



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

FIRST 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

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the pannier from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

“My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me.”

‘You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 90:1-2, 10-15

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust! <R>.
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. <R>.
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. <R>.
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him: protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: I am with you. I will save him in distress and give him glory. <R>.

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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)

Gregory Hope, Evelyn Liston, Trevor Smallacombe, Graham Blacket, John Blacket, John Slagter, Paul Fahey, Jeffery Family, John Tregeagle, Geoff & Rose Munro, Tommy & Eileen McCoe, Mairead & Neil Cummings.

ANNIVERSARIES

Kath & Tim Kennelly

PARISH COLLECTION 1st & 2nd March

1st (Presbytery) \$872.00
2nd (Parish) \$955.05

VICTOR MORNING TEA

No Morning Tea 9th March

16th March

M. Cunningham & E. Dabinett

23rd March

W. & J. Baker

VICTOR MEET & GREET

March Saturdays

M. Farmer & C. Huppertz

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.

REFLECTION

*Lent calls us to repentance.
But if our repentance doesn't involve
a change of heart,
It will not lead to a change of life.
It will be like decapitating weeds
while leaving their roots intact.
But if we change our heart,
then our lives will also change.
Lord grant that enlightened
by the Word of God
And nourished by the food
of the Eucharist we may turn our
hearts away from evil and set them
firmly on pleasing you.*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Victor: Fridays
5.00pm

Goolwa: Fridays
3.00pm

Stations of the Cross at St John's will be every week during Lent, on Fridays at 3pm, support person, Robert Lee. If the weather is hot and too sunny this will be held in the church. Everyone very welcome. Thank you. Robert.

*Maintenance Engineers
Wednesday 12th at 9.30 at
St Joan's with morning tea
to follow. All welcome.*



*St Joan's Social Club meeting is on
Tuesday 11th March at 1.30pm*

*St Joan's Pastoral Care Group
meeting is on Saturday 15th March.*

FISH FRIDAYS IN LENT
*Remind us of the bounty of
our seas and rivers.*

THE LONG WALK FOR WATER



Currently, 292 million people walk more than 30 minutes to collect water. To show our compassion for those living in poverty

Project Compassion is running a fundraising project

THE LONG WALK FOR WATER.

Fran Hanna has volunteered for this project and is asking parishioners to sponsor her as she walks

30 mins a day for 40 days of Lent.

You can sponsor her for either

25c per day (\$10 in total),

50c per day (\$20 in total) or \$1 per day

(\$40 in total) or give a donation of your

choice.

If you wish to sponsor Fran

you can hand her the money directly or

put it in the black box in the foyer.

Many thanks.

THE JUBILEE OF VOLUNTEERING

8TH – 9TH MARCH

This weekend we are

celebrating the

Jubilee of Volunteering.

Volunteering is "time will-

ingly given for the common good and

without financial gain." *Volunteering Aust.*



This week on behalf of the parish I wish to thank every volunteer in our parish. It is with heartfelt gratitude that I thank each one of you. Most of our parish activities are based on our volunteers.

So on this occasion, I wish you to know that I appreciate your contribution to bringing our parish alive as a living, vibrant faith community.

May God bless you all. Father Vinh

METANOIA LENTEN BOOKLET

Our Sunday evening prayer group is reflecting on the Lenten Booklet from Wollongong named "Metanoia"

All Welcome at 5pm in the Annex.

THERE ARE A FEW COPIES AVAILABLE AT \$10 PER BOOK. PLEASE SEE FR VINH



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

UNITE AGAINST POVERTY

This Lent, we're invited to Unite Against Poverty with Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Lent is a time of reflection and preparation. We are called to PRAY, FAST and GIVE ALMS. Envelopes and Boxes are available in the foyer.

EARTHCARE in LENT



This Lent our theme is WATER.

We are exploring the place of water in our lives, in our faith, in art,

in poetry, in our daily lives, in the life of the planet. How can we respect and cherish this amazing gift? How can we work to preserve it for the future both in personal actions and in encouraging care of our climate by our leaders? And we are seeing in Australia the destructive power of water in Cyclone Albert and the absolute necessity of water for those in our state who are running out .

