



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME - YEAR B

*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.

JESUS THE HEALER



FIRST READING

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief.

Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'

Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind.

Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be

punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 8:17

*Alleluia, alleluia!
He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew.

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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)

Vivi Scriva, John Wallace,
 Claire Hamish, Jeffery Family,
 Natalie Millar,
 Bailey Smallacombe, Ann Tee,
 Charlie Nicolson,
 Kristin Nicolson Jane Lloyd,
 Eileen McCoe, Len Peake,
 Neil Cumming, Dave Rivers,
 Clancy Retallick, Ann Hannagan,
 Mollie Davis, Cath Howard,
 Trudi McNamara, Elizabeth
 Nance, Allen Odgers,
 Jan Henderson, Jesse Walker,
 J. Millar, Rose Munro,
 Bill Woodhead, Andrew Nichols,
 John Slagter, Patricia Harris,
 William Ash, Eloise Ash

ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret Ray, Peter McInnes

PARISH COLLECTION

January 27th & 28th

1st (Presbytery) \$952.05
 2nd (Parish) \$1,279.05

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

2nd February

C. Pearsons & M. Farmer

VICTOR MORNING TEA

4th February

L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden

11th February

A. Williss & F. Hanna

VICTOR MEET & GREET

February Saturdays

M. Farmer, E. O'Connell

February Sundays

R. Reid, M. Cunningham

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

February C. Rivers

FEBRUARY MORNING TEA

T. Curtis, E. Bourne, B. Hallion

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.

Claire Williams 0429 008 199

HOLY FATHER'S 2024 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

For The Terminally Ill : Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment .



GOOLWA GARDEN DAY TUESDAY 6th FEBRUARY

9.30 TILL 11.30 AM.

All help appreciated.

ST JOAN'S PASTORAL CARE GROUP

Saturday 10th February at 4.30 in the Annex.

DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD APPEAL

10th and 11th February, 2024

A special collection is being taken up in support of the work undertaken by Birthline Pregnancy Support and Genesis Pregnancy Support Inc.

The Day of the Unborn Child assists us to focus on those people in our families and communities who have experienced any sort of child-bearing loss, whether miscarriage, still-birth, the death of a baby soon after birth, or abortion.



We thank you in anticipation for your generous support of those who work tirelessly with individuals and families who require these important resources and services.

Adelaide Archdiocese

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY RESULTS

10 parishioners put up their hands to go for the whole day, 6 were happy to go until 2.00. 11 are interested but not sure and



70 parishioners promised to pray for the success of the Assembly.

This is a very heartening response. It is especially encouraging to see the number of parishioners who will be praying for the Assembly. The Holy Spirit will certainly be at work.

If you were away and didn't get a chance to register your choice about the Regional Assembly, there will be copies of the information sheet and questionnaire in the foyer of each Church along with a box to put them in.

Or ring Fran on 0415 124 010.

The Regional Assembly will be held on Saturday 9th March.

FOR ALL THOSE WHO ATTEND MASS AT GOOLWA

Our Church is like a number of Catholic Church buildings constructed in the late 70s early 80s in that the tabernacle is placed to



the far right of the main altar. We still have Christ on the Cross at the back of the altar and we suggest when we enter God's house that we bow or genuflect towards the cross to acknowledge the suffering Christ dying for the sins of the world and also show the same adoration towards the tabernacle where of course the body of Christ is placed 24/7 and a place that people use for private prayer. If we go to a place to visit we always acknowledge our host, so when we enter God's house it is suggested that we show Our Lord the same courtesy.

When the church was built in the late 80s the then parish priest, the late

Fr. Kevin O'Loughlin, asked the architects of the church not to show the agony of the cross but to have Christ reaching out to the world, calling all to him and showing his love for all, being prepared to die for all. I think they got it right.

SEASON OF PRAYER DURING LENT

Open house in Port Elliot on Tuesdays for a season of prayer during Lent. Times will be arranged to suit participants.



Come for some contemplative conversation and some **reverent silence as we listen together to the voice of the Spirit speaking in the church and the world.**

Individual conversations on Tuesdays or any other day also encouraged.

Phone or email Di Shearer if you are interested: 0448 536 835 or 85543703: email dishearer@icloud.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at St Joan's to help with the Altar flowers - monthly roster. Please contact Parish Office.

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE AND THE HOLY LAND





RESPONSORIAL PSALM 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. B

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for He is good;
sing to our God for He is loving;
to Him our praise is due.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
He heals the broken-hearted,
He binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
He calls each one by its name.

Our Lord is great and almighty;
His wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
He humbles the wicked to the dust.



