



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
- YEAR B

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

Vol 12 : No 27

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

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?'

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: the Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today, so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 32:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:14-17

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son

of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Apoc 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

(Continued page 4)



Bulletin Board

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

John Wallace, Claire Hamish, Jeffery Family, Natalie Millar, Ann Tee, Bailey Smallacombe, Charlie Nicolson, Jane Lloyd, Geoff Munro, Eileen McCoe, Len Peake, Neil Cumming, Dave Rivers, Clancy Retallick, Mollie Davis, David Lee, Ann Hannagan, Cath Howard, Trudi McNamara, Allen Odgers Elizabeth Nance, Jesse Walker J. Millar, Rose Munro, Andrew Nichols, John Slagter, William Ash, Eloise Ash, Gavin Schumacher, Jim Ryan, Leonie Hassan, Fr Vinh Tran

HOLY FATHER'S 2024 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY: FOR THE FORMATION OF MEN AND WOMEN RELIGIOUS AND SEMINARIANS:



Let us pray for men and women religious and seminarians.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER VINH

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, care and support. My doctor has taken me off my current medications and replaced them with other medication. It will take 4 weeks to see how I respond to it. Many thanks to you all for keeping the parish running well. May God bless us all . Fr Vinh

MARY'S SPECIAL MONTH



May is a special month for Catholics around the world, as it is traditionally dedicated to the Virgin Mary. Mary, the mother of Jesus, has played a significant role in the Catholic faith since its beginning. Devotion to Mary is a deeply rooted aspect of Catholic theology and spirituality.

DON'T FORGET THOSE IN NEED VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

Envelopes are available at St Joan's (this weekend 11th/12th) and St John's (18th/19th). If you can make a contribution, please either take an envelope and return your donation to the following week's 2nd collection, or go online www.vinnies.org.au or phone 13 18 12. All donations go to South Coast people. Thank you for caring!

COMORO GARAGE SALE SUCCESS

Many thanks to those who helped with our recent Garage Sale with special mention of Ellen O'Connell, our organiser, members of the Knights who provided a delicious sausage sizzle and those who contributed soups to sell on the day. We raised \$1,940 and in addition received \$1,000 from a generous parishioner. A truly wonderful effort!

KENYA APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND

In a letter sent by Archbishop O'Regan we read: *"recent devastating widespread floods...have spread through Kenya causing widespread destruction...Of our seven Missionary priests from Africa, six come from Kenya.*

The Archbishop is asking us to contribute to a special appeal for Kenya if we can. There have been many calls on our generosity recently so you may not be able to spare any more at the moment but if you can, every little helps.

NATIONAL SORRY DAY

is an annual event in Australia on 26th May. It commemorates the Stolen Generations — the Aboriginal Australian and Torres Strait Islander children who were forcibly separated from their families during the 20th century. Our own recent Australian Plenary Council *"says sorry to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in and beyond the Church for the part played by the Church in the harms they have suffered."* Decree on Reconciliation.



GOOLWA INTERCHURCH CONNECT MEETING

Without my usual sidekick Vivi, who was suffering from a virus, I attended the meeting of this group on 16th May. The following are items of interest.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA CANCER APPEAL

There will be three church groups this year holding morning teas to raise money for cancer research. The Catholic and Lutheran church groups are combining as well as the Church of Christ and Uniting Church. The Anglican Church held their own morning recently. The profits from each group will be combined and all looks well for a handsome amount to be raised.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

A committee is now being formed and it is hoped the pageant may return this year.

MESSY CHURCH A good attendance at their Easter service and this group is constantly bringing in families who don't normally attend Church. One such case was a grandmother who brought her grandson who had behaviour problems, to let him hear the Gospel stories.

SCHOOL CHAPLAINS' REPORT

The Secondary School at Goolwa is asking for ladies to assist their students with sewing classes.

CHURCH REPORTS Grant Simpson has retired as minister of the Church of Christ and been replaced by a young minister, David. Uniting Church minister Naomi has been transferred with a replacement yet to be appointed. The Anglican Church has had a renewal of support with a Ladies Group re-formed and a games afternoon with some students from Goolwa High School attending. From Paul Kennelly

KSC BBQ NEXT SUNDAY 2nd JUNE AFTER 9.00AM MASS.

