



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
- 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

Ezekiel 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 129

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he

who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 11:25, 26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

John 11:1-45 (abridged)

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already.

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

John Wallace, Claire Hamish, Bob Willis, Jeffery Family, Bailey Smallacombe, Ann Tee, Charlie Nicolson, Paula Collinson, Jane Lloyd, Eileen McCoe, Len Peake, Ron & Patrine Harris, Vin Slattery, Neil Cumming, Clancy Retallick, Ann Hannagan, Mollie Davis, Jutta Millar, Cath Howard, Keith Fawcner, Trudi McNamara, Elizabeth Nance, Allen Odgers, Jan Henderson.

ANNIVERSARIES

Tony Hudson, Kevin Higgins

RECENTLY DECEASED

Peter Harris, Josie Proctor
Kevin Hannagan.

PARISH COLLECTION

18th & 19th March 2023
1st (Presbytery) \$907.05
2nd Parish \$1,134.35

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

31st March
W. & J. Baker & F. Hanna
7th & 14th April
M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

VICTOR MORNING TEA

26th March
W. & J. Baker
2nd April
L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden

VICTOR MEET & GREET

March Saturday
M. Farmer & C. Huppatz
March Sunday
R. Reid & F. Harris

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

March
J. Dunthorne
MORNING TEA
March
C. May, J. Henderson,
J. Fitzgerald

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday
Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2023 PRAYER INTENTIONS



March: For victims of abuse:

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

EASTER MASSES – VICTOR HARBOR

Sheets are in the porch at Victor Harbor for Mass Ministries over Easter. Please place your name on the sheet if you are available to assist at these special celebrations.

NEW MASS ROSTER - VICTOR APRIL- AUGUST 2023

I am currently preparing the new rosters for Victor Harbor Masses. If you would like to be added into one of these important ministries, please contact me as soon as possible. Also, if you are unavailable any time during the next roster period, please let me know.

Carol Sutherland. 0418856799
csutherland@internode.on.net

THANK YOU

Faye Harris and her family would like to sincerely thank all the parishioners for their love and support during Peter's long journey. Special thanks to everyone who contributed towards the wake, it was so much appreciated. Faye & family.

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION



This is the official title of those who help the priest with distribution of Holy Communion and/or take

Communion to the sick at home or in Residential Care. The priest is the Ordinary Minister. Those who help with this duty as needed are Extra.

You will see the initials EM of HC on our Mass duty listings.

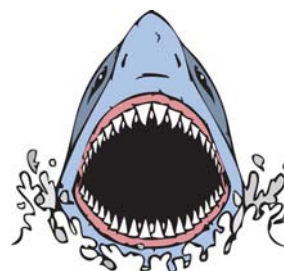
OUR RESPONSE

Please note that when the person distributing the Host says

Body of Christ and puts the Eucharist in our hands, we affirm our belief and acceptance by answering

AMEN.

FISH AND CHIPS ANYONE?



St Joan's Social Club are holding their annual Fish and Chips Night on Friday 31st March at 5.30 for 6.00pm in the Annex .

Cost is \$15.00 a head, BYO drinks.

Come and join in the fun.

Please call or txt Pat on 0410 593 617 or Colleen on 0405 634 744 if you are coming.

DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS SUNDAY 2ND APRIL 2023



Remember to **TURN BACK** your clocks **ONE** hour early on Sunday morning, 2nd April 2023.

PALM SUNDAY PEACE MARCH

Sunday 2nd April 2023

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square)

Churches Together for Peace & Justice - Walking in Unity



THANK YOU to all the helpers who gave of their time at the recent funerals held at St Joan's. It was much appreciated.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

An electric recliner

A single bed with associated furniture

A fridge

All in good condition.

If you are interested, please contact John Dunthorne on 0437 515 144

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT YR.A

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let Your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading.

If You, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with You is found forgiveness:
for this we revere You.

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on His word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.)

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed He will redeem
from all its iniquity.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Project Compassion brings together



Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you

to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu. Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE



POPE FRANCIS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Pope Francis said "the most beautiful moment" of his pontificate was with elderly in St Peter's Square in 2014.

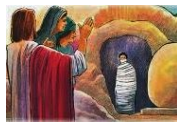


Some of the most painful moments, instead, were those connected to the horror of war, including visits to military cemeteries, the 2013 prayer vigil for peace in Syria, and others.

