



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT -
YEAR C

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

IT IS OUR MISSION TO:

- Endeavour to develop relevant and prayerful Eucharistic celebrations.
- Foster the experience of a personal relationship with God.
- Provide faith formation opportunities for parishioners.
- Care for each other and the environment, particularly the sick, lonely, aged and disabled within our Parish.
- Care for our environment towards a sustainable future.

WE WILL:

- Reach out to those in need in the local community.
- Be committed to Catholic Social Justice principles.
- Pray and work together with Christian Churches and all people of goodwill.
- Protect and engage with young people in our local area.
- Strengthen bonds with indigenous people in our region.

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



FIRST READING

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Taking Abram outside, the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 26: 7-9, 13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17-4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

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

Barbara Bond, John Wallace, Claire Hamish, Barry Wilks, Brian Smallacombe, Bob Willis, Bailey Smallacombe, Ann Tee, Peter Harris, Josephine Proctor, Charlie Nicolson, Bette Higgins, Paula Collinson, June Lloyd, Emily Slattery, Eileen McCoey, Carmen Kernahan, J. Jeffery, Margaret & Len Peake, Ron Harris, Neil Cumming, Clancy Retallick

ANNIVERSARIES

Ian Ferguson, Kevin Higgins
Tim & Kath Kennelly

RECENTLY DECEASED

Tony Hudson, Pat Liddy

PARISH COLLECTION

5th & 6th March
1st (Presbytery) \$722.00
2nd (Parish) \$895.70

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

11th March
P. Mezzino & F. Harris
18th & 25th March
M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

VICTOR MORNING TEA

Sunday 13th March
A. Williss, R. Reid
Sunday 20th March
A. Temme, M. Chalmers

VICTOR MEET & GREET

March Saturdays
M. Farmer & M. Tuckey

March Sundays

R. Reid & F. Harris

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

March
K. & A. Fawknor

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday

Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS MARCH:

FOR A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO BIOETHICAL CHALLENGES

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges: may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.



DAY OF REFLECTION 2022

Contemplative Living Community

Yearning to Belong

ALL WELCOME

Date: Sunday, 20th March, 2022

Place: Catholic Parish Church and Hall
12 Jude St, Willunga

Time: 8.30am Eucharist
9.30am Morning Tea
10.00am Start
3.30pm Finish the day

Please bring masks and some food to share for lunch. Tea and coffee supplied.

Queries: Anne Weygood 0429 653 844

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS IN LENT

GOOLWA: 3.00pm

VICTOR: 4.00pm

SURVEY RE: SATURDAY NIGHT MASS

Saturday Mass time survey result.

Thank you to all who filled out the survey regarding Mass time for Saturday nights during the winter months.

There were 24 votes for 6.00pm Mass to be retained and 14 to change to 5.00pm.

Accordingly there will be no change to the current 6.00pm Mass time.

PLENARY COUNCIL

WHERE ARE WE UP TO?

Proposals developed from the work of the first assembly last year, will be published for the People of God in Australia at the time of Pentecost in early June 2022.

June will be a month for focused, direct preparation for the whole Church toward the days of the Plenary assembly in July. Please pray for open, listening hearts for all members of the Plenary Council.

A Daily Missal has been left in St Joan's Church. It can be collected from the porch at the rear of the Church.

COMORO ZOOM MEETING



On Thursday 3rd March, in a Zoom face-to-face meeting, members of the Comoro Working

Group including Fr Vinh spoke to Fr. Joao (parish priest of Comoro) and Nina Gomes (a member of the Comoro Parish Pastoral Council). Nina's day job is: - Ombudsman for Human Rights and Justice for the Timor-Leste government.

A helpful meeting of about ½ hour discussed how better to improve our communications and Email and Zoom were suggested by Nina. She has become our Sister Parish contact person. Having met Nina, our Comoro Working Group feels much more connected.