SAINT PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, Feast Day 6th February (b. c.1562 – d.1597)



Paul Miki, a Japanese Jesuit, and his twenty-five companions were martyred in Nagasaki, Japan, the first martyrs of East Asia to be canonized. Their

executioners were astounded upon seeing their joy at being associated to the Passion of Christ. They were crucified simultaneously on a hill, now known as the Holy Mountain, overlooking Nagasaki. Among them were priests, brothers, laymen, Franciscans, Jesuits and members of the Secular Franciscan Order. There were catechists, doctors, simple artisans and servants, old men and innocent children - all united in a common faith and love for Jesus and his church. Beatified in 1627, the martyrs of Japan were finally canonized in 1862. *Catholic Culture*

USERS OF THE ANNEX

If you or your group use the Annex at St Joan's would you be good enough to fill in the dates on the calendar on the wall. Ring Ray Klecko if you have any queries on 0438 364 870.

THE WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK

Annual UN Observance Week: Feb. 1-7
The World Interfaith Harmony Week started in 2007, calling for Muslim and Christian leaders to engage in a dialogue based on two common fundamental religious Commandments; Love of God, and Love of the Neighbour, without nevertheless compromising any of their own religious beliefs.

The World Interfaith Harmony Week extends the Two Commandments by adding 'Love of the Good, and Love of the Neighbour'. This formula includes all people of goodwill.

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 4th in 2024 Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodsunday

A TASTE OF CEYLON

Enjoy a home-cooked Sri Lankan meal, prepared by the Fernando family, former refugees, now living locally and supported by the Victor Harbor Refugee Support Group. Friday 23rd February at 6pm at St Augustine's Anglican Church Hall Burke Street. Booking is essential by Monday 19th February.

Contact: marjoriekeeble@gmail.com

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday during Lent :

Goolwa - 3.00pm

Victor Harbor - 4.00pm

There is possibly an opportunity to share / attend the Stations of the Cross with the Anglican Church in both Goolwa and Victor Harbor. You will be advised of the details when they are available.

SAVE THE DATE

World Day of Prayer - Friday 1st March
Regional Assembly - Saturday 9th March
Fish n Chips Night - Friday 22nd March

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

Goolwa - 3.00pm

Victor Harbor -- 4.00pm



THIS WEEK: 3rd & 4th February

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 M. Mulvihill

R.2 C. Sutherland

EMHC E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 A. Weygood

R. 2 W. Baker

EMHC J. Baker

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: D. Huppatz

R. 1 P. Kennelly

R. 2 Michael Riddle

EMHC S. Muller



NEXT WEEK: 10th & 11th February

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 L. Blacket

R.2 C. Huppatz

EMHC M. Farmer

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 S. Duong

R. 2 K. Dudley

EMHC L. Sunman

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R. 1 M. O'Halloran

R. 2 R. Lee

EMHC M. Ryan

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NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• PARISH PRIEST

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• PARISH MANAGERS

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• PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

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)

DID YOU KNOW?

- In Capernaum, archaeological excavations have uncovered a house, close by the synagogue, which has ancient inscriptions suggesting it is the house of Peter.
- Capernaum was a thriving town and was a centre for the local fishing industry.
- The Jewish Sabbath begins at sunset on Friday and lasts until sunset on Saturday. As the day of God's rest, work was not permitted. That is why Jesus only begins his work of healing after sunset.

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Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

LOOKING FOR JESUS

(Mark 1:29-39)

One of Jesus' first acts in Mark's gospel is to liberate a man from a demon, as we heard last week. Next, Jesus tames a fever; and by nightfall, everyone is after him. Is this a surprise? Not to anyone who's ever suffered. If there's a miracle cure for our pain, we'd all like to have a piece of it. Jesus, for his part, doesn't seem to mind. He gets down to business and sends those diseases and demons packing.

The next day, Jesus moves on to the next town, and the same thing happens. The world is full of opportunities to encounter Job, and one village is as good as another. Job, unhappily, lives in all of them. The early success of Jesus' ministry owes itself to the rampant misery in

the world and our desperate desire for an answer or a cure. For those who'd given up the hope of happiness, the coming of Jesus was a new shot at life.

For believers today, the news is just as exciting. Jesus is ready to reach into our lives and liberate us from the demons that enslave us. Jesus is the only real healer, making even death itself a king without subjects. Though our misery runs deep and happiness becomes a memory, Jesus can restore our peace. No wonder so many are still after him. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(5 - 11 February)

- **Monday, 5:** St Agatha (1 Kg 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 7:1-13)
- **Tuesday, 6:** St Paul Miki and companions (1 Kg 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13)
- **Wednesday, 7:** Weekday, Ord Time 5 (1 Kg 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23)
- **Thursday, 8:** Weekday, Ord Time 5 (1 Kg 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30)
- **Friday, 9:** Weekday, Ord Time 5 (1Kg 11:29-32, 12:19; Mk 7:31-37)
- **Saturday, 10:** St Scholastica (1Kg 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10)
- **Sunday 11:** SIXTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31 - 11:1; Mk 1:40-45)



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.