



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

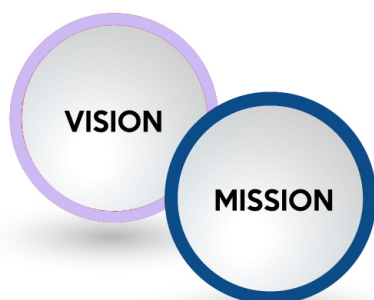
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

IT IS OUR MISSION TO:

- Endeavour to develop relevant and prayerful Eucharistic celebrations.
- Foster the experience of a personal relationship with God.
- Provide faith formation opportunities for parishioners.
- Care for each other and the environment, particularly the sick, lonely, aged and disabled within our Parish.
- Care for our environment towards a sustainable future.

WE WILL:

- Reach out to those in need in the local community.
- Be committed to Catholic Social Justice principles.
- Pray and work together with Christian Churches and all people of goodwill.
- Protect and engage with young people in our local area.
- Strengthen bonds with indigenous people in our region.



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.*

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.

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*

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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)

Barbara Bond, John Wallace,
Father John Langtry, Adrian and
Margaret Langtry,
Brian Smallacombe,
Bailey Smallacombe,
Russell Crichton, Bill Longworth,
Daniel Holliday, Mark & Lola Kelly,
Mary Davis, Claire Hamish,
Joan Pillion, Angelo Fantasia,
Jane Lloyd, West Family,
Joseph Barry Kearsley,
Lyn McCabe, Kathleen Tiltman,
Emily McCarthy.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Margaret Longworth,
Michelle Lihou, Lino Ferraro.

ASSISTANCE DURING THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

We are conscious that there may be times when members of our parish community will need help in this time of the Coronavirus pandemic.

If you think that you might have the virus or have been exposed to the virus, the first step is to contact your doctor.

You may then be asked to spend some time in social isolation in your home either because you are suffering from the virus but don't need to go to hospital or if someone you have been in contact with, e.g., family, friends or neighbours, has contracted the virus.

In this case you may need help with shopping, a meal or you just might need to talk to someone.

The following people have offered to be points of contact for anyone in the parish who needs help:

Father Vinh 0429 098 892

Parish House: 8552 1084

GOOLWA: Anne Turner 0459 648 004

Joe and Maire Ryan 0401 671 476

Paul Kennelly 0402 852 825

VICTOR: Pat Clingan 0410 593 617

John and Wendy Baker 0419 046 147

Fran Hanna 0415 124 010

MIDDLETON, PT ELLIOT:

Ray Klecko 0438 364 870

MISSION CONTACT

In our parish we have many small networks of people who look out for each other. Please keep in contact by phone or email and give any help you feel able to give **safely**.

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2020 PRAYER INTENTIONS: MAY

For Deacons

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Sheep and shepherds are images used often by Jesus in His preaching. Many households of His day would have

had at least a few sheep. These images would have resonated strongly with them. The Old Testament is full of images of God as Shepherd, of leaders spoken of as good or bad shepherds of the people. Jesus must often have prayed the psalm we see in our Sunday liturgy this week *"The Lord is my shepherd."* He talks of Himself as **the Good Shepherd**.

Today He adds a new image, that of **the gate to the sheepfold**. "I am the gate" He says. "I protect my sheep from those who bring death, I allow my sheep out to green pastures."

Let us place our trust in Jesus who as the gate allows us into the sure shelter of His compassion and leads us out into the abundance of life.

MAY – MONTH OF MARY

Mary's "Yes" and ours.

Mary had a plan for her life. She would get married to Joseph, settle down and raise a family, live by her Jewish faith. All this went out the window when she was **asked by the angel to**

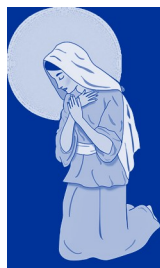
bear the Messiah, the Son of God. She knew that this could mean possible misunderstanding by Joseph and her community.

But convinced this was what was being asked of her she said "Yes" and continued to say "Yes" to all that this came to mean in her life, from giving birth in a stable to seeing her only son die on a Cross.

There were lovely moments too, visiting Elizabeth, the wedding feast of Cana. To these she said "Yes" as well.

This month **we ask Mary to help us to say our "Yes" to all that is good in our lives, to all that is difficult.**

One prayer that helps us reflect on all this is **the Rosary**. Perhaps with more time on our hands we might feel inspired to take up our beads once more.



MAY 1ST ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

Prayer of Pope Francis to St Joseph



Saint Joseph, enlighten those responsible for the common good, so that they might know - as you do - how to care for those entrusted to their responsibility.

Grant intelligence of knowledge to those seeking adequate means for the health and physical well-being of their brothers and sisters. Sustain those who are dedicating their efforts to serve those in need, even at the cost of their own safety: the volunteers, nurses, and doctors working on the front lines in tending to the sick.

