



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

SIXTH 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.



FIRST READING

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprosy: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 31:1-2, 5, 11

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God.

Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.'

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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, Ann Tee Bailey Smallacombe, 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, Andrew Nichols, John Slagter, Patricia Harris, William Ash, Eloise Ash, David Lee

ANNIVERSARIES

Peter McInnes

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bruce Smallacombe

PARISH COLLECTION

February 3rd & 4th
1st (Presbytery) \$1,313.50
2nd (Parish) \$1,714.05

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 23rd February & 1st March

C. Pearsons & M. Farmer

VICTOR MORNING TEA

11th February
A. Willis & F. Hanna

18th February

A. Temme & M. Chalmers

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 .



GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP

Sunday 5pm in the Annex

You are welcome to join this group to reflect on the Gospel of the day.

Phone Carol Sutherland. 0418 856 799.

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP

You are welcome to join our Lectio Divina on each Sunday at 5pm-6pm in the annex. This year we are using the book called Pieta Lenten program 2024 from Wollongong.; If you wish to attend please contact Fr Vinh so that we can print discussion references for you.

VINNIES FIRST MEETING OF 2024

February 21st at Goolwa after 9.30am Mass. New members most welcome.



PROJECT COMPASSION WEEKEND

17th & 18th February

For all Future Generations

Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support



Caritas Australia this Lenten season as they strive to help vulnerable people around the world to tackle poverty, food

security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion

IMPORTANT VISIT

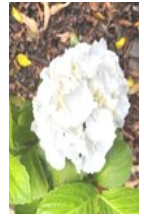
On next weekend 17/18th February we are having a visit from Tracey Tessitore who is the Diocesan representative for Caritas Australia. She will talk to us at all Masses.

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE AND THE HOLY LAND



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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

VICTOR HARBOR

THEME: PALESTINE

Friday March 1st at 2pm

I Beg You...

Bear With One Another in Love



This year St Joan's is hosting the World Day of Prayer with the combined churches of Victor Harbor, Please keep this date free and

join us and 170 countries around the world in praying as one for peace and justice.

Come along to St Joan's and help share our hospitality with members of our local churches

WORLD DAY of PRAYER in GOOLWA

will be hosted by the Lutheran community at St John's Catholic Church at 2pm on 1st March.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES -11TH February

The Virgin Mary appeared to a young woman named Bernadette in February 1858.

Just 14 at the time, Bernadette encountered the Virgin Mary more than a dozen times. Our Lady eventually instructed the young peasant girl to dig into the ground, revealing a running spring which has become a place of healing and pilgrimage for the sick.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK IS ALSO CELEBRATED ON 11th Feb MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS

To those of you who experience illness, whether temporary or chronic, I would say this: Do not be ashamed of your longing for closeness and tenderness! Do not conceal it, and never think that you are a burden on others. The condition of the sick urges all of us to step back from the hectic pace of our lives in order to rediscover ourselves.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr. B
*I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
 and You fill me with the joy of salvation.*

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
 whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord
 imputes no guilt,
 in whose spirit is no guile.

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
 my guilt I did not hide. I said, 'I will confess
 my offence to the Lord.'

And You, Lord, have forgiven
 the guilt of my sin.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
 exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy,
 all you upright of heart.



ASH WEDNESDAY

17th February



There's something about Ash Wednesday that draws us in, calls us to return to sanity, to a change of heart and mind. Lent doesn't take us away from our ordinary lives, but rather it invites us to bring a new and holy attention to those activities. This should be the way with all of our spiritual practices. We take time apart in order to return to our daily activities with new inspiration. God will always surprise us with possibilities when we least expect them. Let this Lent be one of those surprises. *Franciscan Media*

From the very early times the commemoration of the approach of Christ's passion and death was observed by a period of self-denial. St. Athanasius in the year 339 enjoined upon the people of Alexandria the 40 days' fast he saw practised in Rome and elsewhere. At the beginning of Lent, on Ash Wednesday, ashes are blessed during Mass, after the homily. The act of putting on ashes symbolizes fragility and mortality, and the need to be redeemed by the mercy of God. Far from being a merely external act, the Church has retained the use of ashes to symbolize that attitude of internal penance to which all the baptized are called during Lent. *Catholic Culture*

KNIGHTS' LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTATION - RUDY BALTAIS.

Rudy, a former Victor parish member, will receive life membership for outstanding service to the Knights at the Strathalbyn Catholic Hall (directly next to the Church) on this Wednesday 14th February at 7.30pm. Our local branch will be represented at the presentation. Rudy and Kaye are now well settled in the Strathalbyn Aged Care facility.