Project Compassion Lenten Prayer

HEAR THE CRY OF THE EARTH AND THE CRY OF THE POOR

God of our journey

*we are all pilgrims of hope
brought together by your love
and your wish that
we may all be one.*

*We pray that in this Year of Jubilee
when we are called to
greater justice*

*and care for our common home
that we may Unite Against Poverty.
May we work in unity for the
freedom of the oppressed
and the renewal of creation.*

*May our compassionate minds and
generous hearts*

*help bring about a world
where all can live in peace.*

*May our Lenten pilgrimage of
fasting, almsgiving and prayer
bring us closer to your loving heart.
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.*

MESSAGE FROM UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Marking the third anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion, the Ukrainian Catholic bishops affirmed Ukrainians' belief in "the triumph of God's truth" – and the recognition that "true peace cannot exist without justice". "Even amidst sorrow and ruin, we remain a people of hope. We believe in the Resurrection, for we know: God is with us – with the persecuted, the oppressed, the mourning, and the suffering," said the permanent synod of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in a recent appeal.

NEW AMBASSADOR



TO THE HOLY SEE

The Albanese Government has appointed former Nationals MP Keith Pitt as the new Australian ambassador to the

Holy See. Foreign Affairs Minister Penny Wong formally announced the appointment on Sunday. "Mr Pitt looks forward to continuing his public service in a new role advocating Australia's interests in the Holy See, particularly in 2025 as the Holy See celebrates a Jubilee year, expecting 35 million visitors to Rome," she said. CathNews

PARISH MANAGER

As I informed you Ray Klecko has resigned from his position as one of our parish managers due to ill-health. Both Ray and Pat Clingan have worked well together and this makes for a smooth transition. Currently I am looking for a parishioner who shows interest in taking Ray's place. Please let me know if you are interested in this position. Fr Vinh

SAVE THE DATE



**St Joan's Social Club
will be holding their
famous Fish n Chips
night on Friday 11th
April.**

More info next week.

THIS WEEK: 8th & 9th March

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 C. Huppatz

R.2 J. Jeffery

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 A. Weygood

R. 2 G. Ryan

EMHC M. Taylor

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: V. Scriver

R. 1 E. Bourne

R. 2 D. Huppatz

EMHC M. Ryan



NEXT WEEK: 15th & 16th March

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: T. White

R.1 L. Blacket

R.2 C. Sutherland

EMHC A. Fawkner

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 M. Cunningham

R. 2 K. Dudley

EMHC L. Sunman

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R. 1 M. O'Halloran

R. 2 R. Lee

EMHC T. Siciliano

**VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA
CATHOLIC PARISH**

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RAMINDJERI land

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

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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 (*All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening*)

• **PARISH TREASURER**

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• **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)



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SECOND READING

Romans 10:8-13

Scripture says: The word (that is the faith we proclaim) is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:4

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you,

and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

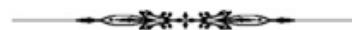
Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

KIDS' CORNER

Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. (Luke 4: 1 - 2)

The temptation of Jesus was no accident. The Holy Spirit led Jesus in this way so that Jesus could face the same challenges we all face and show us how we can overcome them. Lent is a time when the whole Church is led into a kind of desert to face our own challenges as followers of Jesus. Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we give the Spirit a chance to come into our hearts in a new way. How will you open your heart to the Holy Spirit this Lent?

Holy Spirit, guide me.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(10 - 16 March)

- **Monday, 10:** Monday, 1st week Lent (Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46)
- **Tuesday, 11:** Tuesday, 1st week Lent (Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15)
- **Wednesday, 12:** Wednesday, 1st week Lent (Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32)
- **Thursday, 13:** Thursday, 1st week Lent (Esther 14:1, 3-5, 12-14; Mt 7:7-12)
- **Friday, 14:** Friday, 1st week Lent (Ezek 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26)
- **Saturday, 15:** Saturday, 1st week Lent (Deut 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48)
- **Sunday, 16:** SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17 - 4:1; Lk 9:28-36)

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.