



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

SECOND 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

Genesis 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22

*Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

1. 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. R.
2. 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. R.
3. 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 ur hope in you. R.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the

power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

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!

GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which

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

Graham Blacket, Geoff & Rose Munro, Tommy & Eileen McCoe, 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.

ANNIVERSARIES

Peter Harris, John Mezzino, Kath & Tim Kennelly

RECENTLY DECEASED

Shaun Edwards, Frances Powell, John Tregeagle

PARISH COLLECTION 21st & 22nd February

1st (Presbytery) \$940.40
2nd (Parish) \$1014.35

VICTOR MORNING TEA 1st March

L. Sunman & J. Davidge
8th March
F. Hanna & V. Coffey

VICTOR MEET & GREET February Saturdays

H. Anderson
February Sundays
R. Reid & L. Sunman

GOOLWA MEET & GREET February

C. Rivers
MORNING TEA
February

T. Curtis, E. Bourne

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.
Claire Williams 0429 008 199

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



HOLY FATHER'S 2026 PRAYER INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY: For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

THE FINAL WEEK BEFORE OUR COMORO GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY 7TH MARCH

*Be sure to fill in Rosters in the porch
for the 6th and 7th March*

DONATIONS

**can be left in foyer of Church or
dropped off on Friday morning**

**(books especially wanted, bric-a-brac,
no clothes this year)**

Come along on Saturday

***Enjoy the sausage sizzle and other goodies
Support our Comoro sisters and brothers.***



World Day of Prayer

AUSTRALIA

Date: Next Friday 6th March **Theme:** Nigeria

Location: Victor: St Augustine's Anglican Church, Bourke Street 2.00pm

Goolwa: Anglican Church Hall 2.30pm

The World Day of Prayer is always a wonderful way for us to join with other Churches in our area and around the world.

Our own Anne Fawkner is giving the keynote address at St Augustine's sharing about her experience in Nigeria.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS & SAFEGUARDING

To the wonderful Victor/Goolwa Parish Community.
A BIG THANK YOU for the support given toward our Safeguarding initiatives over the last few months and for attending Fr Dean's Talk on Ash Wednesday.



**INTEGRITY &
SAFEGUARDING**
ETHICALLY AWARENESS OF SOCIETY

Along with the Safety And Integrity Resources, Children's activities, poster information, etc. at the back of each Church, we have *a list of Parishioners who hold a WWCC and who have completed Safeguarding Essentials Training within the Parish.*

If you wish to obtain a Working With Children Check, or undergo Essentials Training, please contact Pat in the Parish Office or myself (Safeguarding Contact).

Along with Safeguarding resources there are **FEEDBACK BOXES** at the back of each Church.

Feedback is welcome, confidential and informs our Safeguarding Practices.

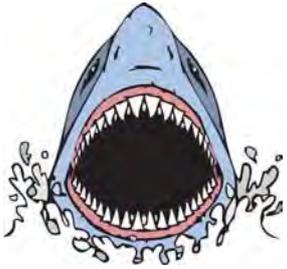
Andy Nicholls

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FISH AND CHIP NIGHT

The first Social Club event for 2026 is our very popular Fish n Chip night on Friday 27th March @ 6pm. Cost is \$20ph. Come along and have a great night. BYO drinks & a glass. Call or txt Colleen on 0405 634 744 or Pat on 0410 593 617. Bring a friend.



Pope Leo XIV urges Catholics to switch off their phones during Lent to create room for silence and prayer.

JOIN IN A RETREAT

ORGANISED BY OUR OWN GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP



Each year our Gospel Reflection Group spends a couple of days in Retreat at Sevenhill Monastery. Members organise the Retreat sessions themselves. Now they would like to share their experience with you.

They are planning a Retreat in the Annex on

Friday 13th March from 9.30 - 12.30. Morning tea is included.

If you would like to join in the Retreat please put your name on the sheet in the foyer in Victor or Goolwa or text Carol Sutherland on 0418 856 799.

A wonderful chance to renew your relationship with Jesus.

GOOLWA GARDEN DAY

TUESDAY 3RD MARCH from 9.30 -11.30.

Our thanks to our visiting Corellas who have kept the lawn mowed over the last month!



SUPPORT LENTEN PROJECT COMPASSION IN TWO WAYS

1. You can donate through Project Compassion *donation boxes and envelopes* available in the porch or directly by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion

If there are no special envelopes left you can use your own envelopes.

Put on second collection labelled Project Compassion **AND/OR**

2. You can make a donation towards the Victor and Goolwa *Long Walk for Water*

Groups by putting a donation in the boxes in each porch or give directly to <https://www.projectcompassion.org.au/fundraisers/victorharborgoolwacatholicparish>

Money from both sources goes to Project Compassion

We have valiant walkers listed from Victor and Goolwa - thank you!!

Vivi is inviting walkers from Goolwa to meet at Bombora at 10.00am this Tuesday to walk along the river.

