



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

PENTECOST SUNDAY - 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

Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34

*Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.*

1. Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, how many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. (R)
2. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your



spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. (R)

3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. (R)

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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

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,
Kevin and Cath Howard.

ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis Edward Kennelly

RECENTLY DECEASED

William James Sloan

PARISH COLLECTION

May 9th & 10th

1st (Presbytery) \$792.50

2nd (Parish) \$1029.70

VICTOR MORNING TEA

24th May

F. Hanna & M. Cunningham

31st May

W. & J. Baker

VICTOR MEET & GREET

May Saturdays

M. Tuckey

May Sundays

R. Reid & C. Allen

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

May

P. Kennelly

MORNING TEA

May

A. Turner, A. Murrie

M. Burfitt, S. Evett

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 MAY

That everyone might have food: Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



Mary, Help of Christians
group for us

Mary Help of Christians

Patroness of Australia

Feast Day Monday May 24th

Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens. Under her protection, may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace.

MARY OUR MOTHER by John Burlan

1. Mary our Mother you answered God's call.
We come to praise you today
Mother of Jesus with Joseph
you cared for Him.
We come to praise you today

Chorus: Mother of Jesus be with us every day. We want to stay close to you always. You are our Mother. We are your children. Guide us in every way each day. Guide us in every way.

2. Mary our Mother you live in Heaven.
We come to praise you today.
Mother of Jesus a hope for all people.
We come to praise you today.

3. Mary our Mother you lead us to Jesus.
We come to praise you today.
Mother of Jesus Mother to everyone.
We come to praise you today



ST. JOAN OF ARC

May 30th – next Saturday

"Go forward bravely. Fear nothing. Trust in God; all will be well." Saint Joan of Arc, whose feast day we celebrate on May 30th, is an amazing example of what it means to be a warrior for Christ.

We ask her for courage and trust.



**ON THIS WONDERFUL FEAST OF THE
OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON
THE EARLY CHURCH PLEASE PRAY
FOR THE SYNOD. OUR FIRST SESSION**

TAKES PLACE NEXT SATURDAY - MAY 30TH



"The purpose of the Synod is not to produce documents but to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands." Pope Francis



FAREWELL JOE AND MAIRE RYAN

This Sunday is our farewell to the Ryans who will be deeply missed in our parish. Joe has been a member of the Knights for 25 years and has been an active member in our formation sessions. Joe and Maire have also been vital members of our Vinnies' Conference. They have both served the parish in many varied ways. Their great faith, love and friendship as well as Joe's famous humour have enlightened our parish for the past 30 years. At the end of 9.00 Mass today there will be a presentation followed by a special morning tea. God bless you both and please keep your promise to visit as often as possible.

GOOLWA INTERCHURCH CONNECT MEETING HELD ON MAY 14TH

Our church was represented by Paul, Chair and Marilyn, Secretary.

Discussions were held on the following:

- Easter sunrise service. A huge crowd of 200 people attended which was enhanced with a beautiful sunrise. The service was well led by Minister David from the Church of Christ with Betty Feist from the Lutheran church organising much of the behind scenes work due to the illness of other key workers. This special service has now been conducted over 30 years.
- All churches were present and all reported very good attendances at their Easter services. We also heard nearby and Adelaide churches also had large congregations.
- At the Uniting Church the Women of Worth Group has been very successful this year with some very interesting speakers telling their stories. With such conversations as "What is the Best thing that has ever Happened to you " etc. A lady called Andrea from Vanuatu has been a wonderful addition to the Uniting church and is very popular with members.
- Open Door has a new manager.
- Arrangements for the Biggest Morning Tea were discussed.
- The next service for Messy Church will be June 14th.
- Goolwa Secondary College now has a new chaplain in Midi Bettcher.
- Members from the Anglican Church are arranging for the shopping centre to put service times of all churches on their notice board.
- The Goolwa Christmas pageant will be held on the Sunday morning again with the Christmas carols concert to be held on December 19th.



VINNIES - WINTER APPEAL ENVELOPES

Envelopes can be returned this weekend. Thank you for your generosity to enable Vinnies Members to make a difference to people seeking 'a hand-up'!

PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION WEEK

MAY 27TH – JUNE 3RD 2026

Give us the courage to accept the realities of our history so that we may build a better future for all in our country.
Teach us to respect all cultures particularly this week, those of our First Nations.
Teach us to care for our land and waters.
Help us to share justly the resources of the land.
Help us to bring about spiritual and social change, to improve the quality of life for all groups in our communities, especially the disadvantaged.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS TO

**ROSMITA AND RENITA, OUR TWO ALTAR SERVERS IN VICTOR.
THEY CARRY OUT THEIR SPECIAL ROLE WITH REVERENCE AND CARE.
And thank you too to all the young people in our parish.
Your presence gives us hope and joy.**

THIS WEEK: 23rd and 24th May

Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 J. Jeffery

R.2 C. Huppatz

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1: C. Sutherland

- Chalice 2: T. White

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 L. Sunman

R. 2 A. Rose

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1: P. Clingan

- Chalice 2: E. Dabinett

Goolwa 9am

Commentator: J. Ryan

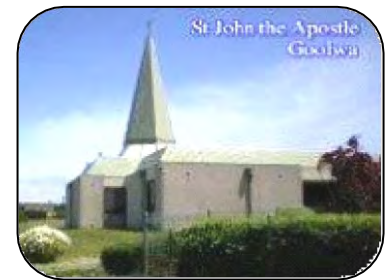
R.1 M. Mulvihill

R.2 A. Cowley

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1: J. Ryan

- Chalice 2: S. Muller



NEXT WEEK: 30th and 31st May

Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm

Commentator: T. White

R.1 L. Blacket

R.2 J. Jeffery

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1: A. Fawkner

- Chalice 2: E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: T. Hounslow

R. 1 A. Weygood

R. 2 V. Coffey

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1: L. Sunman

- Chalice 2: A. Rose

Goolwa 9am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R.1 M. Freeborn

R.2 Michael Riddle

EMHC - Host: T. Siciliano

- Chalice 1: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 2: Marie Riddle

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of
your faithful, and kindle in them the
fire of your love. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

In the evening of 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.

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.'

**BREATHING PEACE INTO
OUR PARISH AND HOMES:
PENTECOST IN EVERYDAY LIFE**

The disciples are gathered behind locked doors, overwhelmed with fear and uncertainty, when the risen Jesus appears among them and says, "Peace be with you." He then breathes the Holy Spirit upon them. It is a moment of reassurance, renewal and mission. It is also the beginning of Pentecost.

That Gospel speaks powerfully into our world today. Many families and parish communities are carrying quiet worries about rising costs of living, mental health struggles, loneliness and the pace of modern life. People are searching for peace in a culture that often feels anxious, divided and constantly switched on. Into that reality, Jesus still speaks the same words: "Peace be with you."

Pentecost reminds us that the Holy Spirit is not distant or reserved for extraordinary moments. The Spirit moves through ordinary people and everyday acts of love. It is present in families who continue to choose patience and forgiveness, in parishioners who quietly support

others, in volunteers who keep communities alive and in people who bring kindness into places that desperately need hope.

The Church is strongest when faith is lived, not just spoken about. Every conversation after Mass, every act of welcome, every meal shared with someone who feels isolated and every moment of compassion becomes part of the mission Christ entrusted to his followers. Pentecost is not only something we remember. It is something we are called to live.

The disciples were far from perfect. They were uncertain, fearful and unsure of what would come next. Yet Jesus still entrusted them with his mission and filled them with the Holy Spirit. That same Spirit continues to guide parish communities and families today, especially in moments when faith can feel challenging or disconnected from everyday life.

Perhaps Pentecost in our homes and parishes is found less in dramatic signs and more in the daily choice to bring peace, hope and encouragement to others. Through ordinary people living with faith and compassion, the Spirit of Christ continues to breathe life into our world. *GPBS eNews*

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS
(25 - 31 May)**

- **Monday, 25:** Our Lady Help of Christians (Sirach 4:11-18; Jn 19:25-34)
- **Tuesday, 26:** St Philip Neri (1 Pet 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31)
- **Wednesday, 27:** Weekday, Ord Time 8 (Pet 1:18-25; Mk 10:32-45)
- **Thursday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 8 (1 Pet 2:2-5, 9-12; Mk 10:46-52)
- **Friday, 29:** Weekday, Ord Time 8 (Pet 4:7-13; Mk 11:11-26)
- **Saturday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 8 (Jude 17, 20-25; Mk 11:27-33)
- **Sunday 31:** The Most Holy TRINITY (Ex 34:4-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18)

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.