



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT -
YEAR B

*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 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here,' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as

the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 115:10, 15-19

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.*

SECOND READING

Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 17:5

*Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!*

*From the shining cloud,
the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.*

*Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!*

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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)

Vivi Scriva, John Wallace, Claire Hamish, Jeffery Family, Natalie Millar, Ann Tee Bailey Smallacombe, Charlie Nicolson, Jane Lloyd, Kristin Nicolson, Eileen McCoe, Len Peake, Neil Cumming, Dave Rivers, Clancy Retallick, Mollie Davis Ann Hannagan, Cath Howard, Trudi McNamara, Allen Odgers Elizabeth Nance, Jesse Walker Jan Henderson, J. Millar, Rose Munro, Andrew Nichols, John Slagter, Patricia Harris, William Ash, Eloise Ash, David Lee, Geoff Munro.

ANNIVERSARIES

Peter McInnes, Rod Jarvis

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bruce Smallacombe

HOLY FATHER'S 2024 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

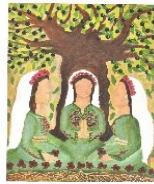
For The Terminally Ill : Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER VICTOR HARBOR THEME: PALESTINE Friday March 1st at 2pm.

I Beg You...

Bear With One Another in Love



This year St Joan's is hosting the World Day of Prayer with the combined churches of Victor Harbor. Please keep this date free and join us and 170 countries around the world in praying as one for peace and justice. Come along to St Joan's and help share our hospitality with members of our local churches

LADIES CAN YOU HELP?

St Joan's is hosting the World Day of Prayer on March 1st. We will need to cater for afternoon tea, so we would like some help with providing small cakes and slices. If you are able to provide either of these, would you please contact Anita on 0448 030 346 in the next week or so to let us know what we have to offer the visitors, who will be attending our church. Thank you.

COMORO UPDATE



We are delighted to report that the Computer Hub with 10 computers for higher study students in Comoro has been completed. This means that they will be able to study closer to home and avoid the pitfalls of travelling into town. Education is the way Comoro parishioners see their children able to find a better life.

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE AND THE HOLY LAND



CARITAS 60TH BIRTHDAY!!!

60 years ago a group of parishioners from St Bernadette's Parish Church, St Marys SA organised a **HUNGRY SUNDAY.**

What they did that day...began what we know today as "Caritas Australia" and the fundraiser "Project Compassion" - a campaign happening across Australia that had its foundations right here In Adelaide.

PROJECT COMPASSION LENTEN APPEAL

For all Future Generations



Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support

Caritas Australia this Lenten season as they strive to help 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.

You can also donate by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

DO YOU FEEL CALLED TO BE a Caritas Australia Ambassador?



Last weekend Tracey Tessitore invited parishioners to consider becoming a Caritas Australia Ambassador. This would involve talking to the parish during Lent, reminding them of Project Compassion and staying in touch with the Caritas Diocesan Director and being part of a team of other Caritas Ambassadors. Several people indicated they were interested in this role. You might like to volunteer by yourself or with another parishioner. If you are interested in performing this role please get in touch with Tracey on 0439 810 250.

THANK YOU

On behalf of Caritas Australia Tracey thanked us for our support of Project Compassion.

Last year we donated \$3,000.

The need is even greater this year.

PARISH COLLECTION

February 17th & 18th
1st (Presbytery) \$1135.05
2nd (Parish) \$1240.55

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 1st March

C. Pearsons & M. Farmer
8th & 15th March
W. & J. Baker & F. Hanna

VICTOR MORNING TEA 25th February

W. & J. Baker
3rd March
L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden

VICTOR MEET & GREET March Saturdays

M. Farmer, C. Huppatz
March Sundays
R. Reid, W. Baker

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

March D. Wilkinson

MARCH MORNING TEA

C. May, ????

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.
Claire Williams 0429 008 199

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM Second Sunday of Lent, Yr. B

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.*

I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted.'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of His faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all His people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.



SAINT GREGORY OF NAREK Feast Day 27th February (950 – 1005)



On February 2, 2021, Pope Francis decreed that St. Gregory of Narek be added to the General Roman Calendar.

St Gregory of Narek, Doctor of the Church, Armenian monk, poet, mystical philosopher, theologian, writer and saint of the Armenian Apostolic Church and Catholic Church was born into a family of writers. Based in the monastery of Narek, he was "Armenia's first great poet" and is known as "the watchful angel in human form". He became a priest at the age of 25. His masterpiece is considered to be his Book of Lamentations, commonly called "Narek," in which his genius is displayed. It is described by St. Gregory as his last testament: "Its letters like my body, its message like my soul." It was his hope that it would serve as a guide to prayer by people of all stations around the world.

Catholic Culture

TIMES FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Goolwa 3.00pm

**PLEASE NOTE FOLLOWING CHANGE
Victor 4.30pm on March 1st only**

SOUTH COAST SCHOOL MINISTRIES

The group will hold their annual meeting at the Encounter Christian Fellowship on Monday March 4, 4.30pm. The address is 13 Leworthy St., Victor Harbor. The group has 8 school chaplains covering 5 public schools, 2 of which are in Goolwa. They assist 35 children per day and 35 families week. Enquiries +Roxanne 0409 968 937.