He said he hates the fact that in wars such as the one between Russia and Ukraine, many young men, of either side, never get to go home.

The gift he most wants for his anniversary, he said, is "peace".

LENTEN REFLECTION FROM OUR LENTEN BOOKLET



This week we hear how Jesus raises Lazarus, the brother of Martha and Mary, from the grave.

This account gives us a message of hope.

Death is not the final answer.

Help us to respond as Martha did.

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

"Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe...."

FASTING FOR LENT

Do you want to fast this Lent?

Fast from hurting, say kind words

Fast from sadness

and be filled with gratitude

Fast from anger

and be filled with patience

Fast from pessimism

and be filled with hope

Fast from worries and have trust in God

Fast from complaints

and contemplate simplicity

Fast from pressure and be prayerful

Fast from bitterness

and fill your heart with joy

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others

Fast from grudges and be reconciled

Fast from words

and be silent so you can listen.

THIS WEEK 25th & 26th March

VICTOR HARBOR

Saturday 6.00pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 J. Ryan

R.2 C. Sutherland

E.M. of H.C. M. Farmer

Sunday 11.00am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 W. Baker

R. 2 A. Rose

E.M. of H.C. J. Baker

GOOLWA

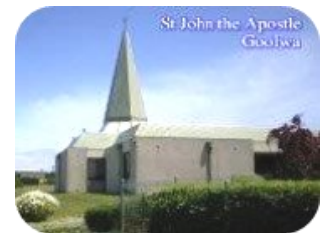
Sunday 9.00am

Commentator: P. Kennelly

R. 1 M. Mulvihill

R. 2 R. Lee

E.M. of H.C. T. Siciliano



NEXT WEEK 1st & 2nd April

VICTOR HARBOR

Saturday 6.00pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 B. Bullen

R.2 J. Jeffery

E.M. of H.C. E. O'Connell

Sunday 11.00am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 L. Sunman

R. 2 R. Klecko

E.M. of H.C. M. Taylor

GOOLWA

Sunday 9.00am

Commentator: P. Kennelly

R. 1 R. Lee

R. 2 K. O'Shea

E.M. of H.C. M. Glazewski

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA
NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• **PARISH PRIEST**

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in an emergency - 0429 098 802)
Email: Vinh2511@bigpond.com

• **PARISH MANAGERS**

Mr Ray Klecko (0438 364 870)
Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)
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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*)

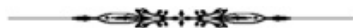
• **PARISH TREASURER**

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)
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)



COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(*Current from 23/03/23*)

- If you have tested positive for COVID-19, please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Wearing of face-masks in Church is recommended.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.

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When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

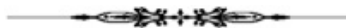
'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.



DEATH NO LONGER PROUD

A mother came up to me with her second-grade son at her side. She told me he had something he wanted to ask me. He held on to her hand tightly. The words clearly difficult for him to formulate. After some squirming and hesitating, he finally asked me if he could bury his deceased pet dog in the soil on the side of the church. I assured him that I could think of no more fitting a resting place for his pet to be buried. He was very relieved.

Among all the other benefits and good reasons for a child caring for a pet is that they often do teach a lesson in the reality of death. In our society, death seldom is experienced at home. We try to make it more palatable with wakes and memorial services. But it remains an unknown reality for many of us. And we tend to fear what we do not know. Witness how often the word death is used in titles of movies or books created to frighten us.

Death was much more visible in Jesus' time. Warm climates meant the necessity for quick burials. There is a finality about it. That is, until Jesus comes and rolls back the stone and calls his friend Lazarus out. After that moment, we realise death will never have the same hold over us.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(*27 March - 02 April*)

- **Monday, 27:** Mon, 5th week Lent (Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11)
- **Tuesday, 28:** Tues, 5th week Lent (Num 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30)
- **Wednesday, 29:** Wed, 5th week Lent (Dan 3:14-20, 24-25, 28; Jn 8:31-42)
- **Thursday, 30:** Thur, 5th week Lent (Gen 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59)
- **Friday, 31:** Fri, 5th week Lent (Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42)
- **Saturday, 01:** Sat, 5th week Lent (Ezek 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56)
- **Sunday 02:** PALM SUNDAY (Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66)

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.