During the discussion two questions were asked

“What is the biggest challenge Comoro Parish has as a community?

Is there a project we can adopt?”

Nina said she would speak to the PPC at their next meeting and send us three ideas we could choose from. We look forward to further communication.”

EMERGENCY FLOOD APPEAL

The Diocese of Lismore has launched its 2022 Flood Appeal. You can find more details at <lismorediocese.org>

The St Vincent de Paul Society has launched emergency flood appeals to assist residents in Queensland and New South Wales with their immediate needs as well as longer-term recovery.

Jack de Groot, Vinnies NSW CEO, said that making a financial donation to the **Vinnies NSW Flood Appeal** was the most effective way to support people right now.

Donations to the **Vinnies Queensland Flood Appeal** will allow Vinnies' volunteer members to provide flood-impacted families with emergency food, clothing and material aid to keep them going through this extraordinarily difficult time.

https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find_Help/Flood_appeal/

THANK YOU

Thank you to John Baker for utilising his computer and design skills in developing the Evacuation Plans posted on Victor Harbor Church and Annex and at Goolwa.

This has saved the Parish a lot of money.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM 2nd SUNDAY of LENT, YR.C

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of You my heart has spoken:
'Seek His face.'

It is Your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not Your face.
Dismiss not Your servant in anger;
You have been my help.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in Him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!



SAINT PATRICK Feast Day 17th March (c.415 – c.493)



Patrick was both humble and courageous. He accepted suffering and success with equal indifference. Little is known of his personal life but he called himself both a

Roman and a Briton. At 16 he and a number of his father's slaves were captured by Irish raiders and sold as slaves in Ireland. Forced to work as a shepherd, he suffered cold and hunger. After six years he escaped, possibly to France, and returned to Ireland at 22. During captivity he underwent spiritual conversion. Consecrated bishop at the age of 43 his great desire was to proclaim the good news to the Irish. Despite opposition from pagans and criticism in England and Ireland, in a relatively short time the island had experienced deeply the Christian spirit. The efforts of missionaries were greatly responsible for the Christianising of Europe. Patrick had a rock-life belief in his vocation. One of the few authentic writings is his *Confession*, an act of homage to God for having called Patrick, unworthy sinner, to the apostolate. *Franciscan Media*

GOOLWA NEWS K S C Report March 2022

At our February meeting members stood in a minute's silence in respect to the passing of Bill Longworth, a great contributor to our order, as well as a true gentleman. This was followed by a presentation to Dino Persico for 30 years' service to our branch and Aberfoyle Park, as well as being a member of State Council for many years.

Our March B B Q raised \$62 and thanks go to Chef Tony and other volunteers, as well to all who supported the morning with purchases or donations. The next B B Q will be on Sunday 3rd April.

Coming up will be our Mothers' Day wine raffle at both Mass communities. This will be followed by the return of our annual luncheon on Thursday 26th May at St. Johns with guest speaker John Dunthorne.

The next meeting of the Knights will be held at Goolwa at 4.00 pm on 16th March. Please remember in your prayers Ernie Munslow and Jim Ridge past members whose anniversaries occur in March. Also Monsignor Tom Horgan, former Parish Priest, who passed away on 18th March 2002. Monsignor Tom played a big part in the formation of our order within the parish.

HELP FOR PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

As the Australian agency of the worldwide network of the Pontifical Mission Societies, **Catholic Mission** will gratefully receive any contributions and will work with counterparts in Ukraine, Poland, and other European countries to provide support where needed, said Catholic Mission national director Fr Brian Lucas. Donate online: <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/ukraine>



OUR PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Please keep the weekend of 29th & 30th October 2022 as we will have our Annual General Assembly. We are pleased that Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will celebrate Masses that weekend and be our guest speaker.