O Saint Joseph, protect our families: preserve the elderly from loneliness: grant that no one might be left in desperation from abandonment and discouragement. With the Virgin Mother, beg the Lord to liberate the world from every form of pandemic. Amen.

SOFT OPENING OF CHURCHES

Sydney Archbishop, Anthony Fisher OP, has written to Premier Gladys Berejiklian on behalf of the New South Wales bishops, imploring her to start re-opening churches "initially for private prayer and confession" "It's likely that such a 'soft opening' will happen before we can resume public Masses. "And whether it's for prayers or Mass, we are determined to abide by government directives regarding numbers, density (or distancing) and hygiene," he said.

He says he has been "hugely encouraged" that thousands of Catholics are still participating in Masses online while churches are closed and "making a spiritual communion where they cannot make a sacramental one".

"If 'absence makes the heart grow fonder', it may be that, rather than becoming accustomed to doing Church from home, our hunger for the Eucharist will intensify and make us value all the more gathering for it when at last we can. In the meantime, we've been given a time of retreat to meditate upon what Holy Communion means to us all, and we've been given new opportunities and new pastoral strategies."

CathNews

CHILDREN'S PAGES

This week we are sad to announce that Margaret Fracek under doctor's orders will no longer be sending us the Children's Pages. Anyone who has seen a child arrive at Mass and happily proceed in with a bag of pencils and a sheet to colour in will know how these have been appreciated. So our thanks to you Margaret for your wonderful contribution over the years and to Len who has supported you.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YR A *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

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.

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.

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

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.

SAINT ROSA VENERINI

**Feast Day May 7th
(1656 – 1728)**

A doctor's daughter, Saint Rosa Venerini
founded Catholic schools for girls and



young women. The
Cardinal provided the
material means and
Rosa made the
families aware, trained
teachers, and
organised schools

sometimes in the face of opposition that
resorted to force in unbelievable fashion.
The teachers were shot at with bows and
their house fired. Rosa Venerini died a
saintly death in the community of
St. Mark's in Rome on May 7, 1728. She
had opened more than forty schools.
Pope Benedict XVI canonised St. Rosa
(also known as St. Rose) in 2006. He
spoke in his homily of her courageous
work for "the spiritual elevation and
authentic emancipation of the young
women of her time."

**Education is globally acknowledged as
the most powerful means of empower-
ing girls and women and protecting
them from the violation of their human
rights. It is one of the most effective
ways to achieve positive, sustainable
change in the world for everyone.
Women's World Wide Web**

AROUND THE PARISH

KSC up with the latest technology!

Congratulations to the Knights and in
particular Peter Sullivan for organising a
Zoom online meeting on the 23rd April.

Now the Knights are employing
another modern invention, internet banking,
to keep up their very worthwhile fundraising.

KSC Wine raffle

There will be 15 bottles of
red including 3 bottles of
French Bordeaux which
has won 5 gold medals.

Tickets are \$10 each and
can be paid by bank
transfer or if you wish to pay cash, ring

Mike on 0416 102 678 or

Paul on 0402 852 825 The draw will be
held when all tickets have sold.

If you wish to buy a ticket/s by bank transfer
below are details of the Knights' bank
account. Use your name for reference.

BSB 105-160

Ac No. 015876240.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ONLINE!

The PPC met on Wednesday 29th, also
online. After a few teething problems we
managed to hold a constructive meeting.
Some points:

1. **Prayers were offered for sick members**
of the parish. Father is particularly
concerned for those in Residential Care
isolated from their families.
2. **Letters to God.** Father burnt those at
Victor at Easter time and will do the same
with Goolwa letters once he has
collected them.
3. **Solar panels** on the roof of the Annex
and that of the Parish House have been
completed. Many thanks to St Joan's Social
Club who suggested and funded this
addition and to Mark Leaney for champion-
ing this project in the PPC and working with
Helen Taylor, Chairperson of the Financial
committee to finalise arrangements.
4. **Concerns** for difficulties with collection
of planned giving envelopes and
first collection money particularly in Goolwa
were raised by Paul Kennelly and John
Dunthorne on behalf of the Knights. A letter
from Helen Taylor re this matter is being
sent out with the Encounter.

HOME DELIVERED SOUTHERN CROSS

Editor of *The Southern Cross*, Jenny
Brinkworth writes: "With the churches closed
we decided to get creative and provide the
next two issues free of charge to those who
subscribe." To subscribe for the free
issues go to

<https://thesoutherncross.org.au/delivered-to-your-door/>

REQUEST FROM FATHER PHILIP MARSHALL

We call on our communities to pause for
prayer at **8am every Friday** until at least
Pentecost. This pause can be for just a
few minutes to pray for:

- An end to the pandemic
- Healing for people suffering from
the illness
- Those researching a vaccine
- Our political and community
leaders as they try to provide
wise leadership
- Our health workers as they are at
the front line
- Those affected financially and
mentally by the crisis.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Father Vinh's homilies

<http://www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au/>
and click on link.

