



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER -  
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.

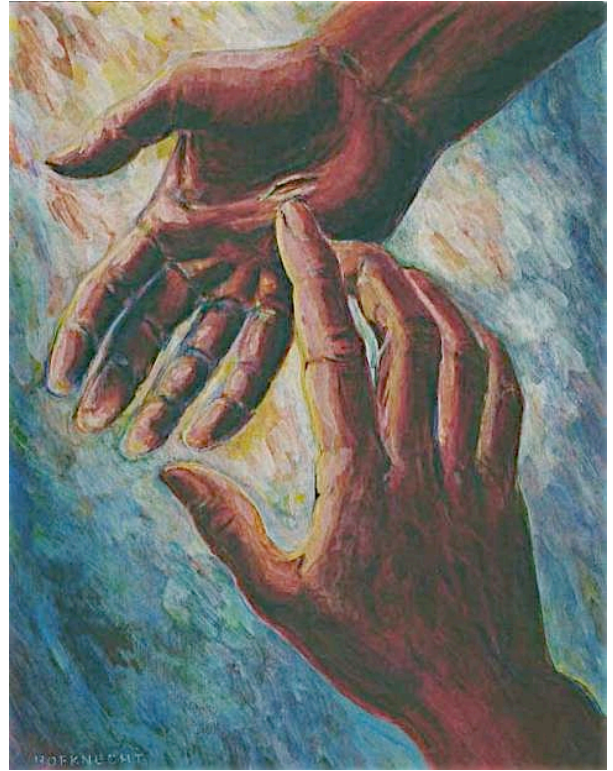
## MASS TIMES

- **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

*Acts 5:12-16*

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 117:2-4, 22-27*

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

## SECOND READING

*Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19*

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

## 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.

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# Bulletin Board

## 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, Paula Collinson, June Lloyd, Eileen McCoey, Carmen Kernahan, Margaret & Len Peake, Ron & Patrine Harris, Neil Cumming, Clancy Retallick, Bob Jeffery.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Joan Kelly

## PARISH COLLECTION

### 16th & 17th April

1st (Presbytery) \$1,696.75  
2nd (Parish) \$1,736.10

### Good Friday Holy Land

Appeal \$371.90

## VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

### 29th April & 6th May

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

### VICTOR MORNING TEA

#### 24th April

M. Mattsson, F. Hanna

#### 1st May

J. & W. Baker

### VICTOR MEET & GREET

#### May Saturdays

M. Farmer & E. O'Connell

#### May Sundays

L. Sunman & F. Harris

## GOOLWA MEET & GREET

### May

P. Kennelly

### MORNING TEA May

A. Turner, L. Clayson,

G. Kennedy, M. Burfitt

### ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday

Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

## HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

### Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.



## K S C NEWS APRIL 2022

**Our popular wine raffle for Mothers' Day** is now open at both Mass centres. A chance to win a dozen assorted wines.

**Victor: 6 delicious whites & 6 remarkable reds & a Rose & 2 stemless glasses**

**Goolwa: 1 dozen reds, 1 special surprise & 2 stemless glasses.** \$10 a ticket, with 35 tickets in total being sold. A great gift for Mum on her special day. At Victor Harbor see Des Wallace or at Goolwa, Mike. Do not delay as tickets go quickly. Draw will occur at 11 am Mass at Victor on 1st May (if all sold) or at Goolwa on Mothers' Day at 9 am Mass.

## PRAY FOR THE PLENARY COUNCIL

### National Prayer Journey for the Plenary Council

People across the country are invited to participate in a national prayer journey

**AS THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA PREPARES FOR THE SECOND ASSEMBLY OF THE 5TH PLENARY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA IN SYDNEY FROM 3rd-9th JULY.**

We pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and grace for the Members who will gather and also for ourselves and the Church, that we may have the courage to follow where God is leading us. We will include a prayer for the Plenary Council in each Encounter till then.

**Would Parish Prayer groups please remember the Plenary Council in your intentions.**

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

**O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.**

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop,

pray for us.

**His light and life will one day be revealed to us.**

## THANK YOU

We no longer need to sign in or have Covid Marshals, so a big thank you to John and Wendy who have provided sign-in sheets for every Mass over the last two years – a mighty effort!!! Thanks also to our Covid Marshals who have stood guard at the doors of our Churches to make sure we are following our Covid rules, not always an easy task.

**A special thanks to Pat** who has sent in 32 Covid Plans over the two years and with help from John Dunthorne in Goolwa worked hard to keep us all safe.

**REMEMBER THAT YOU CAN CHOOSE TO WEAR A MASK AND IT IS RECOMMENDED IN RISKY SITUATIONS.**

## INTERNATIONAL MOTHER EARTH DAY

### 22nd April

Pope Francis says: There is a nobility in the duty to **care for creation through little daily actions**, such as avoiding the use of plastic and paper, reducing water consumption, separating refuse, cooking only what can reasonably be consumed, showing care for other living beings, planting trees, turning off unnecessary lights, or any number of other practices.

**We must not think that these efforts are not going to change the world.** They benefit society, often unbeknown to us, for **they call forth a goodness which, albeit unseen, inevitably tends to spread. Such actions can restore our sense of self-esteem; they can enable us to live more fully and to feel that life on earth is worthwhile.** *Laudato Si*

## WORM PRODUCE FOR SALE

Worm castings and worm juice for sale at St Joan's next weekend.

Proceeds for Comoro Fund.



