



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

THE ASCENSION OF
THE LORD - 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.



FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom of Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still

staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 46:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. <R>
2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. <R>
3. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. <R>

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. (Continued page 4)



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, Mark Kelly,
Tommy & Eileen McCoey,
Mairead & Neil Cummings,
Mary Ferguson, Geoff Chalmers,
Pat Mezzino

PARISH COLLECTION 24th & 25th May

1st (Presbytery) \$1027.20
2nd (Parish) \$1049.50

VICTOR MORNING TEA

1st June

L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden

8th June

F. Hanna & M. Cunningham

VICTOR MEET & GREET

June Saturdays

M. Farmer & H. Anderson

June Sundays

R. Reid & A. Rose

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

June S. & R. Lee

MORNING TEA

JUNE C. Grimma, M. O'Halloran,
J. Ryan

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 JUNE :That the world might grow in compassion

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his heart, learn to have compassion on the World.

VINNIES' WINTER APPEAL

Money raised goes towards vital services including the

- the Vinnies Emergency Assistance program which supports approximately 60,000 South Australians each year with food, clothing, furniture and emergency financial assistance;

-Envelopes are in the porch for this important appeal.

And please support the KNIGHTS' LEGENDARY FIRST SUNDAY BBQ.

The Knights are generously donating \$1,000 to this Winter Appeal.

PRAYER FOR FARMERS

We give thanks for the rain that has fallen recently.

Although welcome, it is not nearly enough to break our serious drought here in South Australia. So we continue to pray for our farmers as they endure what has been described as our worst drought in SA history.



*Heavenly Father, we come before you,
humbly seeking your divine grace.*

*Look upon our farmers with kindness and grant them
the gift of favourable weather and, especially at this time,
rains to quench the thirsty earth.*

*May our farmers, find strength in your unwavering care
knowing you are with them today and always.*

WELCOME PACK CAMPAIGN

Over the past few months *the Christian Churches of the Fleurieu* have been preparing for a special mission. They have been organising for members to knock on doors with *Welcome Packs* for newcomers in our area.

These packs explain what the Christian Churches have to offer, including our own Victor/Goolwa Catholic Parish.

We have a representative from the PPC on the Planning Group, Anne Fawcner, who has been attending regular meetings in preparation.

THIS SUNDAY JUNE 1st there will be a

SENDING OUT CEREMONY FOR VOLUNTEERS held from

3:30pm - 4:30pm at Victor Harbor Lutheran Church Centre

All very welcome. Come along and support this important initiative.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 1 — 6TH JUNE

It is very fitting that this joint effort of the Christian Churches of the Fleurieu Peninsula corresponds with our week of prayer for Christian Unity.

We hear Jesus' prayer at the last supper: "That they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. John 17: 21.

MISSING LADDER AT GOOLWA

Do you know where it is ?? If you borrow it, please write it in the Maintenance Book with your name and date. Please let Henry know where it is on 0420 653 937.

Bulletin Board



THIS WEEK IN GOOLWA



TUES 3RD JUNE GARDEN DAY from 9.30 to 11.30

Thanks to those who keep our garden looking splendid.

THANK YOU VIVI for your latest foyer display on our new

Pope and celebration of the Jubilee year. If you have not

checked it out, please do so.

Don't forget the **KNIGHTS BBQ** after Sunday Mass.

ST JOAN OF ARC

Feast Day: May 30th

God of justice and compassion, you raised up
your daughter Joan of Arc as the brave Maid of France
and defender of her people.

Inspired by her courage and trust in your will,
we pray that we may be
compassionate, serving you by serving those in need.
Give us courage to live with unwavering faith and to
speak the truth always.

St Joan of Arc, pray for us.



EARTHCARE THEME FOR JUNE – TREES

Trees are God-given gifts to us – essential to our life. They give us food,
shelter and knowledge. Trees absorb carbon dioxide and restore oxygen to
the air. They cool our environment. They nurture our spirit and

inspire our prayer.