This Week: 12th & 13th March

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00 pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R1. C. Sutherland

R. 2 L. Blacket

E.M. E. O'Connell

VICTOR HARBOR Sunday 11.00 am

Commentator: P.O'Brien

R.1 T. Hounslow

R. 2 A. Willis

E.M. A. Rose

GOOLWA Sunday 9.00 am

Commentator: D. Huppatz

R. 1 L. Healey

R. 2 M. O'Halloran

E.M. T. Siciliano



Next Week: 19th & 20th March

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00 pm

Commentator: F. Hanna

R1. J. Jeffery

R. 2 C. Huppatz

E.M. E. O'Connell

VICTOR HARBOR Sunday 11.00 am

Commentator: T. Hounslow

R.1 R. Klecko

R. 2 A. Rose

E.M. P. Clingan

GOOLWA Sunday 9.00 am

Commentator: A. Fawkner

R. 1 K. Fawkner

R. 2 J. McMahon

E.M. A. Turner

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 8/3/22)

- Places of Worship are restricted to 3:4 sqm with social distancing of 1.5ms. Weddings and Funerals (previously viewed as a private activity) are regarded in our circumstance as a religious/faith-based ceremony and the 3:4sqm applies.
- QR codes and/or handwritten logs are essential.
- Restricted numbers of people per pew and no kneeling.
- Wearing of masks is mandatory. (A medical certificate must be produced on request, if claiming an exemption.)
- Attendees at indoor religious services may sing during worship, if they wear masks while doing so.
- No communal gatherings after Mass.
- Obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage.

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

- **PARISH PRIEST**
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Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - ph 8552 1084 or catholicvhg@bigpond.com (All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening)
- **PARISH TREASURER**
Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)
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- **CHILD PROTECTION**
Child Protection Unit (8210 8159)
Goolwa (Cathy May 0401 584 237)
Victor Harbor (Parish Office 8552 1084)
- **CSHW SA (Safety, Health & Welfare)**
Parish (Cathy May 0401 584 237)

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

STARS IN THE NIGHT SKY

Those of us who live in the big city miss a whole lot when it comes to the beauty of nature that is all around us. On my first time being out in the country, on a boat in the middle of a calm lake late at night, I remember looking up. I had never seen so many stars before in my life. The city lights always made the sky a poor backdrop. Now an August meteor filled the sky with what I believed were hundreds of "falling" stars. That was a truly religious experience that has stayed with me. Decades later, when I look up at the night sky, no matter where I might be, I don't see it in the way I used to before that night in the country.

Lent has begun. There is no more opportune time to get away from the

bright lights that entice us but also ultimately blind us to God's presence all around us. Like the disciples in the gospel, we need to use Lent to get away, go up the mountain, see the stars in the night sky, and find who Jesus really is or needs to be in our lives.

The moment Jesus was transfigured before the disciples their lives were changed. They, too, became transfigured. Never again would they look at their friend, their teacher, their Messiah in the same way. That moment made them different forever.

What do we need to change us, to make us different, to help us see the presence of Jesus with the clear eyes of faith? Lent can lead us to the answer.

The Commissioning: Take with you what you need for your Lenten journey: determination to walk the hard road that Jesus walked, joy that you have friends from this community with you, peace and prayer in meditation, resources in the Bible and on the internet to guide and challenge you, memories of the good people who have been on journey before you. We have what we need for our Lenten journey, and we rejoice that God goes with us. God's love surrounds you and will never let you go.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(14 - 20 March)

- **Monday, 14:** Monday, 2nd week Lent (Dan 9:4-10; Lk 6:36-38)
- **Tuesday, 15:** Tuesday, 2nd week Lent (Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12)
- **Wednesday, 16:** Wednesday, 2nd week Lent (Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28)
- **Thursday, 17:** St Patrick (Jer 1:4-9; Acts 13:46-49; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20:)
- **Friday, 18:** Friday, 2nd week Lent (Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46)
- **Saturday, 19:** ST JOSEPH, spouse of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (2Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24:)
- **Sunday, 20:** THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (Ex 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9)

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.