



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

FOURTH 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.



**EYES TO SEE**

### FIRST READING

*1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13*

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him: God does not see as man sees: man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22

*The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. R.

2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. R.
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. R.
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. R.

### SECOND READING

*Ephesians 5:8-14*

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 8:12

*Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

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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

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> March

1st (Presbytery) \$1031.15

2nd (Parish) \$1186.45

## VICTOR MORNING TEA

15<sup>th</sup> March

F. Hanna & M. Cunningham

22<sup>nd</sup> March

W. & J. Baker

## 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 MIDDLE EAST**



## Bulletin Board



## 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.



Dear Parishioners, on behalf of the Comoro Working Group, I'm sending a BIG thanks for all your support, in particular to all of our helpers. We were able to raise in excess of \$5,000. God blessed us with great sales and great weather. Also, thanks to the Knights' sausage sizzle team who sustained us. Again, many thanks, Mark.

## SUPPORT LENTEN PROJECT COMPASSION



**Bangladesh is one of the countries most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.**

Monoranjon lives with his wife, Anita and two children Sushmita, aged 14 and Chandon, aged 5 in a small village in the southwest region of Bangladesh. There is a strong chance that much of the region will be under water within the next thirty years. The area is already highly affected by climate change, experiencing extreme heat waves, droughts, floods, cyclones and rising sea levels. Rising sea levels have increased the salinity of crop soil, which makes it harder for plants to grow and have threatened the survival of the mangrove forests near where Monoranjon lives.

1. You can donate through Project Compassion

*donation boxes and envelopes* available in the porch

or directly by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

2. Support our 10 stalwart walkers as they share in spirit the Long Walk for Water taken every day by many of our brothers and sisters.

**\$131 raised to date towards our \$250 goal.**

**Boxes in our church foyers for your donation.**

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



**NEXT SUNDAY 22nd MARCH ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FORESTS WE ARE GOING TO PLANT TWO GREVILLEAS AT THE SIDE OF ST JOAN'S CHURCH Earthcare Group**

The day highlights the crucial role of sustainable forest management in driving economic prosperity, jobs, and environmental sustainability. Thanks to input from Nangawooka Floral Garden volunteers who grow and preserve native trees.

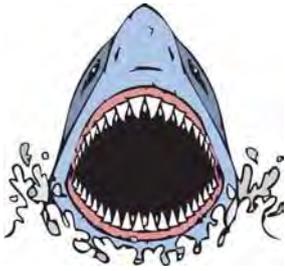
## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

I wish to invite all current and new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to attend a half hour training as follows:

**Victor Harbor: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am or 5pm in the Annex**

**Goolwa: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> at 10.am or at 5pm in the Church**

# Bulletin Board



## 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.*

**FINAL NUMBERS AND PAYMENT DUE ON SUNDAY 22ND MARCH**

## SAINT PATRICK

### Feast Day 17th March

Don't forget to wear green at Mass this Sunday in honour of St Patrick and in gratitude to the priests, nuns and lay people of Ireland who made and are making such a powerful contribution to Catholic Life. Our thanks and best wishes to our own Irish migrants!! There will be a "green morning tea" at Victor after 11.00am Mass.



## SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

### Feast Day 19th March



St Joseph is certainly being kept busy in heaven. He is patron of the Universal Church, fathers, workers, carpenters, travellers, immigrants, the unborn and "a happy death".  
*St Joseph, pray for us now and at the hour of our death.*

## KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS - NEWS FOR MARCH

**Our 45 Club** was filled up and we are very grateful for your support. In the coming weeks we will begin our Mother's Day raffle at both centres. Our BBQ raised \$79.25 in March and thanks to those who supported us on the morning. The Knights wish to thank Fran Hanna for attending our last meeting and listening to our suggestions concerning the forthcoming Synod. March anniversaries: Ernie Munslow, Jim Ridge, Mons Tom Horgan (former PP). Next meeting Wednesday March 18th at 3pm.

