



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
EASTER - 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 2:14, 36-41*

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 22:1-6*

*The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. <R>

2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. <R>

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. <R>

## SECOND READING

*1 Peter 2:20-25*

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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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.

## PARISH COLLECTION

### April 18th & 19th

1st (Presbytery) \$1093.00  
2nd (Parish) \$1080.35  
Holy Places \$50.00

## VICTOR MORNING TEA

### 26th April

W. & J. Baker

### 3rd May

L. Sunman & J. Davidge

## VICTOR MEET & GREET

### April Saturdays

C. Huppatz

### April Sundays

R. Reid & F. Harris

## GOOLWA MEET & GREET

### April

M. O'Halloran

## MORNING TEA

### April

J. Dunthorne, J. McMahon, C. Grimmer

## 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 APRIL

For priests in crisis:

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

## GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



**We pray for our shepherds:**

**Pope Leo, Archbishop O'Regan, Father Vinh. Give them strength and courage in their ministry.**

**We ask for the grace to be good shepherds in our families and our neighbourhoods, in our parish.**

*Your keeper stands at the gate of the fold.*

*No thief nor robber can go in.*

*But one has gone in before us,  
the shepherd who knows our names.*

*This shepherd calls us one by one  
to the safety of the fold.*

*No thief, nor robber, nor brigand can harm us  
for the shepherd is also our gate.*

*Then protected this way through the dark of night  
from all that would harm or destroy,  
we are free to come and go each day  
for the shepherd and gate are one.*

*Di Shearer April 2026*

**Our thanks to Di Shearer for sharing her poem "Emmaus" at last weekend Masses - a reflection on last week's Gospel.**

**Above is Di's reflection on this week's Gospel - John 10:1-10.**

## VOCATIONS

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations – 26 April 2026**

**On Sunday 26 April, the Church celebrates the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. This is a special opportunity to pray that many people will listen to God's call and respond with generosity and courage.**

**On this day, we especially pray for those discerning a call to the priesthood and consecrated life, for our seminarians and for the young people of our Archdiocese who are asking how God is calling them to serve.**

**Our beautiful board at St John's reminds us that we are in a season of joy. Jesus is risen indeed. Alleluia.**



## ANZAC DAY - 25th April Anzac

*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.*

## FINAL WORM SALE

**Our worms have worked hard for us for the last five years - since early-2021 - and deserve a break. Mark Leaney has offered them a home at his and Vicki's farm. I am sure they will continue to work for the earth in their new home. Below is from our original request to the PPC in 2021.**

*Dear Father and PPC members,  
We would like to start a Worm Farm at St Joan's.  
The aim would be to encourage any parishioner  
interested to participate in a method of recycling food  
waste and producing fertiliser, part of our efforts to  
demonstrate ways to "care for the earth".*



*The Earthcare Team*

**Our thanks to all who have been involved in this project with special mention of Jean Welling who most weeks has faithfully shared her scraps with the worms!! Thanks Jean.**

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):

If you are thinking of becoming a Catholic or even want to enquire about it, please talk to Father Vinh. Currently we have two people who are exploring the process of becoming a Catholic.

## MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE WILL CONTINUE THIS WEEKEND DON'T MISS OUT ON OUR WORTHWHILE PRIZES



1st prize at Goolwa is \$100 gift voucher to dine at Goolwa Hotel.

1st prize at Victor a \$100 voucher for Whalers Restaurant at Encounter Bay.

**Tickets are 3 for \$10 or 1 for \$5.**

At Victor please see Des Wallace and at Goolwa Paul or John.

**All proceeds will go to Vinnies or other care groups on the South Coast.**

**Di and John McMahon won the 45 Club draw this week with number 32.**

## THIS WEEK: 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> April VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 C. Sutherland  
EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh  
- Chalice 1: E. O'Connell  
- Chalice 2: A. Fawkner

## Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 G. Ryan  
R. 2 L. Sunman  
EMHC - Host: Fr. Vinh  
- Chalice 1: E. Dabinett  
- Chalice 2: P. Clingan

## GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: M. Freeborn

R1 E. Bourne  
R2 R. Austin  
EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh  
- Chalice 1: S. Muller  
- Chalice 2 : Marie Riddle



## NEXT WEEK: 2nd & 3rd May VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 C. Huppatz  
R.2 C. Sutherland  
EMHC - Host: J. Jeffery  
- Chalice 1: T. White  
- Chalice 2: Fr Vinh

## Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 L. Sunman  
R. 2 W. Baker  
EMHC - Host: Fr. Vinh  
- Chalice 1: K. White  
- Chalice 2: P. Clingan

## GOOLWA 9am

R1 A. Cowley  
R2 M. Busby  
EMHC - Host: T. Siciliano  
- Chalice 1: Fr Vinh  
- Chalice 2 : J. Ryan

## VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

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RAMINDJERI land

### CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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#### • PARISH ENCOUNTER

Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - 8552 1084,  
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(All items for the newsletter by Wed)

#### • PARISH TREASURER

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#### • 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](mailto: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)

Dare to be different.



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Jn 10:14*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my own sheep and mine know me. Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*John 10:1-10*

Jesus said:

‘I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.’

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

‘I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.’

### WHERE LIFE BECOMES FULL: A STORY OF FAITH IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS

Maya first heard John 10:10 at school, but it stayed with her because no one tried to over-explain it. “Life to the full,” her teacher said, “where do you actually see that happening?”

At first, Maya didn’t know.

That changed in small moments she almost missed.

Her younger brother came home with a simple note from his teacher: I noticed

how you helped someone today. He didn’t say much, but he kept it in his pocket all evening like it mattered more than a grade.

On Friday, Maya went with her mum to the parish hall. Nothing special, just setup for Sunday morning tea. Chairs, urns, noise that didn’t quite settle. An older parishioner moved through the room quietly, making sure there was space for people to sit together rather than apart. “It makes a difference,” she said, like it was obvious.

Later that night, her dad put his phone down mid-conversation and didn’t pick it up again.

No one announced anything. Nothing dramatic happened. But Maya noticed the pattern: people choosing presence over distraction, kindness over hurry, attention over noise.

At Sunday Mass, the Gospel was read again. John 10:10. Same words. But this time they didn’t feel distant.

Maya realised it wasn’t about finding a different life. It was about recognising the one already unfolding, in homes, schools, and parishes, whenever people chose to really see each other. And somehow, that made all the difference.

*GPBS eNews*

### THIS WEEK’S READINGS

*(01 - 07 May)*

- **Monday, 01:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18)
- **Tuesday, 02:** St Athanasius Easter (Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30)
- **Wednesday, 03:** Sts Philip and James (1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14)
- **Thursday, 04:** Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20)
- **Friday, 05:** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6)
- **Saturday, 06:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14)
- **Sunday 07:** Fifth Sunday of Easter (Acts 6:1-7, 1 Pet 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12)

### 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.