies' Winter Appeal.



## JUBILEE OF TEENAGERS

This will take place from 25th April to 27th April 2025. This jubilee celebration aims to inspire and deepen the faith of teenagers and underscores the Church's commitment to nurturing the spiritual lives of its younger members, encouraging them to live out their faith with joy and enthusiasm.

"Dear God, we pray for our teenagers.

May they find joy in your love and guidance.

Help them make wise choices and navigate the difficulties of life.

Bless them with strength, patience, and a heart that is open to your wisdom. Amen."

## 45 CLUB

"Series 1 has concluded and we thank all participants for their contributions. Series 2 is now open and I invite you to register your interest as soon as possible. Thankyou"

Robert Lee Phone: 0409 945 019. Email: jumbuk34@hotmail.com

## ANZAC DAY

God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks this day for the peace and security we enjoy, which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war.



We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain,

but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come.

That the liberty, truth and justice which they sought to preserve may be seen and known in all the nations upon earth.

This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Tribute to Pope Francis from

**Geraldine Hawkes**

**President**

**St Vincent de Paul Society, South Australia**

'The example of Il Papa, or 'The Father', as he's called in Italian, inspires not only Catholics but the many millions who oppose discrimination and exclusion, and who support his calls for compassion and justice for those coming from distant lands. Our National President Mark Gaetani spoke of Pope Francis: *'Despite his pontifical authority, Pope Francis was an immensely humble person, dedicated to bringing Christ's message to countries far from Rome, including in our region, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste and Indonesia. Inclusion was his guiding star, and he did much to bring ordinary people into the Church.*

*He was a champion for Synodality or bringing people together to hear their views and seek their input. This included the promotion of lay people into and within the Church, particularly expanded roles for women.'* *'This spirit of inclusion lies at the heart of our faith and our Church. It inspired Pope Francis in a very real way, not least his promotion of inter-faith dialogue with both Christian and non-Christian religions. With God's grace, may he rest in peace and may his successors continue to inspire and empower ordinary people around the world.'*

**THIS WEEK: 26th & 27th April**

**VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm**

**Commentator:** T. White

**R.1** J. Jeffery

**R.2** B. Bullen

**EMHC** E. O'Shaughnessy

**Sunday 11am**

**Commentator:** P. Clingan

**R. 1** L. Sunman

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

**EMHC** F. Hanna

**GOOLWA 9am**

**Commentator:** J. Ryan

**R. 1** C. May

**R. 2** E. Bourne

**EMHC** M. Ryan



**NEXT WEEK: 3rd & 4th May**

**VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm**

**Commentator:** T. White

**R.1** L. Blacket

**R.2** C. Sutherland

**EMHC** A. Fawkner

**Sunday 11am**

**Commentator:** P. O'Brien

**R. 1** M. Cunningham

**R. 2** K. Dudley

**EMHC** L. Sunman

**GOOLWA 9am**

**Commentator:** D. Huppatz

**R. 1** M. Mulvihill

**R. 2** V. Scriva

**EMHC** T. Siciliano

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



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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Jn 20:29**

*Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL**

**John 20:19-31**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

**BREATHE EASY**

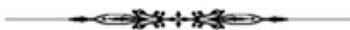
Perhaps my earliest memory is being carried from our family's car and into

our new house by my father when I was about 3 years old. We had been out late visiting my grandparents, and it was dark and cold outside. My father wrapped me in his overcoat and held me close to his chest. I could feel his breath on my neck as he extracted me from the car and walked toward the house. I felt safe.

I felt his breath on my neck again when I was about to board a plane for Rome. I was leaving to spend some time in the "Eternal City" and walk the Camino in Spain for the first time. I was afraid and uncertain when my dad held me close to him and wished me farewell. I felt his blessing.

There were other times as well when I felt his breath. In the embrace before going on holidays, when I left to go overseas to study, when he came to visit me when I was living away, when he was in hospital recuperating from serious surgery and I leaned in to greet him with a kiss. Always I felt reassurance in his presence.

The apostles were confused and frightened even before the risen Jesus appeared in their midst. But as he often did, he told them, "Be not afraid," and then he breathed on them. Imagine yourself in that scene, and likely you will feel safe, you feel his blessing, and you will be reassured of his presence. *GPBS eNews*



**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

(28 April - 04 May)

- **Monday, 28:** St Peter Chanel Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8)
- **Tuesday, 29:** St Catherine of Siena (Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7-15)
- **Wednesday, 30:** Wed, 2<sup>nd</sup> week Easter (Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21)
- **Thursday, 01:** Thu, 2<sup>nd</sup> week Easter (Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36)
- **Friday, 02:** St Athanasius (Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15)
- **Saturday, 03:** Sts Philip and James (1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14)
- **Sunday 04:** THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER (Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Apoc 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19)

**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.