***Australia is facing a deforestation crisis, with an area
equivalent to MCG being destroyed every 86 seconds
and therefore an extinction crisis – even our iconic
koalas are endangered.*** Let's become conscious of the

trees around us. Some are thriving, others are struggling.
Join in our competition.



TREE PHOTO COMPETITION

Send in a photo of a tree that speaks to you
- of life and beauty or perhaps of struggle.

VICTOR: Send photos to Fran

fran.hanna@bigpond.com or by text to 0415125010.

GOOLWA: Send photos to Vivi

vivscriva@gmail.com or by text to 0439 430 486.

**Two winners - one from Victor and one from Goolwa
will receive a nursery voucher.**

PROJECT COMPASSION

We would like to acknowledge the wonderful support by the
parishioners, in raising the amount of \$3,706.10. There are many calls
from different organisations throughout the year, yet your selflessness
in raising this amount is extraordinary.

A sincere thankyou to everyone.

Merv Mallett, Treasurer

**As well as the above donations, \$1,780.40 was raised by the
Long Walk for Water Campaign.**

So our total donation to Project Compassion this year is \$5,486.50

KEYS TO BOTH CHURCHES If you have a key to the Church at
Victor/Goolwa please notify Pat Clingan 0410 593 617.

THIS WEEK: 31st May & 1st June

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 L. Blacket

R.2 V. Cross

EMHC E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 A. Rose

R. 2 L. Sunman

EMHC F. Hanna

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: M. Freeborn

R1 A. Fawkner

R.2 M. Mulvihill



NEXT WEEK: 7th & 8th June

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 C. Huppatz

R.2 J. Jeffery

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11am

Commentator: T. Hounslow

R. 1 M. Cunningham

R. 2 G. Ryan

EMHC P. Clingan

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R1 E. Bourne

R.2 C. Huppatz

EMHC M. Ryan

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RAMINDJERI land

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• PARISH PRIEST

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• PARISH MANAGER

Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)
(Monday & Thursday: 10am - 12 noon)
Email: Parish_manager@bigpond.com

• PARISH ENCOUNTER

Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - 8552 1084, 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

Integrity and Safeguarding Dept
(8210 8159)
Victor Harbor contact:
Andy Nicholls (0475 893 521)

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



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May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 28:19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Luke 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples, 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.'

Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

SENDING DOWN THE PROMISE

(Luke 24: 46 - 53)

Then he led them out of the city over to Bethany. Raising his hands he blessed them, and while blessing them, took his leave, being carried up to heaven. And they were on their knees, worshipping him. They spent

all their time in the Temple praising God. (Luke 24: 50 - 53)

Jesus tells his disciples: Stay right here! God has ordered you a new suit. God is going to clothe you with power from on high. Me, I would run for the hills, most likely. How long would it take to ride a donkey from Jerusalem back to Galilee? After all, look where all that power got Jesus. Raised from the dead, sure; but before that, it looked pretty bad. Being clothed with power, make no mistake, also means being charged with a commission to wield it.

But the disciples remain in Jerusalem in the now-famous upper room, perhaps because they were never really a very imaginative bunch. Or perhaps it is because they had no place left to go, fearful of returning to their homes and families with all the uproar in the streets since the crucifixion. And Jesus is true to his word, sending down God's promise like wind and fire. The passion of language will overtake them, and they will be transformed beyond recognition. But that is another story. For the purposes of this feast, it is enough to reflect on the promise of the power to come. Are you ready to welcome the power? *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(02 - 08 June)

- **Monday, 02:** Monday, 7th week of Easter (Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33)
- **Tuesday, 03:** Charles Lwanga (Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11)
- **Wednesday, 04:** Wednesday, 7th week of Easter (Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11-19)
- **Thursday, 05:** St Boniface (Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26)
- **Friday, 06:** Friday, 7th week of Easter (Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19)
- **Saturday, 07:** Saturday, 7th week of Easter (Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25)
- **Sunday 08:** PENTECOST SUNDAY (Acts 2:1-11; Rom 8:8-17; Jn 14:15-16, 23-26)

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.