



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT -
YEAR A

*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

Exodus 17:3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?'

Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' the Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come ring out our joy to the Lord. Hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. R.

2. Come in, let us bow and bend low. Let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. R.
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work. R.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory.

This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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

Graham Blacket, Geoff & Rose Munro, Tommy & Eileen McCoey, Mairead & Neil Cummings, Christine Fitzpatrick, Mary Ferguson, Pat Mezzino, Pat Chigwidden, Stephen Chalmers, Lourdes Carle, Sandy Lee, Tony Mawdsley, Janet Murray, Claire Galpin, Rosene Edwards, Vicki Cross, Gemma Woodhead, Mary Jacobson, Tanya Francis, Garry Hill, Les Hill, Geoff Chalmers, Eric Temme.

ANNIVERSARIES

Peter Harris, John Mezzino, Kath & Tim Kennelly

RECENTLY DECEASED

John Tregeagle

PARISH COLLECTION

28th February & 1st March

1st (Presbytery) \$ 967.40

2nd (Parish) \$1068.50

VICTOR MORNING TEA

8th March

E. Dabinett & V. Coffey

15th March

F. Hanna & M. Cunningham

VICTOR MEET & GREET

March Saturdays

E. O'Connell

March Sundays

R. Reid & E. Dabinett

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

March

A. Turner

MORNING TEA

March

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**



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HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

For disarmament and peace: Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



SUPPORT LENTEN PROJECT COMPASSION

1. You can donate through Project Compassion *donation boxes and envelopes*

available in the porch or directly by visiting

caritas.org.au/project-compassion

If there are no special envelopes left you can use your

own envelopes. Put on second collection labelled Project Compassion

AND/OR

2. You can make a donation towards the Victor and Goolwa *Long Walk for Water Groups* by putting a donation in the boxes in the porch or give directly to

<https://www.projectcompassion.org.au/fundraisers/victorharborgoolwacathol>

[icparish](https://www.projectcompassion.org.au/fundraisers/victorharborgoolwacathol)

Money from both sources goes to Project Compassion

JOIN IN A RETREAT

ORGANISED BY OUR OWN GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP



Each year our Gospel Reflection Group spends a couple of days in Retreat at Sevenhill Monastery.

Members organise the Retreat sessions themselves.

Now they would like to share their experience with you.

They are planning a Retreat in the Annex on

Friday 13th March from 9.30 - 12.30. Morning tea is included.

If you would like to join in the Retreat please put your name on the sheet in the foyer in Victor or Goolwa or text Carol Sutherland on 0418 856 799.

A wonderful chance to renew your relationship with Jesus

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

I wish to invite all current and new Extraordinary Ministers of

Holy Communion to attend a half hour training as follows:

Victor Harbor: Tuesday 17th at 9.30am or 5pm in the Annex

Goolwa: Wednesday 18th at 10.am or at 5pm in the Church

ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB

meet on Tuesday 10th March at 1.30pm in the Annex.

MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS

meet on Wednesday 11th March from 9.30 – 10.30 followed by morning tea.

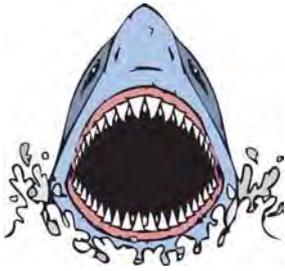
All welcome.

ST JOAN'S PASTORAL CARE MEETING

Saturday 14th March at 4.30 in the Annex.

**NEXT SUNDAY ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FORESTS WE ARE
GOING TO PLANT TWO GREVILLEAS
AT THE SIDE OF ST JOAN'S CHURCH Earthcare Group**

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FISH AND CHIP NIGHT

The first Social Club event for 2026 is our very popular Fish n Chip night on Friday 27th March @ 6pm. Cost is \$20pp.

Come along and have a great night.

BYO drinks & a glass.

Call or txt Colleen on 0405 634 744 or Pat on 0410 593 617. Bring a friend.

INTERCHURCH CONNECT REPORT

The passing of **June Cabone** was noted. Her work for the cancer council will live on through the continuation of the Biggest Morning tea fundraising events. A suggestion was made that in future these events be called the June Cabone Memorial morning tea.

Easter Sunrise Service sub-committee of Paul, Betty and David Spencer will begin arrangements for this popular sunrise service.

School chaplaincy: School chaplain Jo spoke about a short lovely service for children held at the Bayside Church. 34 Hampers and 48 gifts for children and donated by Vinnies and the Lions were much appreciated. Jo is still Goolwa Primary School chaplain despite being extremely busy is still happy in her work. The group will meet later in the year, planning a Christmas carol night in one of our churches.

KSC 45 Club

Thank you to everyone who joined the 45 club this year.

The winning number for the 28th Feb was No 30.

Winners were Paul and Jane Kennelly of Goolwa

PPC NEWS



The PPC resumed in January after our Christmas break. Mrs Helen Taylor from the **Finance group** presented the PPC with the latest accounts and we can all be assured that our parish is indeed in excellent hands with this very diligent group.

Fran Hanna gave us new information regarding **the Synod**, and she spoke about this at all the Masses last weekend.

Parish Manager's report was received and thanks given to Pat for her wonderful efforts during the Christmas events.

Fr Vinh talked about the recent **Eucharistic Ministers' Training** for the distribution of the Wine and Host at Communion.

Goolwa News Thanks were expressed to Choir for their commitment during the Christmas period.

If you have any questions or concerns about the PPC you are welcome to telephone me on 0435 085 040
Anne Fawkner For The PPC.

JOAN SMALL

During the last four months Joan has seriously prepared herself to become a Catholic. She will celebrate her entry into the Catholic Church, be confirmed and receive Holy Communion on Sunday 22nd March at 9am Mass Goolwa. Please continue to pray for Joan.

