



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF
EASTER - Year B

A living, vibrant
faith community

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

IT IS OUR MISSION TO:

- Endeavour to develop relevant and prayerful Eucharistic celebrations.
- Foster the experience of a personal relationship with God.
- Provide faith formation opportunities for parishioners.
- Care for each other and the environment, particularly the sick, lonely, aged and disabled within our Parish.
- Care for our environment towards a sustainable future.

WE WILL:

- Reach out to those in need in the local community.
- Be committed to Catholic Social Justice principles.
- Pray and work together with Christian Churches and all people of goodwill.
- Protect and engage with young people in our local area.
- Strengthen bonds with indigenous people in our region.

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



FIRST READING

Acts 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 21:26-28, 30-32

*I will praise you, Lord,
in the assembly of your people.*

SECOND READING

1 John 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS (These names will be removed after one month. To keep names on this list please contact Parish Office)

Barbara Bond, John Wallace, Brian Smallacombe, Bailey Smallacombe, Russell Crichton, Bill Longworth, Mark & Lola Kelly, Barry Wilks, Josephine Proctor, Peter Harris, Charlie Nicolson, Bette Higgins, Paula Collinson, Jen Jeffery, June Lloyd, Claire Hamish.

ANNIVERSARIES

Brendan Naggy, Bill Mullett, Mick Macquire, Monsignor Tom Horgan

PARISH COLLECTION 24th & 25th April

Presbytery (1st) \$ 950.90
Parish (2nd) \$ 1218.25

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

7th May
G. Woodhead & W. & J. Baker
14th May - 21st May
J. & P. Mezzino

VICTOR MORNING TEA

2nd May
A. Willis & R. Reid
9th May Mothers Day
No morning tea

VICTOR MEET & GREET

May Saturdays
M. Farmer, M. Taylor
May Sundays
L. Sunman, F. Harris

GOOLWA MEET & GREET May

Paul Kennelly

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2.00pm Wednesday.
Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199.

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2021 PRAYER INTENTIONS:



MAY: Universal Intention— The world of finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with Governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

COMMUNITY DAY, SUNDAY 16TH MAY

You are invited to a reflection day focussing on the significance of

“SILENCE IN RELATIONSHIPS.”

So often we meet someone, ask how are you? and go on our way. What if we listen further? And what about our relationship with God? Silence is God's universal language: the language of Love.

We begin the day with 8:30am Mass at St Joseph's Catholic Church, 12 St Jude St, Willunga and then afterwards in the Willunga parish Hall. Bring a plate of food to share for lunch. We finish at 3.30pm. **All are welcome.** Any further information contact Fr Tom Gleeson 0438 153 489

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*

KSC MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

The Mother's Day wine raffle is now open. The prize is a dozen reds with two crystal glasses, also two Lake Breeze Chapel Road shiraz. Total value of \$300, Tickets \$10. Contact Paul on 0402 852 825, or Mike on 0416 102 678. To be drawn at the 9.00am Mass on Mothers Day, May 9th.

ST JOHN'S GARDEN and ground clean up will occur on Tuesday 4th May from 9.30 till 11.30. We appreciate those who give their time to keep our vast area up to scratch. We also wish to thank the finance committee for arranging the full re surfacing of our car park.

2021 ANNUAL DIOCESAN AND NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE

Over the first 4 weekends of May we will be conducting the count of attendance at all Masses. This will be done after Communion. It should take no more than 5-7 minutes.

MONTH OF MAY/ MONTH OF MARY



It makes sense to honour Mary this month.

Mary is Jesus' mother.

Her yes, made it possible for Jesus to share our humanity.

She encourages us to say our yes, trusting that God is with us even when we do not understand.

She is our mother. She continues her role as mother by interceding for us so that we may receive the gifts of eternal salvation.

She is at work forever, for whatever we need, whenever we need it.

For these reasons and more, Mary deserves honour, not only during the month of May, but always.

THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS 45 CLUB

Series 2 is now open, and the first draw will be on 29th May and end on 7th August. Don't miss the opportunity to be in it to win and to contribute to our fundraising efforts to help those in need. To contribute see Robert Lee or phone 0409 945 019.

