



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF
EASTER - 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

Acts 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 21:26-28, 30-32

*I will praise you, Lord,
in the assembly of your people.*

SECOND READING

1 John 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be

certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he

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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)

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, Patricia Harris, William Ash, Eloise Ash, Gavin Schumacher

RECENTLY DECEASED

Jan Henderson

ANNIVERSARIES

Joan Kelly

PARISH COLLECTION 20th & 21st April

1st (Presbytery) \$996.05
2nd (Parish) \$1,251.85

VICTOR MORNING TEA 28th April

W. & J. Baker

5th May

L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden

VICTOR MEET & GREET April Saturdays

M. Farmer, E. O'Connell

April Sundays

R. Reid, J. Baker

GOOLWA MEET & GREET April J. McInnes

APRIL MORNING TEA

T. Siciliano, J. Dunthorne,
J. McMahon

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.
Claire Williams 0429 008 199

HOLY FATHER'S 2024 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL:

FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN:

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.



GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP

Sunday 5pm in the Annex

You are welcome to join this group to reflect on the Gospel of the day.

Phone Carol Sutherland.

0418 856 799.

SOUTH COAST CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

CARE GOOLWA is currently in need of canned food and non perishable items to be donated to their office at the Uniting Church at Goolwa. We will have a box in the church foyer over the next couple of weeks so that you can bring your donations to Mass and we will deliver to them the next day. There is a list of their most urgent needs on the church notice board. Last year this care group was very grateful to the response from our community so lets get behind them again.

GOOLWA GARDEN DAY

TUESDAY 1st May

9.30 - 11.30am.

All help appreciated.



POLICE CHECKS

Quite a number of people currently in Parish ministry may need to re-new their police check/working with children clearance. If your clearance is soon to expire, please contact Ray Klecko 0438 364 870 or Pat Clingan 0410 593 617 to make an appointment to obtain a new police check.

MOTHERS' DAY WINE RAFFLE

12 delicious reds!! plus a bonus prize.

Tickets @ \$10 are now available for the Knights' Mothers' Day wine raffle. Mike

O'Halloran is the man to see at Goolwa and Des Wallace at Victor. Still a chance to buy a ticket before they are all gone.



PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE AND THE HOLY LAND



BRINGING HIS SPIRIT HOME

A new seven-part, immersive audio podcast

commissioned by the [Virtual War Memorial Australia](#)

explores the remarkable World War I journey of Ngarrindjeri Anzac, Private Arthur Thomas Walker, a Ramindjeri man of the Ngarrindjeri nation, who left his home in Goolwa, South Australia in 1915 to serve in Gallipoli. When he was killed-in-action in a muddy field in France in August he became one of the many soldiers with 'no known grave.' You can access his story on the link above. *Southern Cross*



MANY STREAMS ONE JOURNEY TOGETHER



5th Australian Plenary Council (2021-2022) to which we sent submissions from our parish **Adelaide Diocesan Assemblies** (next one on weekend of June 14th and 15th). We send delegates from our parish to these assemblies.

Worldwide Synod of Bishops on Synodality

(the second part of this worldwide synod takes place in October this year).

Our Archbishop is one of two Australian delegates.

Regional Assemblies

(ours was held in March this year.)

Parish Assemblies

(we now hold one annually)

Ultimately, these streams are connected and are heading in the same direction and in our parish we have contributed generously to their task of *assessing the signs of the times and listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit to discern the way forward for the Church in the coming years and decades.*

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR A LISTENING HEART INSPIRED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR ALL DELEGATES TO THESE EVENTS

KSC 45 CLUB

The first series for 2024 has completed. We look forward to Series 2 which is now open.

The first draw will be on 8th June. We are so grateful for your participation which enables us to support those in the parish and beyond who are so desperately in need. Please look out for Robert Lee in Goolwa or any member of the Knights of the Southern Cross in Victor Harbor.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YR. B-2

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear Him.

The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek Him.

May their hearts live for ever and ever!

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,

all families of the nations worship before Him.

They shall worship Him, all the mighty of the earth;

before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

And my soul shall live for Him, my children serve Him.

They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,

declare His faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:

'These things the Lord has done.'



