



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

FIRST 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.



FIRST READING

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death." ' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was

desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. R.
2. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. R.
3. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. R.
4. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. R.

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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 McCoe, Mairead & Neil Cummings, Christine Fitzpatrick, Mary Ferguson, Pat Mezzino, Pat Chigwidden, Robyn Kelly, 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.

ANNIVERSARIES

Peter Harris, John Mezzino

RECENTLY DECEASED

Shaun Edwards, Frances Powell, John Tregear

PARISH COLLECTION 14th & 15th February

1st (Presbytery) \$796.45
2nd (Parish) \$882.70

Special Collection \$733.10

VICTOR MORNING TEA

22nd February

W. & J. Baker

1st March

L. Sunman & J. Davidge

VICTOR MEET & GREET

February Saturdays

H. Anderson

February Sundays

R. Reid & L. Sunman

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

February

C. Rivers

MORNING TEA

February

T. Curtis, E. Bourne

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 2026 PRAYER INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY: For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



In his 2026 Lenten Message, Pope Leo XIV invites Christians to practise a "frequently unappreciated" form of fasting "refraining from hurtful and offensive words." ***"Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgement, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves."***

PROJECT COMPASSION OUR LENTEN FUNDRAISER HAS BEGUN

Theme: Unite against poverty this Lent

Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support 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. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



Our Earthcare Group is planning to continue our LONG WALK FOR WATER PROJECT FOR LENT

This year the walk will involve

A GROUP OF PARISHIONERS WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO WALK FOR 60 MINUTES OR MORE EACH WEEK

Taking this walk would help us call to mind the many people in our world who walk long hours to get water.

If you would be willing to be part of the team please put your name and how long you will walk each week on the sheets available in our porches or text Fran Hanna on 0415 124 010.

VIVI IS ORGANISING A GROUP FROM GOOLWA.

ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN HER TO SUPPORT PROJECT COMPASSION IN THIS WAY CAN TEXT HER ON 0439 430 486 OR CHAT AFTER MASS

COMORO GARAGE SALE - SATURDAY 7TH MARCH

PLEASE PUT YOUR NAMES ON THE ROSTERS AT THE BACK OF OUR CHURCHES

1. SETTING UP 6th March
2. HELPING ON THE DAY 7th March

Come along to support our Comoro sisters and brothers.



LITURGY MEETING

The Liturgy Committee will meet on Wednesday 25th February 10.00am at Goolwa.

TIMES FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Goolwa 3.00pm Victor 5.00pm

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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.*

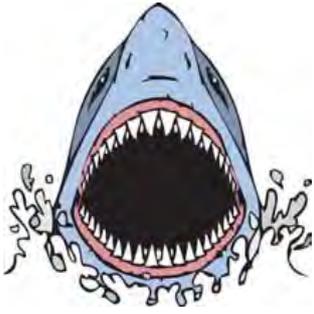
Come along and have a great night.

BYO drinks & a glass.

Call or txt Colleen on 0405 634 744

or Pat on 0410 593 617.

Bring a friend.



SYNOD DISCERNMENT GROUPS CHOOSE ONE TO SUIT YOU

1. This Sunday Evening - 22nd February at 4.30 in Victor Annex.
2. Tuesday 24th February after Mass at Victor
3. Wednesday 25th February after Mass at Goolwa
*Please get in touch with Fran on 0415 124 010 if you
would like to be in a small group or arrange one.*



GUIDELINES ABOUT RECEIVING BOTH HOST AND CHALICE

1. There is one person distributing the Host and two with the Chalice.
2. Come to Communion as usual in two lines to receive the host.
3. Then turn left or right to receive from the Chalice if you so choose.

Please do not dip the host in the Chalice.



GUIDELINES RE COLLECTIONS - Please read carefully

1. Before Mass, when allocating people to do the collections, **choose one person who will take up the money immediately behind those bringing up the bread and wine.** *In this way the gift of our money is acknowledged as part of our offering to God.*
2. When the announcement is made for collections
 - a) First Collectors go to the front and proceed.
 - b) Second Collectors start when the first collectors are three rows in.



World Day of Prayer

AUSTRALIA

Date: Friday 6th March

Theme: Nigeria

Location: **Victor:** St Augustine's Anglican Church, Bourke Street 2.00pm

Goolwa: Anglican Church Cadell Street 2.00pm

**The World Day of Prayer is always a wonderful way for us to join
with other Churches in our area and around the world.**

THIS WEEK: 21st & 22nd February

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 C. Huppatz

R.2 M. Mulvihill

EMHC - Host : E. O'Shaughnessy

- Chalice 1 : Fr Vinh

- Chalice 2 : C. Sutherland

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 W. Baker

R. 2 K. Dudley

EMHC - Host : Fr. Vinh

- Chalice 1 : J. Baker

- Chalice 2 : L. Sunman

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R1 P. Kennelly

R2 A. Cowley

EMHC - Host : Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1 : M. Riddle

- Chalice 2 : V. Scriver



NEXT WEEK: 28th Feb. & 1st March

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: T. White

R.1 A. Fawcner

R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC - Host : J. Jeffery

- Chalice 1 : Fr Vinh

- Chalice 2 : A. Fawcner

Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 T. Hounslow

R. 2 L. Sunman

EMHC - Host : Fr. Vinh

- Chalice 1 : A. Fawcner

- Chalice 2 : F. Hanna

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R1 M. Freeborn

R2 M. Mulvihill

EMHC - Host : Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1 : R Austin

- Chalice 2 : M. Freeborn

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NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• **PARISH PRIEST**

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• **PARISH MANAGER**

Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)
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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

• **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)
- Integrity and Safeguarding Dept
(8210 8150 - select Option 2)
- CSHW SA (Work, Health and Safety) please contact Jim Dabinett
(0460 033 529)



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SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-19

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But

he replied, 'Scripture says: *Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: *He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.*'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: *You must not put the Lord your God to the test.*'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: *You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.*'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(23 February - 1 March)

- **Monday, 23:** Monday, first week of Lent (Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46)
- **Tuesday, 24:** Tuesday, first week of Lent (Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15)
- **Wednesday, 25:** Wednesday, first week of Lent (Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32)
- **Thursday, 26:** Thursday, first week of Lent (Esther 14:1, 3-5, 12-14; Mt 7:7-12)
- **Friday, 27:** Friday, first week of Lent (Ezek 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26)
- **Saturday, 28:** Saturday, first week of Lent (Deut 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48)
- **Sunday 01:** SECOND SUNDAY of LENT (Gen 12:1-4; 2 Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9:)



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.