



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

SIXTH 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.

Do not let your hearts
be troubled
and do not be afraid.

~John 14:27~

FIRST READING

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we

have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O God, let all the nations praise you!

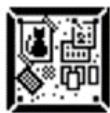
1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. <R>
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth.<R>
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. <R>

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve

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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)

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 17th & 18th May

1st (Presbytery) \$892.00
2nd (Parish) \$1056.60

VICTOR MORNING TEA

25th May
W. & J. Baker
1st June
L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden

VICTOR MEET & GREET June Saturdays

M. Farmer & H. Anderson
June Sundays
R. Reid & A. Rose

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

June S. & R. Lee

MORNING TEA

May
C. Grimma, M. O'Halloran, J. Ryan

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:



That the world might grow in compassion

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his heart, learn to have compassion on the World.

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL



Envelopes will be available in the porches at both our churches. The cold nights are starting to bite ... any donation no matter how small is appreciated.

All money received in our parish goes to help our local needy.

Thank you for caring!

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF LAUDATO SI

This weekend we are celebrating 10 years since Pope Francis shared with us his hopes and concerns for the care of our earth and its people in his powerful encyclical *Laudato Si* (Praise be).



He brought concern for the earth into the centre of our faith.

"Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is

*essential to a Christian life, it is **not an optional or a secondary aspect** of our Christian experience."*

There will be a special Morning Tea after 11am Mass.

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.

MESSY CHURCH

Sunday June 1st 3.30-5.30pm

St John's Catholic Church Hall.

Messy Church is a gathering that is multi-aged, fun and casual organized by the combined churches of Goolwa. This week's theme: Jonah's Story.



Caritas Australia would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of Project Compassion this Lent. If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return them next week at Mass.

LET US REMEMBER OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Dear God, in the midst of illness, I seek Your peace to calm my anxious mind.

Help me to trust in Your plan and to find solace in Your presence.

Replace my worries with Your peace and fill my heart with hope.

Guide my thoughts and strengthen my faith.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7



JUBILEE OF FAMILIES, CHILDREN, GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY



Announce with joy the beauty of being family!

Open yourselves to Christ, listen to Him in the silence of prayer.

Accompany those who are most fragile, take charge of those who are alone. Be families with big hearts! Be the welcoming face of



the Church! And please pray, always pray! May Mary, our Mother, come to your aid when there is no more wine, be a companion in the time of silence and trial, help you to walk together with her Risen Son. *Pope Francis*

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS-PATRONESS OF AUSTRALIA-MAY 25TH

In the early stages of the Australian Catholic community **the faithful relied heavily on the rosary to sustain their faith** as Mass was forbidden, and the devotion to Our Lady Help of Christians became a cornerstone of their religious practice. So we ask her today to bless our island home.



Almighty God, deepen in our hearts our love of Mary Help of Christians.

Through her prayers and under her protection, may the light of Christ shine over our land.

May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace.

Grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens.

OUR INDIGENOUS BROTHERS AND SISTERS

May 26th begins a week-long commemoration of significant events in the encounter between Indigenous people and later arrivals in Australia.

SORRY DAY (May 26th) which honours the Stolen Generation of Indigenous children stripped from their families.

RECONCILIATION WEEK (May 27th–June 3rd)

when we are invited to reflect on our relationship with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, honouring their histories and cultures, and walking forward together with truth and respect.



POPE LEO PREACHES AT HIS INAUGURATION MASS

"In this our time, we still see too much discord, too many wounds caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, the fear of difference, and an economic paradigm that exploits the Earth's resources and marginalizes the poorest.

Brothers and sisters, this is the hour for love!

The heart of the Gospel is the love of God that makes us brothers and sisters."



THIS WEEK: 24th & 25th May

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: T. White

R.1 M. Mulvihill

R.2 C. Huppertz

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



NEXT WEEK: 31st May & 1st June

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 L. Blacket

R.2 V. Cross

EMHC E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 A. Rose

R. 2 L. Sunman

EMHC F. Hanna

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: M. Freeborn

R. 1 A. Fawkner

R. 2 M. Mulvihill

EMHC A. Turner

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• PARISH ENCOUNTER

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(All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening)

• PARISH TREASURER

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• CHILD PROTECTION

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(8210 8159)

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Andy Nicholls (0475 893 521)

• CSHW SA (Safety, Health,
Welfare) Cathy May
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gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.’

THE LAUGH'S ON US

My sister's friend Natalie was the richest girl in our town, mainly

because most of her father's property was owned by trusts in her name. She and her mother even had streets named after them. Rose Avenue and Natalie Lane. Once a week in summer, Natalie's mum invited the nuns who taught us years ago in primary school to come for a swim in the built-in pool in the backyard. Natalie, my sister, and I would sit up in Natalie's bedroom and spy on the sisters as they relaxed in the pool. "Sister Cordelia has red hair!" my sister exclaimed the first time we saw our year five teacher without her veil. "And look," Natalie added, "she's laughing!"

We had never before considered these women in any other light than strict disciplinarians and educators whose sole purpose was to drill the fundamentals of English and math into our tiny pates and remind us that we were put on earth to know, love, and serve God so that we might be happy with God in heaven.

The idea that happiness and laughter could be expressed here and now by serious followers of Christ like the Sisters of Mercy was a true revelation.

It is easy to forget that Jesus, too, felt joy and peace despite his very serious mission. And joy and peace is what he offers to all who love and serve him.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(26 May - 1 June)

- **Monday, 26:** Sr Philip Neri (Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 - 16:4)
- **Tuesday, 27:** Tuesday, 6th week of Easter (Acts 16:22-34; Lk 16:5-11)
- **Wednesday, 28:** Wednesday, 6th week of Easter (Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:1; Jn 16:12-15)
- **Thursday, 29:** Thursday, 6th week of Easter (Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20)
- **Friday, 30:** Friday, 6th week of Easter (Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23)
- **Saturday, 31:** The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Zeph 3:14-18; Lk 1:39-56)
- **Sunday 01:** The ASCENSION of the LORD (Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53)

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.