KSC DONATION:

THE KNIGHTS HAVE DONATED \$1000 TO THE VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

PARISH COLLECTION 18th & 19th May

1st (Presbytery) \$1,123.15
2nd (Parish) \$1,261.30

VICTOR MORNING TEA 26th May

W. & J. Baker
2nd June
L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden

VICTOR MEET & GREET May Saturdays

M. Farmer, H. Anderson
May Sundays
R. Reid, L. Sunman

GOOLWA MEET & GREET May

P. Kennelly
May MORNING TEA
M. Burfitt, P. Stone, A. Fawkner

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.
Claire Williams 0429 008 199



RESPONSORIAL PSALM The Most Holy TRINITY

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all His works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with His love.

By His word the heavens were made, by the breath of His mouth all the stars. He spoke; and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being.

The Lord looks on those who revere Him on those who hope in His love to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May Your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in You.



FEAST OF ST. JOAN OF ARC May 30th

"Go forward bravely. Fear nothing. Trust in God; all will be well."



Saint Joan of Arc, you stood firm in your faith in the face of your enemies and in the face of death. We pray that we may be as courageous as you were and as devoted to doing the will of God. May we stand firm in our faith as we face adversity in our own lives. Help us to act wisely and to rely on God's strength, no matter how uncertain the situation seems. Amen.

FUNERAL OF PATRICIA EDWARDS

This will be held at St Joan's next Monday 27th May at 1.00pm. Patricia was a pupil at our local Catholic School and is sister of Richard Edwards, a parishioner of our Church. A trained nurse, Patricia served for 29 years at the South Coast District Hospital. Our deepest sympathy to Rebecca, her daughter, and to all Patricia's family. May she rest in peace.

**PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE
AND THE HOLY LAND**

FEAST OF THE VISITATION 31ST MAY



The Mass of today salutes Mary who in her womb bore the King of heaven and earth, the Creator of the world, the Son of the Eternal Father, the Son of Justice. It narrates the cleansing of John from original sin in his mother's womb. Hearing herself addressed by the most lofty title of "Mother of the Lord" and realizing what grace her visit had conferred on John, Mary broke out into a sublime canticle of praise: *"My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. Because he that is mighty, hath done great things to me, and holy is His name"* (Lk. 1:46).
Catholic Culture

SYMBOL OF THE TRINITY

Over the centuries we have used symbols to try to explain the mystery of the Trinity. One symbol is taken from Greek dancing. **"The dance of Love ."**



There are three dancers. They start to go in circles, weaving in and out in this very beautiful pattern of motion. They start to go faster and faster and faster, all the while staying in perfect rhythm and in sync with each other. Eventually, they are dancing so quickly (yet so effortlessly) that as you look at them, it just becomes a blur. Their individual identities are part of a larger dance. The early Church Fathers and Mothers looked at that dance and said, *"That's what the Trinity is like."*
We are called to join in the dance!

STAMP STORY

One inspiring group of volunteers for *Mary MacKillop Today* are helping to change the world through used stamps. Almost 40 years ago they started selling used stamps. ...



and they have now reached over \$500,000 in stamp sales!

The gathering and preparation of stamps requires patience and endurance, and the volunteers embody the spirit of St Mary MacKillop by seeing a need that they are able to assist with in their own way and giving of themselves in support of others. Thanks to our own Jean Welling who recently sent collected stamps to them..

The team is now on a mission to reach \$1,000,000. Stamps are getting fewer, so goodness knows how many years they are looking at. In the meantime, keep sending any used stamps, albums to
*Stamps, Locked Bag 3031
Burwood, NSW 1805.*

THIS WEEK: 25th & 26th May

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy
R.1 J. Jeffery
R.2 B. Bullen
EMHC M. Farmer

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 T. Hounslow
R. 2 A. Williss
EMHC K. Dudley

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: V. Scriver

R. 1 M. Mulvihill
R. 2 L. Healey

EMHC R. Austin



NEXT WEEK: 1st & 2nd June

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket
R.1 C. Huppatz
R.2 M. Mulvihill
EMHC J. Jeffery

Sunday 11am

Commentator: T. Hounslow

R. 1 M. Cunningham
R. 2 P. O'Brien
EMHC M. Taylor

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: M. Freeborn

R. 1 P. Kennelly
R. 2 C. May

EMHC A. Turner

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA PARISH

NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

32 Seaview Road (PO Box 464)
VICTOR HARBOR SA 5211
Telephone: 8552 1084 (*Please leave a message if the Office is unattended - we will get back to you asap*)
Email: catholicvhg@bigpond.com
Web: www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au

PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• PARISH PRIEST

Fr Vinh-Quang Tran
(*Fr Vinh is currently on leave*)
Email: Vinh2511@bigpond.com

• PARISH MANAGERS

Mr Ray Klecko (0438 364 870)
Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)
Email: Parish_manager@bigpond.com

• 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)

DID YOU KNOW?