MASS TIMES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Goolwa: 9.30am

Victor: 5.30pm

TIMES FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS EACH FRIDAY



Goolwa 3.00pm

Victor 4.00pm

ST JOAN'S MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS



will hold their next meeting on Wednesday 14th February from 9.30 - 10.30am followed by morning tea. All welcome.

ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th February at 1.30pm in the Annex. Newcomers welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Wojciech Michal Wycinka who was baptised at St Joan's last Sunday. We are delighted to have Michal and Sylvia Wycinka and their two children in our parish.



SAVE THE DATE

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

THIS WEEK: 10th & 11th February

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 L. Blacket

R.2 C. Huppatt

EMHC M. Farmer

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 S. Duong

R. 2 K. Dudley

EMHC L. Sunman

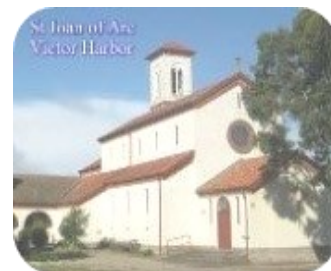
GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R. 1 M. O'Halloran

R. 2 R. Lee

EMHC M. Ryan



NEXT WEEK: 17th & 18th February

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 J. Jeffery

R.2 B. Bullen

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 T. Hounslow

R. 2 A. Williss

EMHC K. Dudley

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R. 1 E. Bourne

R. 2 M. Freeborn

EMHC T. Siciliano

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RAMINDJERI land

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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

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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?

- As the first reading suggests, having or being suspected of having leprosy caused a person to live outside the community. They were considered unclean and had to warn of their approach so that they would not contaminate others. While this was a measure to protect the community, it must have been unbearable to live this way, not only sick but totally excluded.
- By responding to the leper and touching him, Jesus put himself 'outside the community' and is now forced to 'stay outside in places where nobody lived'.

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The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

A DWELLING APART

(Mark 1:40-45)

Here's something curious: the leper and Jesus trade places in this story. At first, it's the leper who's forced into the wild by communal dread of his disease. In the end, it's Jesus who must retreat to the desert to avoid the crush of crowds brought on by publicity.

Biblical desert is a land of many facets. Literally, it's a place where life is challenging and death is near. Theologically, it's the domain of the devil, where temptation roams free. Both physical and spiritual realities of the desert made it a place to avoid when possible. To be sentenced to live there, with lepers and other outlaws, was a lonely and dangerous existence.

Yet Jesus, we know, often chose the desert. The Spirit first drove him there to test himself against the devil. Later, Jesus often returned there to pray and gather strength. Because he tamed the desert at the start of his journey, it was no longer a land of danger for Jesus, but a refuge. In the same way, we can surrender the desert terrain of our lives to the Spirit's authority, and let it be transformed into a sacred place.

GPBS eNews

I WAS BORN THIS WAY

(Mark 1:40-42)

A leper came to Jesus, begging on his knees, "If you want to, you can cleanse me". Deeply moved, Jesus put out his hand, touched him, and said, "I want to. Be clean". Then and there the leprosy was gone, his skin smooth and healthy.

Every day of my third-grade year started with the same routine: My sister and I would board the school bus braced for the abuse that would be hurled my way by a handful of older boys – seventh and eighth graders – who took offence at my very

pronounced overbite. The moment they saw me, the chant would begin: "How much wood could a P.J. chuck if a P.J. could chuck wood, hey! How much wood ..."

One day, my older sister, who was in fifth grade, mustered courage to snap at the boys, "Leave her alone. She can't help it. She was born that way!"

"No, I wasn't," I chimed in. "I have buck teeth from sucking my finger."

"Shhh," said my sister. "It sounds better to say you were born that way."

Personally, I thought it seemed awfully mean to be picked on for my crooked teeth regardless of when or how I got them. But in the world of human justice, mercy is measured and weighed against the role we play in bringing about our maladies. If it's our fault we're sick or deformed, then we deserve to be ridiculed and abused.

I'm glad we sinners have the world of divine justice to fall back on. Love and mercy flow more abundantly and indiscriminately there. As imitators of Christ, what lepers in our society can we greet each day with compassion instead of contempt? *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(12 - 18 February)

- **Monday, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 6 (James 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13)
- **Tuesday, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 6 (James 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21)
- **Wednesday, 14:** ASH WEDNESDAY (Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)
- **Thursday, 15:** Thursday after Ash Wednesday (Deut 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25)
- **Friday, 16:** Friday after Ash Wednesday (Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15)
- **Saturday, 17:** Saturday after Ash Wednesday (Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32)
- **Sunday 18:** FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Gen 9:8-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15)

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.