SOUTH COAST COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CARE GROUP

is asking for any body who may be able to donate food items they are running low on due to high demand of their services. They are in urgent need of jam, vegemite, peanut butter, long life milk, tinned vegetables, red pasta sauce, and tinned spaghetti among other foods they are very low on stock. If you can help please drop off to the office at the Uniting Church in Collingwood Street, Goolwa.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to Monica Thi-Va-Dang as she celebrates her Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion at 11.00am Mass this weekend. May our risen Lord grant her a deep experience of God's love within our Parish family.

ANNUAL CENSUS

Thank you to the 120 families who sent our census form back. If you haven't completed it please fill in the form and return it to the parish collection plate, or on the table at the rear of the Church.

POLICE CHECKS

Victor is now responsible for processing all police checks and the administration of the Memorial Gardens in Goolwa and Victor Harbor. We thank Peter Sullivan for all his years of volunteering.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Yr. B

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

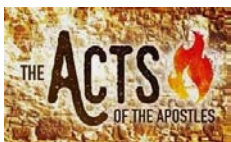
My vows I will pay before those who fear Him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek Him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever!

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before Him.
They shall worship Him, all the mighty of the earth;
before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

And my soul shall live for Him, my children serve Him
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare His faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.'



ACTS OF THE APOSTLES - STORY OF THE EARLY CHURCH



At Masses all through the Easter season, our usual practice of reading from the Old Testa-

ment is replaced by **reading from the Acts of the Apostles**. These readings tell the story of the church's earliest days, and the beginnings of the spread of our faith throughout the ancient world. These **stories of heroism, controversies, persecutions and miracles** all testify to the continued presence of the Risen Christ in the world, through the lives of his disciples, and the actions of the Holy Spirit.

All of this should be **an encouragement and a sign of hope for us today**. Despite how we may feel in the face of an uncertain future for our world and our Church, God has not abandoned us, nor left us to our own devices. **The Risen Saviour is still with us**. These 50 days of Easter ask us to reflect on his presence, and—even in the face of danger or fear—to **live with joy**.

NEWS FROM COMORO PARISH

Dili, Timor-Leste



I would like to inform you that the parishioners of Comoro are 38 thousand. Comoro is in the western part of Dili. Recently flooded in Dili was affected

most of our parishioners. Many live near the Tasi Tolu Lake and Comoro rivers. Many lost their houses.

Everyday we distributed rice and noodles and cooking oils for them. Please continue pray for Timorese people. Greetings from Comoro Parish. Fr. Joao M. R. Guterres, sdb

Father Joao has not asked for donations but if you would like to help Australian parishes have been sent this information from the **Salesian Missions Australia:**

Donations can be sent to:

Salesian Missions Australia P O Box 264 ASCOT VALE Vic 3032 Or through <https://www.givenow.com.au/salesianmission-stimorleste>

Phone : 03 9377 6060

Donations are tax deductible.

Tina Newton Salesian Missions Australia

SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES

Feast Day 3rd May

We know nothing of **James**, Son of Alphaeus except his name, and the fact that Jesus chose him to be one of the 12 pillars of the New Israel, His



Church. He is not the James of Acts, son of Clopas, "brother" of Jesus and later bishop of Jerusalem and the traditional author of the Letter of James. James, son of Alphaeus, is also known as James the Lesser to avoid confusing him with James the son of Zebedee, also an apostle and known as James the Greater.

Philip came from the same town as Peter and Andrew - Bethsaida in Galilee. Jesus called him directly, whereupon he sought out Nathanael and told him of the "one about whom Moses wrote" (Jn 1:45). Like the other apostles, Philip took a long time coming to realize who Jesus was. On one occasion, when Jesus saw the great multitude following him and wanted to give them food, he asked Philip where they should buy bread for the people to eat. Saint John comments, "[Jesus] said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do" (Jn 6:6). Philip answered, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little [bit]" (Jn 6:7).

