



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(of Divine Mercy Sunday) - 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

Acts 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say 'His love has no end.' <R>
2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. <R>

3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. <R>

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which had been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him;

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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.

PARISH COLLECTION

March 28th & 29th

1st (Presbytery) \$1032.25
2nd (Parish) \$1033.30
Holy Places \$1481.95

April 4th & 5th

1st (Presbytery) \$3287.95
2nd (Parish) \$2581.85

VICTOR MORNING TEA

12th April

F. Hanna & V. Coffey

19th April

E. Dabinett & Y. Rogers

VICTOR MEET & GREET

April Saturdays

C. Huppertz

April Sundays

R. Reid & F. Harris

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

April

M. O'Halloran

MORNING TEA

April

J. Dunthorne, J. McMahon, C. Grimmer

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.

Claire Williams 0429 008 199

**PRAY FOR THE
PEOPLE OF UKRAINE
and
THE MIDDLE EAST**



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HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

For priests in crisis:

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

TIME TO RETURN YOUR BOXES AND ENVELOPES

FOR PROJECT COMPASSION

PLEASE PUT ENVELOPES ON COLLECTION PLATE AND BOXES ON TRAY IN FOYER/BACK OF CHURCH

You can still donate directly by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://www.projectcompassion.org.au/project-compassion) and/or you can finalise your donation to our 10 brave walkers this Sunday. <https://www.projectcompassion.org.au/fundraisers/victorharborgoolwacatholicparish>

EASTER JOY – ALLELUIA!

It was a very special Easter with our thanks to Father Vinh for leading us through all the days of special celebrations and thoughtful homilies. Thank you



to all who worked so hard to assist in making our celebrations such as prayerful ones. Thanks to those who set up our display of palm branches. Thanks to our sacristans and to Peter and Claire and our choirs and musicians who excelled themselves. Also thanks to our garden groups who had our ground areas

looking tidy and clean. Thanks to all who gave their time as special ministers, readers, and commentators and to everyone who helped in any way to accomplish a unique and beautiful journey of Easter.

And now we have 50 days to celebrate!! Alleluia!!

A special thanks: It is with gratitude that we thank the Goolwa Lutheran Church community for gifting our Goolwa community with beautiful woven palm crosses to share during our Palm Sunday celebration.

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY Sunday after Easter

Pope John Paul II decreed that this would be a day of total forgiveness of sins and of punishment due to sins, for those who approach the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. (A Plenary Indulgence.)

"Let us have the courage to come back to Jesus to meet his love and mercy in the sacraments.

Let us feel his closeness and tenderness, and then we will also be more capable of mercy, patience, forgiveness and love." Pope Francis

The Image of Divine Mercy: Jesus instructed St. Faustina to paint an image with the phrase "Jesus, I trust in You". The rays represent the blood and water that flowed from His heart.

Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity. *Diary of St Faustina*



**ST JOAN'S SOCIAL GROUP MEETING
Tuesday 14th at 1.30pm in the Annex.**

VINNIES MEETING

15th April at Goolwa after Wednesday morning Mass.

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FISH AND CHIP NIGHT

Our thanks to Pat and her helpers for a very enjoyable evening and many thanks to those parishioners who travelled over from Goolwa and made it such a special event. We enjoyed the food and the conversation and remembered Fridays in our youth, bringing home fish and chips wrapped in newspaper - to be sampled on the way. A drumstick dessert added to the memories. This year during the mid-evening break we were invited to search out someone we didn't know and make their acquaintance. The hub-bub nearly raised the roof. A wonderful way to build up our parish unity.

JESUS AND CELEBRATIONS

Jesus knew the value of parties. He was known to enjoy himself, participating in celebrations, talking and eating, with his first recorded miracle occurring at a wedding feast. Social gatherings were not just recreational for Jesus; they were a significant aspect of his ministry to spread joy, show love, and bring a message of hope to everyday life. Jesus slowly revealed his new life after the Resurrection to his disciples at meal times, once over breakfast on a beach. So, our thanks to those at St Joan's and St John's who organise our social activities over the year.