GOOLWA INTERCONNECT CHURCH

REPORT About 30 people attended a meeting on February 15th to discuss starting the Goolwa pageant again. Council soon to be consulted.

MESSY CHURCH Since this group began educating children who have no Christian teaching at all, 2 children have been baptised as Christians. This is an enthusiastic group who are doing a wonderful service for these families and their children, but more volunteers are needed to keep these services going.

The next gathering is March 24th.

SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE

A committee of 3 were selected to organise this event.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA to be held on May 23rd at Goolwa Catholic Lutheran Church.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY WANTED

South Coast Christian Community Care has not opened in the new year as they have had no volunteers. They are currently training just two people. There is a large number of new people in the area struggling financially.

HOST CHURCH 2024

The Uniting Church will be our host church this year for our monthly Interconnect Church meetings. Their young minister Travis Turner will chair the meetings.

NEXT MEETING of GOOLWA

INTERCONNECT CHURCH

MAY 16TH AT 3.30PM

AT THE UNITING CHURCH

RUDI BALTHAIS

It was a pleasure to attend the presentation of life membership to Rudi at Strathalbyn on Feb 14th.

Among many things Rudi has done for the Knights, he and a group organised water and cattle for an overseas community in desperate need. Rudi is looking well but his wife Kay is struggling with her dementia.

THIS WEEK: 24th & 25th February

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 C. Huppertz

R.2 S. Duong

EMHC J. Jeffery

Sunday 11am

Commentator: T. Hounslow

R. 1 P. Chigwidden

R. 2 P. O'Brien

EMHC M. Taylor

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: V. Scriver

R. 1 P. Kennelly

R. 2 L. Healey

EMHC S. Muller



NEXT WEEK: 2nd & 3rd March

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 L. Blacket

R.2 C. Sutherland

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 A. Rose

R. 2 L. Sunman

EMHC M. Taylor

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: M. Freeborn

R. 1 M. Mulvihill

R. 2 C. May

EMHC A. Turner

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RAMINDJERI land

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• PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

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Email: parish_treasure@bigpond.com

• CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit (8210 8159)
Goolwa (Cathy May 0401 584 237)
Victor Harbor (Office 8552 1084)

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



PRAYER FOR OUR REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Creator of all that is, we call on you to open our hearts to new life as we take part in our Regional Assembly through our presence and our prayer.

Jesus, our Companion on the journey, empower us to care for each other and our world with compassion as you have done.

Holy Spirit, Breath of Life inspire us with wisdom to hear your call and the courage to respond.

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.

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GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

BELOVED

(Mark 9: 2 - 10)

The film *Dead Man Walking* tells the story of a nun (Sr. Helen Prejean) as she accompanies a man (Robert) during the months leading up to his execution in the United States. Noticing how Robert tried to win the confidence of one of the wardens, who was a kind and fatherly figure, Sister Helen reflected:

Robert never really had a father. His father spent 27 of his 53 years in prison. It makes me think of my own father. It has to be one of life's most precious feelings to know that your dad is proud of you. I was my daddy's scholar, his scribe who kept the travel diary on family holidays. He always had a special tone in his voice when he introduced me to friends and colleagues. "And this is my daughter, Helen." In the presence of strangers I would fall silent, standing close to him, my hand holding on tightly to his. Afterwards, I would squeeze his hand tighter than ever and delight once more with chatter and questions. A child can sail to the moon with that feeling of security from a father.

This may help us to understand something of what the Tabor experience meant for Jesus. It came at a very difficult time in his life, a time of uncertainty and fear of the future. He was headed for Jerusalem, where he sensed that the same fate awaited him as befell all the prophets – a violent death. Naturally he recoiled from such a fate. In order to reflect on it and pray about it, he climbed to the top of Mount Tabor.

We don't know exactly what happened on the mountain. But it seems that he had an intense experience of the presence of God. He heard those marvellous words: "You are my beloved Son." On Tabor Jesus felt himself comforted and affirmed. He knew that God was pleased with him, and would give him the strength to face a dark and threatening future. With God on his side, he could face anything.

At times life can become dark for all of us. There are a lot of voices which say to us: "You're good, but only if you're popular." But there is a still small voice which whispers to us in our hearts: "You are my beloved son/daughter." This is the voice we need to pay attention to. We must recognise that we are God's beloved children, and try to live our lives by the light of this truth.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(26 February - 04 March)

- **Monday, 26:** Monday of 2nd week of Lent (Dan 9:4-10; Lk 6:36-38)
- **Tuesday, 27:** Tuesday of 2nd week of Lent (Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12)
- **Wednesday, 28:** Wednesday of 2nd week of Lent (Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28)
- **Thursday, 01:** Thursday of 2nd week of Lent (Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31)
- **Friday, 02:** Friday of 2nd week of Lent (Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46)
- **Saturday, 03:** Saturday of 2nd week of Lent (Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32)
- **Sunday 04:** THIRD SUNDAY of LENT (Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25)

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.