SAINT PETER CHANEL Feast Day 28th April (1802-1841)



St. Peter Chanel was born in France in 1802. He was ordained a priest in 1827, but after a few years in ministry the reading of letters of missionaries in far-away lands inflamed him with

zeal, and he resolved to devote his life to the Apostolate. He joined the Society of Mary (Marists). In 1836 he embarked for Oceania. He suffered great hardships, disappointments, frustration, and almost complete failure as well as the opposition of the local chieftain. The work seemed hopeless: only a few had been baptized, and the chieftain continued to be suspicious and hostile. Then, when the chief's son asked for baptism, the chief was so angry that he sent warriors to kill the missionary. Peter's violent death brought about the conversion of the island, and the people of Futuna remain Catholic to this day. Peter Chanel was beatified in 1889 and canonized in 1954.

75TH MARIAN PROCESSION DIVERTED BY PORT POWER!!



For many of us as children the Marian procession was an annual event.

We mightn't have quite understood it all and struggled to walk the distance but who can forget

the Rostrevor scenery, the statue of Mary proudly, if precariously, carried, banners from various groups in the Archdiocese along with the recitation of the Rosary.

The 75th Marian Procession will be held on Sunday 19th May beginning at Victoria Park and processing up Wakefield Street into Victoria Square. *The change of location this year is due to road closures on King William St for a Port Adelaide football club home game.* The Procession will commence at 2pm and all are invited to attend with their parish or community. Group assembly will begin from 1.30pm.

A NEW COMORO GARAGE SALE ON SUNDAY 18th May

First week after
Mother's Day

Mark has left for Timor for two weeks. He will engage with Maria

Auxiliadora (Our Lady Help of Christians) parishioners and their PPC. This will be followed up with a report from Comoro and a Garage Sale on the 18th of May. (The week after Mother's Day).



JOURNALISTS FOR THE PLANET



In 2024, **World Press Freedom Day** is dedicated to the importance of journalism and freedom of expression in the

context of the current global environmental crisis.

To achieve sustainable development, it is necessary for journalists to report accurately, timely, and comprehensively on environmental issues and their consequences, as well as on possible solutions.

Holy Spirit, please grant wisdom and insight to those working throughout media. May they always seek to communicate with integrity and truth. Amen

THIS WEEK: 27th & 28th April

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 S. Duong

R.2 J. Jeffery

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 A. Rose

R. 2 R. Reid

EMHC M. Taylor

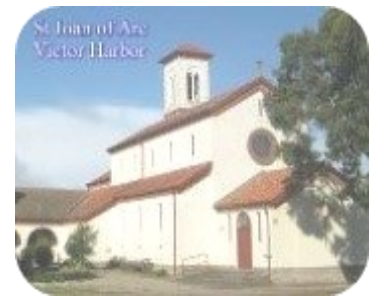
GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: V. Scriver

R. 1 C. May

R. 2 M. O'Halloran

EMHC R. Austin



NEXT WEEK: 4th & 5th May

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 L. Blacket

R.2 J. Ryan

EMHC J. Jeffery

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. Clingan

R. 1 A. Rose

R. 2 L. Sunman

EMHC P. O'Brien

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: D. Huppatz

R. 1 P. Kennelly

R. 2 M. Freeborn

EMHC S. Muller

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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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• CHILD PROTECTION

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Goolwa (Cathy May 0401 584 237)
Victor Harbor (Office 8552 1084)

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

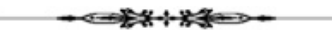
EXPLORING THE WORD

Jesus continues to speak to the disciples through imagery which they understood from their everyday experience and with symbols that come from their Jewish tradition. The vine is a staple part of Israel's agricultural life. It carries the idea of the life that flows into the branches from the thick stalk of the vine. Jesus becomes that giver of life and prosperity, but behind his life-giving presence is the Father. Like the vine dresser, the Father must cut away anything which impedes that life or comes from a source which is not nourished from the 'true vine'. Jesus exists to make the Father known and so it must be with the disciples of Jesus. We must 'remain with' Jesus and thus make the Father known.

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prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'



BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfilment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us

through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbour. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(29 April - 5 May)

- **Monday, 29:** St Catherine of Siena (Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26)
- **Tuesday, 30:** Tuesday of the 5th week of Easter (Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31)
- **Wednesday, 1:** Wednesday of the 5th week of Easter (Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8)
- **Thursday, 2:** St Athanasius (Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11)
- **Friday, 3:** Sts Philip and James (1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14)
- **Saturday, 4:** Saturday of the 5th week of Easter (Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21)
- **Sunday 5:** SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17)

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.