



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
- YEAR C

*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 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 144:8-13

*I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.*

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is

the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. <R>

2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. <R>
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. <R>

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

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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, John Blacket,
John Slagter, Paul Fahey,
John Tregeagle, Betty Berry,
Geoff & Rose Munro, Mark Kelly,
Tommy & Eileen McCoey,
Mairead & Neil Cummings,
Mary Ferguson, Geoff Chalmers,
Pat Mezzino

PARISH COLLECTION 10th & 11th May

1st (Presbytery) \$1,012.40
2nd (Parish) \$1,107.00

VICTOR MORNING TEA

18th May
M. Cunningham & E. Dabinett
25th May
W. & J. Baker

VICTOR MEET & GREET May Saturdays

M. Farmer & H. Anderson
May Sundays
R. Reid & F. Harris

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

May P. Kennelly

MORNING TEA

May
A. Turner, A. Murrie
M. Burfitt, F. Clifford

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 MAY:

For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanised.

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

This weekend envelopes will be available in the porch/foyer at both our churches. The cold nights are starting to bite ... any donation no matter how small is appreciated. All money received goes to help our local needy. *Thank you for caring!*



KNIGHTS' MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE WINNERS

At Goolwa the winner was Mike from Murray Bridge, one of our visitors on Easter Sunday. He will be down shortly to collect his \$100 meal voucher at the Goolwa Hotel. The second prize, a gift pack from Priceline, was won by Persica, a new parishioner.

At Victor Carol Sutherland won the \$100 meal voucher for Whalers Restaurant at Encounter Bay. Rosemarie Kuske won the gift pack from National Pharmacies.

Congratulations to all the lucky winners.

COMORO GOOD NEWS



The current project we have been supporting is a **toilet** in a very impoverished area known as Tasi Tolu. There is no piped water available so the construction included making provision for water to be collected on its roof for use in the toilet. We are very pleased to hear that it has been completed.

As well more and more people are using the **computer room**. A second supervisor is being employed so that the contact hours can be extended.

WORLD BEE DAY—20th May

BEE INSPIRED BY NATURE TO NOURISH US ALL



This year's theme highlights that bees nourish everyone, not just in the important role they play in food production but in our broader environment, strengthening landscapes that we can all enjoy every day. The threats to bees are well known – habitat loss, intensive farming practices, diseases and pests are all contributing to stressed pollinators.

HOW CAN WE HELP OUR BEES?

Plant bushes that provide food for our bees:
lavender, rosemary, daisies, sunflowers, grevillea.
Check with your local nursery.

KEYS TO PARISH OFFICE/CHURCH

We are currently updating our security in the Parish. If you have a key to the Church or the Presbytery at Victor Harbor please contact Pat Clingan 0410 593 617.

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APRIL PPC MEETING NOTES



Pastoral Council

1. Letters of thanks were sent to Mark Leaney (Comoro) and Cathy May (retired Child Protection Officer), as well as a card sent to Ray Klecko for his great service as Parish Manager.

2. A suggestion was sent in that the Goolwa Church car park needed further grading to prevent mud etc.

coming into the church. The Council felt it was not needed at this stage but will look again at the matter at the end of winter, hoping we will have rain by then.

3. Another suggestion was for Good Friday Stations of the Cross to take place in the church for those who struggle to walk around the church grounds.

Also as only 3 or 4 attend Goolwa Friday Stations in Lent it was felt that Goolwa people could join with Victor where about 10 parishioners attend Lent Stations and make it a combined effort.

Stations will remain at Goolwa on Good Friday.

4. The Knights will supply palms for both Mass Centres next year.

5. Fr. Vinh reported 2 children will be receiving the sacraments later in the year.

6. All Easter services were reviewed and considered well organised and very spiritual. Attendances were very good, especially on Easter Sunday. Thank you Fr. Vinh for your efforts.

KNIGHTS of the SOUTHERN CROSS APRIL REPORT

The last monthly **BBQ** raised \$83 20. Thanks to all for your support and generous donations.

The next BBQ will be held on 1st June.

DONATION The Knights will kick off the Vinnies Winter appeal with a donation of \$1000.

GOODBYE With great sadness we say goodbye to Brother Brian Fitzgerald who, with wife Jan, is leaving our area due to health reasons. Brother Brian will be missed at our meetings especially in our spiritual talks and his sense of humor in our general discussions. You both will remain in our prayers. Thanks to all who supported our **MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE** (see results in other section of Encounter).