This Week : 1st & 2nd May

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 M. Farmer

R.2 J. Jeffery

E.M. E. O'Connell

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator: T. Hounslow

R.1 J. Tregeagle

R.2 A. Rose

E.M. J. Baker

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: J. McInnes

R1 G. Byrne

R2 J. McMahon

E.M. K. O'Shea



Next Week : 8th & 9th May

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 B. Bullen

R.2 J. Ryan

E.M. M. Farmer

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R.1 P. Chigwidden

R.2 S. Duong

E.M. P. O'Brien

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: V. Scriva

R1 M. Mulvihill

R2 H. Harris

E.M. R. Austin

COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(May 2021)

Different rules apply for Churches with fixed or non-fixed seating. Please check with your Church for details on how seating will be handled.

- For fixed seating 100% of available seats may be used, provided 100% of attendees wear masks. If 75% of seats are used, masks are not necessary.
- The non-fixed seating capacity is worked on 3:4sqm. No masks are required for this density. Masks are essential for anything more than the capped density.
- Singing as a congregation may recommence, provided masks are worn.
- Every gathering must record contact details - either with the QR code for smart phones, or the handwritten log - both located at the entrance to the Church.
- The obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage.

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

32 Seaview Road (PO Box 464)
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Telephone: 8552 1084 (*Please leave a message if the Office is unattended - we will get back to you asap*)
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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• PARISH PRIEST

Fr Vinh-Quang Tran (8552 1084; in an emergency - 0429 098 802)
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• PARISH MANAGERS

Mr Ray Klecko (0438 364 870)
Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)
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• PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - ph 8552 1084 or 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 (Parish Office 8552 1084)

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Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.’

GOD IS GREATER THAN OUR HEARTS

“He must increase; I must decrease”. John the Baptist once used these words to describe his relationship to Jesus. John, we understand, was a pretty impressive character. He was such a charismatic speaker that multitudes sought his baptism, listened to his levelling criticisms of popular culture and values, and vowed radical changes as a result of encountering him. John was a prophet and guru with his own circle of disciples. When Jesus appeared on the scene, John might have viewed him as a rival.

Instead, John responds with extraordinary humility. He acknowledges that Jesus is greater. And not only greater: John admits that Jesus replaces him altogether. John’s mission is complete the hour Jesus arrives. As Jesus ascends, John will fade away. John doesn’t lament this. He states this fact as obvious and right.

This is the relationship of the vine to the branches. The vine survives the trimming of its branches, but the branches do not survive without the vine. The vine is more enduring, the very source of life. The branches play their part in relationship to the vine. It’s folly for a branch to forget what it is. But in service to the vine, it bears much fruit. *GPBS eNews*

KEEP OUR REACTIONS UNDER CONTROL

Ben was conscientious on the freeway, staying alert, checking his mirrors, and signalling his lane changes. It was the other drivers who were idiots. Their aggression and thoughtlessness

angered him to the end. He was not a man given to vulgarity, but when another driver did something stupid, he’d erupt in swearing and rude gestures. He’d slip into punishment mode and manoeuvre to counter the antics of the morons and even cut them off.

Then one day he found himself so infuriated by what some other driver did that he reached into the bag of groceries on the passenger seat and flung a can of tuna at the offending motorist. He missed but was shaken by his outburst. Later, after telling his wife what happened, she offered this suggestion: “It says in the Bible, ‘Bless those who persecute you’. Maybe you should try it on the road”.

The next day, Ben began his therapy. “God bless that idiot!” he shouted when a guy in a removalist truck swerved in front of him. “O Lord,” he whispered when a speeder approached on the right, “bring peace to that poor man”. And for the driver doing 40 in the fast lane he pleaded, “God, may they be protected from all harm”.

Soon he noticed a big difference. He was more at peace behind the wheel and his reactions more under control. Ben had learned about abiding in the vine and producing fruit. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(03 - 09 May)

- **Monday, 03:** Sts Philip and James (1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14)
- **Tuesday, 04:** Tuesday of the 5th week of Easter (Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31)
- **Wednesday, 05:** Wednesday of the 5th week of Easter (Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8)
- **Thursday, 06:** Thursday of the 5th week of Easter (Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11)
- **Friday, 07:** Friday of the 5th week of Easter (Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17)
- **Saturday, 08:** Saturday of the 5th week of Easter (Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21)
- **Sunday 09:** SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17)

PASTORAL CARE

If you need a Priest for anointing of the sick or last rites contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).