Winner of 45 club for the 4th April was Tony Siciliano No 21

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE WILL BEGIN THIS WEEKEND AT GOOLWA AND THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND AT VICTOR.

1st prize at Goolwa is \$100 gift voucher to dine at Goolwa Hotel.

1st prize at Victor a \$100 voucher for Whalers Restaurant at Encounter Bay.

Tickets are 3 for \$10 or 1 for \$5.

At Victor please see Des Wallace and at Goolwa Paul or John.

All proceeds will go to Vinnies or other care groups on the South Coast.

- **Monthly BBQ** this morning after 9am Mass at Goolwa.

Thanks for your support

- **Sick members:** We are pleased to announce Member David Huppatz is now out of hospital and he and wife Meg have spent a few days on the River Murray. Paul would like to sincerely thank all those who rang, texted and asked Jane about his poor health. He is on the mend.

- **Anniversaries** of the Knights for May: Mick Maguire, Bill Mullett



During Holy Week Pope Leo addressed all world leaders, urging them: "Come back to the table, to dialogue. Let's look for solutions to problems, let's look for ways to reduce the amount of violence that we're promoting, that peace - especially at Easter - might reign in our hearts."

THIS WEEK 11th & 12th April VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: T. White

R.1 L. Blacket

R.2 J. Jeffery

EMHC - Host : Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1 : A. Fawkner

- Chalice 2 : E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 K. Dudley

R. 2 V. Coffey

EMHC - Host : Fr. Vinh

- Chalice 1 : L. Sunman

- Chalice 2 : A. Rose

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R1 A. Cowley

R2 Michael Riddle

EMHC - Host : Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1 : V. Scrivera

- Chalice 2. : M. Freeborn



NEXT WEEK: 18th & 19th April VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 C. Huppatz

R.2 C. Allen

EMHC - Host : Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1 : C. Sutherland

- Chalice 2 : T. White

Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 W. Baker

R. 2 A. Rose

EMHC - Host : Fr. Vinh

- Chalice 1 : J. Baker

- Chalice 2 : P. O'Brien

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: Joe Ryan

R1 M. Busby

R2 R. Lee

EMHC - Host : M. Ryan

- Chalice 1 : Fr Vinh

- Chalice 2. : A. Turner

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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 Wed*)

• **PARISH TREASURER**

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• **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.

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- Integrity and Safeguarding Dept
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- CSHW SA (Work, Health and
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and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me but still believe!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are

recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

**THE IMPERISHABLE
INHERITANCE**

(John 20: 19 - 31)

Thomas' challenge to his friends was graphic and harsh. If Jesus had indeed returned, he wanted to see the marks of his crucifixion. And Thomas got his wish, though he certainly hadn't counted on it.

Many bear the marks of crucifixion as they make their way through the world. The abused child, the jaded adult, the dying elder all show signs of the suffering they endure. We can, like Thomas, reach out and finger these wounds in others if we doubt their existence. But more useful is the healing touch Jesus demonstrated on so many occasions in his ministry. We may not have a miraculous gift for healing, but we do have within our grasp the capacity to kiss; hold a hand; spend some time; speak a word of kindness. The sheer amount of suffering in the world can overwhelm us and lead to inaction. But a Christian has a clear calling to the signs of suffering in others. With the cross as our inheritance, we know even wounds can be glorified.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS
(13 - 19 April)

- **Monday, 13:** Monday 2nd week Easter (Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8)
- **Tuesday, 14:** Tuesday 2nd week Easter (Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7-15)
- **Wednesday, 15** Wednesday 2nd week Easter (Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21)
- **Thursday, 16:** Thursday 2nd week Easter (Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36)
- **Friday, 17:** Friday 2nd week Easter (Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15)
- **Saturday, 18:** Saturday 2nd week Easter (Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21)
- **Sunday 19:** Third Sunday of Easter (Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pet 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35)

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.