- Many of the prayers of the Church express our belief in a Triune God (three persons in one). One of the greatest prayers is the Sign of the Cross where we dedicate ourselves 'In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit'.
- Although the Scriptures describe God as Father, Son and Spirit, many centuries elapsed before the Church formulated the doctrine of the Trinity. This formulation is enshrined in the Nicene Creed.
- St Patrick reportedly used the shamrock to describe the three persons in one God to the pagans of Ireland.
- St Augustine described the Trinity as the lover, the beloved and the love between.

(Continued from page 1)

THE AWE-INSPIRING MYSTERY OF IT ALL

It is said that in the midst of his 30-year struggle to write his treatise on the Holy Trinity, de Trinitate, the great saint and Doctor of the church Augustine took a walk by the seashore to clear his mind. He noticed a boy using a sea shell to carry water from the ocean to a small hole in the sand where he dumped it. Augustine, bishop of Hippo at the time, asked the boy what he was doing. "I am emptying the sea into this hole" they boy replied. Augustine smiled. "I'm afraid that is impossible, my child. This hole couldn't possibly contain the vast ocean."

The boy looked deeply into the eyes of Augustine and said, "And it is also impossible for you to understand the vast Trinity with your small mind." Taken aback, Augustine looked to the horizon to ponder the boy's words. When he looked back, the boy had vanished. Because of this great story, the sea shell has become a symbol of Saint Augustine and of the study of Theology.

It is well and good that we ponder the mysteries of faith as well as the mysteries of the universe. It is well and good that we debate, that we explore, that we discover, even that we doubt at times. But we should never forget that our individual consciousness is not capable of conceiving or containing the fullness of truth. At the end of the day, awe is the only proper response to the greatest mysteries. *GPBS eNews*

SOMETHING SO GREAT

What could be greater than being a disciple of Jesus as he toured around Galilee two thousand years ago, teaching and healing? Perhaps the answer is: being a disciple today, post resurrection and ascension, with the gift of the Spirit dwelling in us. The Holy Spirit makes the difference between the uncomprehending band that followed Jesus from place to place, seeing but not believing, and the vital life of faith that bloomed in the early church directly after Pentecost. Happy are they who have not seen, and have believed! Remember, that's us.

And we remember as well that Jesus isn't going anywhere. Until the end of time, the wisdom and power and true presence of Jesus is with us. Just as the magnificence of God is revealed in creation, the presence of Jesus remains in Word and sacrament. The indwelling Spirit puts that power to work in our lives, so that all this faith business doesn't remain spiritual mumbo-jumbo. Mother Teresa and two Popes can't possibly be the only saints of this generation. God, Jesus, and the Spirit invite us, today and every day, to a discipleship every bit as exciting as theirs. *GPBS eNews*

KIDS' CORNER

The Holy Trinity is a mystery. But it isn't the kind that a detective solves. It's a mystery of Divine Love. The Holy Trinity is hard to understand but we can learn more about the three Persons of the Trinity by seeing the Trinity's divine actions in the world. We can be reminded about the Father by the action of creating. God has created the universe and each one of us. We think about the Son through the action of saving. Jesus suffered, died and rose for us. And a good way to remember the Holy Spirit is by the action of making us holy. The Holy Spirit wants to make us saints!

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(27 May - 2 June)

- **Monday, 27:** Weekday, Ord Time 8 (1 Pet 1:3-9; Mk 10:17-27)
- **Tuesday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 8 (1 Pet 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31)
- **Wednesday, 29:** Weekday, Ord Time 8 (1 Pet 1:18-25; Mk 10:32-45)
- **Thursday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 8 (1 Pet 2:2-5, 9-12; Mk 10:46-52)
- **Friday, 31:** The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Zeph 3:14-18; Lk 1:39-56)
- **Saturday, 01:** St Justin (Jude 17, 20-25; Mk 11:27-33)
- **Sunday 02:** The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST (*Corpus Christi*) (Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26)

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 0438 364 870.