## SPONSORS NEEDED

John Baker has bravely volunteered to have his beard shaved off after 11am Mass this Sunday.

He is looking for sponsors. **All donations to our Sister Parish, Comoro.**

**Support a good cause.**

Ring John on 0419 046 147 and/or come for a cuppa after Sunday Mass to witness the event first hand!!



# Bulletin Board



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM 2nd SUNDAY of EASTER, YR.C

***Give thanks to the Lord for He is good,  
His love is everlasting.***

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.'

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

O Lord, grant us salvation;  
O Lord grant success.  
Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
the Lord God is our light.



## FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

In this feast of Divine Mercy we remember that God comes to bring us a new power for life and a new hope despite our human weakness. 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*

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

*Diary of St Faustina*

## ANZAC DAY - 25th APRIL

We give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy because of the bravery and sacrifice of the men and women in our armed forces and those who support them.

As we understand better the effects of war upon those who take part, including PTSD, we pray for our current and past defence personnel that they may be treated with understanding and care.



God of love and liberty,  
we bring our thanks this day for the peace  
and security we enjoy,  
which was won for us  
through the courage and devotion  
of those who gave their lives  
in time of war.

We pray that their labour and sacrifice may  
not be in vain,  
but that their spirit may live on  
in us and in generations to come.  
That the liberty, truth and justice  
which they sought to preserve  
may be seen and known  
in all the nations upon earth.

***We pray for an end to war in Ukraine and  
in other countries.***

This we pray in the name of the one who  
gave his life for the sake of the world, Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

## A PERSONAL NOTE

**to all parishioners. Thank you all so much for your support and understanding over the past 2 years as we made our way through this pandemic. A special thanks to ALL our Covid Marshals in both Churches who made themselves available every weekend. Continue to stay safe.**

Pat Clingan

**ANZAC DAY MASS  
Victor Harbor - 9.00am**

**PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE**



**THIS WEEK 23rd & 24th April**

**VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm**

**Commentator:** E. O'Shaughnessy

**R.1** B. Bullen

**R.2** J. Ryan

**E.M.** E. O'Connell,

**Sunday 11am**

**Commentator:** F. Hanna

**R. 1** P. Clingan

**R. 2** S. Duong

**E.M.** P.O'Brien,

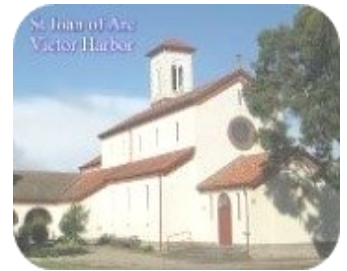
**GOOLWA 9.00am**

**Commentator:** V. Scrivera

**R. 1** J. McMahon

**R. 2** L. Longworth

**E.M.** T. Siciliano



**NEXT WEEK 30th April & 1st May**

**VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm**

**Commentator:** C. Huppertz

**R.1** E. O'Shaughnessy

**R.2** C. Sutherland

**E.M.** M. Farmer

**Sunday 11am**

**Commentator:** T. Hounslow

**R. 1** A. Weygood

**R. 2** A. Rose

**E.M.** J.Baker

**GOOLWA 9.00am**

**Commentator:** D. Huppertz

**R. 1** G. Byrne

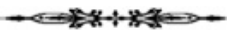
**R. 2** E. Bourne

**E.M.** A. Turner

## COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 20/04/22)

- There are now no density limits for places of worship; Churches can return to full capacity.
- QR codes or sign-ins are no longer required.
- Masks are highly recommended by the Archdiocese.
- Please keep in mind the importance of social distancing and good hygiene practices.
- Attendees at indoor religious services may sing during worship.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are encouraged not to attend.
- The Archdiocese recommends Covid vaccinations for all (please check with your GP if you have concerns).



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Parish (Cathy May 0401 584 237)

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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.

## STORY STARTER

Home field advantage. They talk about the importance of fans in football, soccer, baseball, basketball, hockey, netball, and other sports. In fact, in football, the so-called, "13th" player is the noise and the roar of the fans in the stands. Fans and team become one.

After Jesus' Resurrection, the disciples were still on their opponent's

home field. That's why they hid themselves in the upper room, afraid that what happened to Jesus might also happen to them. But when Jesus appears to them, the game is changed forever. Peter, who denied Jesus not too many days before, now walks through Jerusalem preaching and healing and bringing converts to the "Way".

Because we have not seen the physical, resurrected Jesus, we might be tempted to make Jesus' Resurrection more of a theological concept rather than the core of our lived-out-faith. Thomas, who missed Jesus' first visit with the disciples, upon seeing him exclaims that Jesus is for him both Lord and God.

As the numbers of believers continued to grow from within the circle of disciples and from those who heard the message preached to them, the pendulum would swing. Using the growing numbers and the events of history like the fall of Jerusalem, the church would soon grow to be a living presence of Jesus in our world. And it has remained that presence even until today.

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(25 April - 01 May)

- **Monday, 25:** ANZAC DAY (Wis 3:1-9; 1 Cor 1:18-25; Jn 12:23-28)
- **Tuesday, 26:** St Mark (St Mark; Mk 16:15-20)
- **Wednesday, 27:** Wednesday, second week of Easter (Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21)
- **Thursday, 28:** St Peter Chanel (Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36)
- **Friday, 29:** St Catherine of Siena (Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15)
- **Saturday, 30:** Saturday, second week of Easter (Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21)
- **Sunday 01:** THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER (Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Apoc 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19)

## 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.