ANNIVERSARIES **MIKE BILSTON** who passed on 29th May 2013.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE KNIGHTS WILL BE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 21st MAY FROM 4 PM.**



WHY "LEO" ?

The Pope said there were various reasons for choosing his papal name, "but mainly because Pope Leo XIII (13th) in his historic encyclical *Rerum Novarum* (*Capital and Labor*) (written in 1891) raised issues such as the **dignity of the human being** and the importance of **work being at the service of people** and not the other way around." Pope Leo XIII (13th) also presented the Catholic idea of **preferential option for the poor**, something we try to live out in our parish giving and outreach.



"In our own day" our new Pope Leo said, "the Church offers to everyone the treasury of her social teaching in response to **another industrial revolution now taking place** and to **developments in the field of artificial intelligence** that pose new challenges for the defence of human dignity, justice and labour." Pope Francis was very much in tune with these ideas.

THIS WEEK: 17th & 18th May

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 L. Blacket

R.2 J. Jeffery

EMHC A. Fawcner

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 K. Dudley

R. 2 M. Cunningham

EMHC P. Clingan

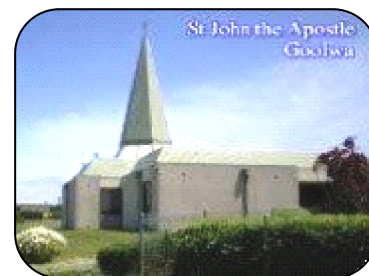
GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: A. Fawcner

R. 1 D. Huppatz

R. 2 M. Freeborn

EMHC S. Muller



NEXT WEEK: 24th & 25th May

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: T. White

R.1 M. Mulvihill

R.2 C. Huppatz

EMHC J. Jeffery

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 P. Clingan

R. 2 W. Baker

EMHC L. Sunman

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: V. Scriva

R. 1 P. Kennelly

R. 2 A. Cowley

EMHC R. Austin

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RAMINDJERI land

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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

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)
Email: parish_treasure@bigpond.com

• CHILD PROTECTION

Integrity and Safeguarding Dept
(8210 8159)
Victor Harbor contact:
Andy Nicholls (0475 893 521)

• CSHW SA (Safety, Health, Welfare) Cathy May
(0401 584 237)



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Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

'My little children, I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

In the ironic way of the kingdom, things are not what they appear to be. Humiliation is about to become majesty. The king will be treated like a criminal, put to death in the manner fit for slaves of the empire. Death is going to be transcended in resurrection. Everything will be gathered with its opposite as heaven and earth are reconciled on the cross.

In the face of all that is to come, Jesus issues a new commandment: "Love one another." Most commandments tell us precisely what to do, or not to do. "Love one another is not so explicit. It does not establish guidelines or set protocol. It calls us into a kind of relationship. It makes us responsible for one another.

In that sense, the love command calls us into community. We are commanded to do one thing only, to care for one another as Jesus cares for us. And if we do that one thing, it will be the only thing we need to do.

GPBS eNews

GO FORTH AMONG THE PEOPLE

When my niece was asked why she wanted to be confirmed in the Catholic faith, she answered: "Because God needs me." It wasn't the answer her class had prepared or the Catechism teaches. I am not even sure it is quite theologically sound: Does God need anyone? Nevertheless, I don't doubt that God relies on Hannah, who has Down syndrome, and others who don't meet society's standards of perfection to show us how woefully limited our perceptions of beauty, success, and happiness are.

When God chose to pitch a tent and dwell among us, God turned the world upside down and inside out. In an eternal chain of transformation, God makes all things new.

And that is where God's need for Hannah comes in. People feel drawn to Hannah because she walks through the world with a confidence that she is perfect in God's eyes. Instinctively, or more probably through the grace of God, she shows that, like God, it is good for her to pitch her tent and live among the rest of us. She is God's ambassador to the Kingdom where all you need is love. GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(19 - 25 May)

- **Monday, 19:** Monday, 5th week of Easter (Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26)
- **Tuesday, 20:** Tuesday, 5th week of Easter (Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31)
- **Wednesday, 21:** Wednesday, 5th week of Easter (Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8)
- **Thursday, 22:** Thursday, 5th week of Easter (Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11)
- **Friday, 23:** Friday, 5th week of Easter (Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17)
- **Saturday, 24:** OUR LADY, HELP of CHRISTIANS (Gen 3:9-15,20; Lk 8:19-21)
- **Sunday 25:** SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Apoc 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29)

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.