CLEAN-UP AUSTRALIA DAY SUNDAY MARCH 1st

Join Richard Edwards and the CoastCare team at 9.00-11.00am outside the Causeway Café this Sunday morning to help clean up along our beaches.

Gloves, bags etc provided.

Suggestion: When going for a walk on any day take a rubbish bag and help keep Australia clean.

THIS WEEK: 28th Feb. & 1st Mar.

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: T. White

R.1 A. Fawkner

R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC - Host : J. Jeffery

- Chalice 1 : Fr Vinh

- Chalice 2 : A. Fawkner

Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 T. Hounslow

R. 2 L. Sunman

EMHC - Host : Fr. Vinh

- Chalice 1 : A. Fawkner

- Chalice 2 : F. Hanna

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R1 M. Freeborn

R2 M. Mulvihill

EMHC - Host : A. Turner

- Chalice 1 : Fr Vinh

- Chalice 2 : S, Muller



NEXT WEEK: 7th & 8th March

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 C. Huppertz

R.2 C. Allen

EMHC - Host : E. O'Shaughnessy

- Chalice 1 : T. White

- Chalice 2 : Fr. Vinh

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 L. Sunman

R. 2 A. Weygood

EMHC - Host : Fr. Vinh

- Chalice 1 : K. White

- Chalice 2 : P. Clingan

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R1 R. Lee

R2 E. Bourne

EMHC - Host : Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1 : V. Scriva

- Chalice 2 : Marie Riddle

**VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA
CATHOLIC PARISH**
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RAMINDJERI land

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• **PARISH PRIEST**

Fr Vinh-Quang Tran (8552 1084;
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• **PARISH MANAGER**

Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)
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• **PARISH ENCOUNTER**

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

• **INTEGRITY & SAFEGUARDING**

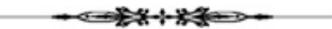
We are a safeguarding Organisation which is committed to the care, well-being and protection of children, young people and adults at risk.

- Andy Nicholls
(VH/G contact - 0475 893 521 or andrewnicholls6@gmail.com)
- Integrity and Safeguarding Dept
(8210 8150 - select Option 2)
- CSHW SA (Work, Health and Safety) please contact Jim Dabinett (0460 033 529)



said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'



A GLIMPSE OF GLORY

It was an ordinary Wednesday. At Holy Name Catholic Primary School, Mrs. Thompson watched as her usually shy student, Ken, stood in front of the class and read his poem aloud. His voice trembled at first, then grew steady, his classmates captivated. For a moment, the classroom seemed brighter – not from the sunlight outside, but from something deeper, something almost sacred.

Later that evening, in the parish hall, the same community gathered for the weekly Lenten soup night. Volunteers carried bowls with care, families shared laughter, and an elderly parishioner quietly thanked the youth group for helping set up tables and chairs. Nothing extraordinary had happened, yet in those small acts of courage, kindness, and service, glimpses of God's glory were everywhere – like the Transfiguration on a humble hilltop.

Ken's voice, the shared laughter, the simple acts of service – they were all ordinary moments. And yet, just as the disciples saw Jesus shining with divine light, these moments revealed the sacred woven into daily life. Lent isn't about waiting for spectacular miracles – it's about noticing the hidden ones around us: in parishes, in schools, and in our homes.

THE GLORY IN THE EVERYDAY:

A Lenten Invitation for Parish Life
Matthew 17:1-3 describes one of the most vivid moments in Scripture: Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John. His face shines like the sun, his clothes dazzling white. Moses and Elijah appear, speaking of

what is to come. It's dramatic, almost otherworldly, but Lent invites us to see this story in a very down-to-earth way.

For families and parish communities, life can feel ordinary, messy, and full of routine. Yet the Transfiguration reminds us that glimpses of God's glory are everywhere – if we pay attention. It might be a moment when a child shows unexpected kindness, when a family member forgives, when your parish community comes together to help someone in need. These are "mountaintop moments" – sacred flashes in the midst of everyday life.

Moses reminds us of guidance and faithfulness; Elijah of courage and trust in God's plan. In our homes and parish communities, we balance these too: nurturing faith, speaking truth in love, acting boldly when kindness or justice calls. Lent challenges us to notice these moments, live them intentionally, and recognise that God is already at work in our daily lives.

This week, look closely. Pray intentionally. Listen carefully. Even the ordinary carries the extraordinary when seen through eyes of faith.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(02 - 08 March)

- **Monday, 02:** Monday, 2nd week Lent (Dan 9:4-10; Lk 6:36-38)
- **Tuesday, 03:** Tuesday, 2nd week Lent (Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12)
- **Wednesday, 04:** Wednesday, 2nd week Lent (Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28)
- **Thursday, 05:** Thursday, 2nd week Lent (Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31)
- **Friday, 06:** Friday, 2nd week Lent - (Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46)
- **Saturday, 07:** Saturday, 2nd week Lent (Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32)
- **Sunday 08:** THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42)

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.