THIS WEEK: 7th & 8th March VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 C. Huppatz
R.2 C. Allen
EMHC - Host : E. O'Shaughnessy
- Chalice 1 : T. White
- Chalice 2 : Fr. Vinh

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 L. Sunman
R. 2 A. Weygood
EMHC - Host : Fr. Vinh
- Chalice 1 : K. White
- Chalice 2 : P. Clingan

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: D. Huppatz

R1 R. Lee
R2 E. Bourne
EMHC - Host : Fr Vinh
- Chalice 1 : V. Scriver
- Chalice 2 : Marie Riddle



NEXT WEEK: 14th & 15th March VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: T. White

R.1 M. Mulvihill
R.2 L. Blacket
EMHC - Host : Fr Vinh
- Chalice 1 : A. Fawkner
- Chalice 2 : C. Sutherland

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. Clingan

R. 1 T. Hounslow
R. 2 G. Ryan
EMHC - Host : Fr. Vinh
- Chalice 1 : E. Dabinett
- Chalice 2 : A. Rose

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: V. Scriver

R1 M. Busby
R2 M. O'Halloran
EMHC - Host : T. Siciliano
- Chalice 1 : Fr. Vinh
- Chalice 2 : M. Freeborn

**VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA
CATHOLIC PARISH**
NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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message if the Office is unattended -
we will get back to you asap)
Email: catholicvhg@bigpond.com
Web: www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au

PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• **PARISH PRIEST**

Fr Vinh-Quang Tran (8552 1084;
in an emergency - 0429 098 802)
Email: Vinh2511@bigpond.com

• **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)

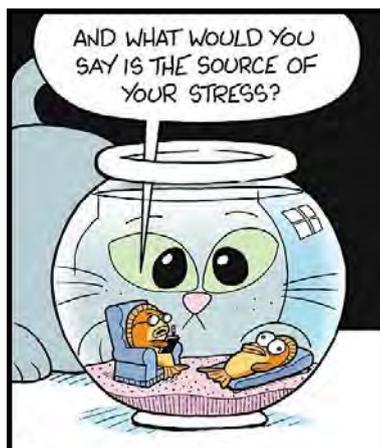
• **PARISH TREASURER**

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)
Email: parish_treasure@bigpond.com

• **INTEGRITY & SAFEGUARDING**

We are a safeguarding Organisation
which is committed to the care, well-
being and protection of children, young
people and adults at risk.

- Andy Nicholls
(VH/G contact - 0475 893 521 or
andrewnicholls6@gmail.com)
- Integrity and Safeguarding Dept
(8210 8150 - select Option 2)
- CSHW SA (Work, Health and
Safety) please contact Jim Dabinett
(0460 033 529)



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 4:42, 15

*Glory to you, Word of God, Lord
Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the
Saviour of the world; give me living
water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord
Jesus Christ!*

GOSPEL - John 4:5-42 (abridged)

Jesus came to the Samaritan town
called Sychar, near the land that Jacob
gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is
there and Jesus, tired by the journey,
sat straight down by the well. It was
about the sixth hour. When a
Samaritan woman came to draw
water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a
drink.' His disciples had gone into the
town to buy food.

The Samaritan woman said to him,
'What? You are a Jew and you ask
me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews,
in fact, do not associate with
Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is
offering and who it is that is saying to
you: Give me a drink, you would
have been the one to ask, and he
would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she
answered 'and the well is deep: how
could you get this living water? Are
you a greater man than our father
Jacob who gave us this well and
drank from it himself with his sons
and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get
thirsty again; but anyone who drinks
the water that I shall give will never
be thirsty again: the water that I shall
give will turn into a spring inside him,
welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some
of that water, so that I may never get
thirsty and never have to come here
again to draw water.'

'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the
woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on
this mountain, while you say that
Jerusalem is the place where one
ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is
coming when you will worship the
Father neither on this mountain nor
in Jerusalem. You worship what you
do not know; we worship what we
know: for salvation comes from the
Jews. But the hour will come – in
fact it is here already – when true

worshippers will worship the Father
in spirit and truth: that is the kind of
worshiper the Father wants. God is
spirit, and those who worship must
worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that
Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming;
and when he comes he will tell us
everything.' 'I who am speaking to
you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had
believed in him on the strength of the
woman's testimony when she said,
'He told me all I have ever done', so,
when the Samaritans came up to him,
they begged him to stay with them.
He stayed for two days, and when he
spoke to them many more came to
believe; and they said to the woman,
'Now we no longer believe because
of what you told us; we have heard
him ourselves and we know that he
really is the saviour of the world.'

DID YOU KNOW?

- There was an ancient enmity
between the Jews and Samaritans
that sprang from the split of Israel
and Judah into two kingdoms after
the death of Solomon.
- In speaking to a woman who is
unknown to him, and a Samaritan
woman at that, Jesus is
contravening the acceptable social
mores of his time. This causes
shock in the disciples but indicates
that the kingdom of God is open to
all who recognise Jesus.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(09 - 15 March)

- **Monday, 09:** Mon, 3rd week Lent (2
Kg 5:1-15; Lk 4:24-30)
- **Tuesday, 10:** Tues, 3rd week Lent
(Dan 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35)
- **Wednesday, 11:** Wed, 3rd week Lent
(Deut 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19)
- **Thursday, 12:** Thu, 3rd week Lent
(Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23)
- **Friday, 13:** Fri, 3rd week Lent -
(Hosea 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34)
- **Saturday, 14:** Sat, 3rd week Lent
(Hosea 5:15-6:6; Lk 18:9-14)
- **Sunday 15:** FOURTH SUNDAY of
LENT (1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph
5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41)

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.