**45 Club winner this week was Vivi Scriva No 6.**

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER REPORT

It was an uplifting, prayerful service with the focus on women in Nigeria. 55 women and men attended. The Guest Speaker was our parishioner Anne Fawkner who told the story of a year in her life with her husband in Nigeria during 1967, when he was working for Unilever. She saw first-hand the poverty and abysmally low status of women. Anne gave an interesting talk from the heart, well delivered. She also had on display two carved wooden heads and a beautiful painting. The offertory money for the event amounted to \$934.40 going towards projects in Nigeria.

## MEMORIAL GARDENS

The latest information is on our Parish Noticeboards.

**VINNIES MEETING** is Thursday 19th March at St Joan of Arc at 9.30 after Mass.

## 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. Scriva

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



## NEXT WEEK: 21st & 22nd March VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 L. Blacket  
R.2 C. Allen  
EMHC - Host : J. Jeffery  
- Chalice 1 : E. O'Connell  
- Chalice 2 : Fr Vinh

## Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 K. Dudley  
R. 2 V. Coffey  
EMHC - Host : Fr. Vinh  
- Chalice 1 : L. Sunman  
- Chalice 2 : P. O'Brien

## GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R1 P. Kennelly  
R2 A. Cowley  
EMHC - Host : Fr Vinh  
- Chalice 1 : S. Muller  
- Chalice 2 : M. Freeborn

## 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](mailto:catholicvhg@bigpond.com) (*All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening*)

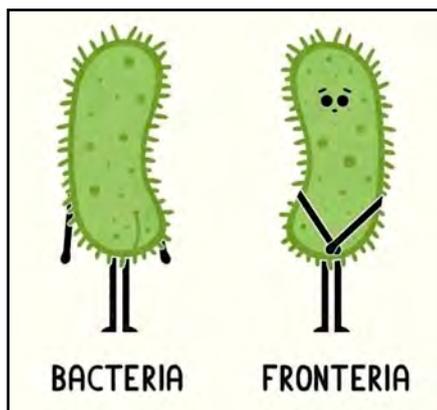
#### • PARISH TREASURER

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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.

- Andy Nicholls  
(VH/G contact - 0475 893 521 or [andrewnicholls6@gmail.com](mailto: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 *Shorter form John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38*

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth.

He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees.

It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

Jesus said:

'It is for judgement that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind.'

Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, 'We are not blind, surely?' Jesus replied:

'Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, "We see," your guilt remains.'

## BEGINNER'S MIND

I was at a friend's house, and his young son was doing a school project on a topic I happen to know something about. I offered my assistance, and at first the son seemed to welcome any help he could get. But every time I tried to tell him something new he interrupted by saying, "I know, I know". He said it even when it was clear he didn't know quite as much as he thought he did.

Jesus ran into the same attitude with the Pharisees, who were quite upset when Jesus gave a blind man sight. This miracle didn't jibe with what they already "knew" about how God works in the world. And so, rather than learning something new about God - that God longs for our healing and wholeness - they closed their minds and, in effect, kept saying, "I know, I know!" They were sure the man's blindness had been caused by sin, yet they were unwilling to consider that their own spiritual blindness might be a result of their own sin of pride.

Spiritual growth requires that we employ what gurus call "beginner's mind". This is the attitude that is aware of its limitations and open to new truths and surprises. Lent is a good time to cultivate beginner's mind. It's a time to see ourselves and the world not with our own prejudices but as God sees - as worthy of help and healing and love. *GPBS eNews*

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(16 - 22 March)

- **Monday, 16:** Mon, 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent (Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54)
- **Tuesday, 17:** St Patrick (Jer 1:4-9; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20)
- **Wednesday, 18:** Wed, 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent (Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30)
- **Thursday, 19:** St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24)
- **Friday, 20:** Fri, 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent (Wis 2:1, 2-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30)
- **Saturday, 21:** Fri, 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent (Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-52)
- **Sunday 22:** FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT (Ezek 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45)

## 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.