



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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*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

*Joshua 5:9-12*

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 33:2-7*

*Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. <R>
2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. <R>
3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. <R>

## SECOND READING

*2 Corinthians 5:17-21*

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and



he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Lk 15:18*

*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

## GOSPEL

*Luke 15:1-3, 11-32*

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

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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, John Tregagle, Betty Berry, Geoff & Rose Munro, Tommy & Eileen McCoey, Mairead & Neil Cummings.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Kevin Higgins,  
Graham Nicolson

## PARISH COLLECTION 22nd & 23rd March

1st (Presbytery) \$964.05  
2nd (Parish) \$1110.25

## VICTOR MORNING TEA

### 30th March

F. Hanna & M. Cunningham

### 6th April

L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden

## 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.

**GARDEN DAY** Tuesday 1st April from 9.30 am in Goolwa. This group do a wonderful job on our large area around the church and no doubt will have the area well-presented for our Easter visitors.

## SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE

To be held Easter Sunday morning 29th April at Goolwa Aquatic Club from 6.15am. This is a combined Goolwa churches presentation and has been appreciated by many people over the last 20 years. If you can get up a little earlier, we are sure you will appreciate the spirituality of the service.

There will also be an Easter Sunday Dawn Service at Kent Reserve at 6.30am. Please bring a chair.

## MY HUMAN HEART

This is the title of a book provided by the Knights of the Southern Cross for all parishioners to read.

The author is Ron Tesoriero, a lawyer who spent 20 years with Mike Willesee, trying to establish the DNA from blood and human heart tissue formed from discarded communion host from 4 different countries.

You will find it to be extraordinary reading that will add to your faith. *Copies available in the church foyers.*

**KSC BBQ** Next Sunday 6th April after 9am Mass.

## THE CHOSEN - THE LAST SUPPER

(Season 5) at the Victa Cinema on 10th April at 7 pm. It is a fundraiser for School Pastoral Care work on the South Coast. By attending and supporting this event, you are directly helping our local **Pastoral Care Workers (School Chaplains)** be 'the hands, feet and heart of Jesus in our schools.'

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 WORLD AQUATIC DAY

Our rivers, seas and oceans are to be

celebrated and cared for together with the animals and plants they contain.



It is a call for action

to protect aquatic environments, including reducing plastic use, supporting sustainable fisheries and protecting natural water bodies.

**Reflection:** Today I will note gratefully and use sparingly the waters that beautify, cleanse and heal all life.

**Action:** How carefully do I care for water in my daily routine: cooking, dish washing, cleaning, care for plants?

*Walk along our beaches and rivers, appreciate the gifts they bring to us.*

*Pick up some of the rubbish you see.*

## JUBILEE OF THE SICK AND HEALTH CARE WORKERS

from April 5th to April 6th 2025. It is a profound celebration

dedicated to honouring the resilience and dedication of those who are ill and the compassionate professionals who care for them.

**Our prayers are with those who face health challenges and those who care for them at home and in the healthcare sector.**



## EASTER LITURGIES – VICTOR HARBOR.

Sheets are in the porch at Victor Harbor for Easter Liturgy Ministries. Please place your name on the sheet if you are available to assist at these special celebrations.



## CEREMONIES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

### HOLY THURSDAY:

6pm Goolwa

7.30pm Victor Harbor

### GOOD FRIDAY:

Stations of the Cross 10am Goolwa

The Passion of the Lord:

2pm Victor Harbor

4pm Goolwa

### HOLY SATURDAY

6pm Goolwa

8pm Victor Harbor

### EASTER SUNDAY

9am Goolwa

11am Victor Harbor



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**



Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income.

You can donate through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code. Or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://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 for Lent.

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".

A big thank you to those who have already donated. We have raised \$1194.50 so far.

Daylight Saving ends next Sunday. Turn your clocks back one hour.



## A LESSON IN HUMAN FRAILTY

"Pope Francis, in his weakness, is teaching the world about human frailty", the president of the Pontifical Academy for Life Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia said yesterday at a press conference for a Vatican summit on longevity. The Pope has shown "that old age is also marked by frailty, and frailty should not be rejected. While Francis, in his illness, has temporarily lost his ability to speak, he is teaching us with his body The importance of old people. Pope Francis reminds us that it is actually a voice that should be deafening: that of the frail, who remind us that we do not live forever." CNA.

## HOMESHARE: A SOLUTION TO THE RENTAL CRISIS FOR OLDER WOMEN IN SA

Homelessness among older women in Australia is increasing, making them one of the fastest-growing groups at risk of housing insecurity. The *Homeshare* program offers an innovative solution that fosters shared living based on mutual support and reciprocity—a model that has been successfully running around the world for years.

A partnership between St Vincent de Paul Society SA, Westside Housing and Shelter SA, the [Homeshare Pilot Program](#) is a fee free service that carefully matches female householders aged 55+ living on their own that have a spare bedroom, with female home sharers that need affordable accommodation from a similar age group that can offer some help around the house. Unlike a traditional flatmate arrangement, the matching process is rigorous: both parties undergo interviews, reference checks and police clearances to ensure a safe and reliable match. If you're interested in learning more about becoming a householder or home sharer, please visit: [Homeshare](#)

**OPEN HOUSE GOOLWA CALLING FOR HELP** The Goolwa Uniting Church needs helpers in the kitchen, to serve meals, or someone 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. Open House operates every Tuesday from noon till 1.30 pm

## THIS 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



## NEXT WEEK: 5th & 6th APRIL

### VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: T. White

R.1 L. Blacket

R.2 J. Jeffery

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

### Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. Clingan

R. 1 M. Cunningham

R. 2 A. Weygood

EMHC K. Dudley

### GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: V. Scriva

R. 1 A. Fawcner

R. 2 R. Lee

EMHC R. Austin



## VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

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RAMINDJERI land

### CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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### PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

#### • PARISH PRIEST

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#### • PARISH MANAGER

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#### • 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

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#### • CHILD PROTECTION

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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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“When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, “How many of my father’s paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father.

“While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate.

“Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.”

“The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.”

## CHRISTIANITY IS A RELIGION FOR LOSERS

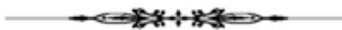
A man of my acquaintance was disappointed to learn that I am a Christian. “But why?” he demanded of me. “Christianity is a religion for losers!”

I laughed at his unsuspecting insight. “Yes, it is,” I admitted. “But the difference between us is: You think that is an insult, and I think that is the good news.” Losers, like the prodigal son, are grateful for the invention of Christianity. But he is not the only one. The sick, the blind, the lame, the crazy – all have a lot to be thankful for. So do the dead. So do the poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. Outsiders, women, the despised, those in same-sex relationships, those living on the margins ... when you begin to count them up, a lot of people fall into the category of those who have lost something and long for forgiveness, comfort or justice.

The prodigal son was not the only loser in the story. The father has lost his son, which was a crushing blow. And what the elder son suffered from was perhaps the most devastating of all: the ability to feel compassion for his own brother.

The Christian story promises to redress all these losses, whether from sin, suffering, or spiritual sickness. All we have to do is come to the feast.

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### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(31 March - 06 April)

- **Monday, 28:** Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54)
- **Tuesday, 01:** Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Ezek 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-3, 5-16)
- **Wednesday, 02:** Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30)
- **Thursday, 03:** Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47)
- **Friday, 04:** Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Wis 2:1, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30)
- **Saturday, 05:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-52)
- **Sunday, 06:** FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11)

### 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.