St Francis Xavier's Cathedral

Live streaming of Daily Mass at
12.10pm.

[http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/
news-and-events/coronavirus-updates-
and-alerts/videos](http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/news-and-events/coronavirus-updates-and-alerts/videos)

or on Facebook

[https://www.facebook.com/
adelaidearchdiocese/](https://www.facebook.com/adelaidearchdiocese/)

Darwin with Bishop Charles:

<http://www.darwin.catholic.org.au/>

or on Facebook

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darwindiocese/videos/?
ref=page_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/darwindiocese/videos/?ref=page_internal)

**Taizé live on Facebook and on a
video download at - [Taizé.fr](https://www.taize.org.au/)**

BIRTHDAYS

Mark Leaney 3rd May

Leonie Longworth 6th May

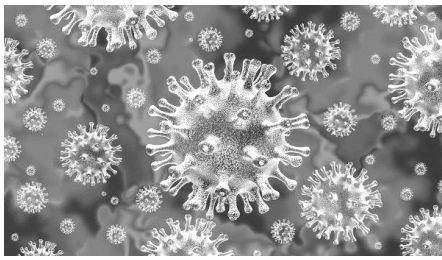
Joanne Schultz 6th May

Michael Riddle 7th May

Birthday blessings to you all.



CORONAVIRUS UPDATE



THERE WILL BE NO MASSES OR PUBLIC LITURGIES IN EITHER OF OUR CHURCHES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE SEE THE NEWSLETTER
ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE

[www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au/
news.html](http://www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au/news.html)

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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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 (8552 1084;
in an emergency - 0429 098 802)
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 - ph 8552 1084 or
catholicvhg@bigpond.com
(*All items for the newsletter must be received
no later than Wednesday evening*)

• PARISH TREASURER

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)
Email: Parish_treasure@bigpond.com

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159
Cathy May (Goolwa - 0401 584 237)
Parish Office (Victor Harbor 8552 1084)

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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.’

TAKE JESUS FOR A TEST DRIVE

Adam looked with glee at his first big
commission cheque from his interior
design company. He decided to buy a
Porsche. As he strolled around the car
showroom looking at \$100,000-plus
sports cars, he couldn't find the colour
he wanted - lapis blue metallic. The
salesmen said not to worry, that they
could order it and directed him to the
model Adam has his eye on. “How
‘bout we go for a test drive?” the
salesman suggested.

Adam got in the driver's seat and
spend a moment soaking up the
luxury. He turned on the radio and the
knob came off. “Oh,” the salesman
said, “it's just the test car”. Adam
nodded and opened the window. It got
stuck halfway down. As he was
pulling out onto the road, the gear
shift locked. Adam shot a fiery look at
the salesman and said: “Excuse me!
But I am not having a Porsche
experience”.

Oh, what any of us would give for that
elusive experience - the one where
we're finally enjoying all the comforts
we feel we deserve. But, the truth is,
we're never going to get there in a car,
not even a lapis blue metallic Porsche.
The only way to reach green pastures
is through Jesus. At least that's what
Christians believe. If we take up our
crosses and follow him, Jesus
promises us a life more abundant than
we could ever imagine. *GPBS eNews*

ENTER THROUGH ME

PASTORAL CARE

If you need a Priest for anointing of the sick or last rites
contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552),
Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).

Sitting on a plane earlier in the year
on my way to the United States, I
listened to the flight attendant
reviewing the usual procedures for
emergency exists, something all of us
hope we don't have to make. She was
pointing out the doors, the floor
lights, the floatation devices and all
those instructions that frequent fliers
have heard countless times. I tried to
imagine myself remembering all
these details in a crisis and doubted
that I could. Pull WHAT cord? Move
in WHICH direction? Even in the
best of times, my sense of direction is
terrible.

How wonderful that, in that most
significant sense of the word, we do
not have to make our way to safety
on our own. Jesus is the gate, the
gatekeeper, and the shepherd. Our
only task is to listen for the voice of
the Beloved, and to follow where it
leads. No harm can come to the one
who lives this simple rule. The
alternative is, of course, to try to hold
all the details in our finite and
imperfect hands. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS (04 - 10 May)

- **Monday, 04:** Monday 4th week
Easter (Acts 11:1-18; Jn
10:11-18)
- **Tuesday, 05:** Tuesday 4th week
Easter (Acts 11:19-26; Jn
10:22-30)
- **Wednesday, 06:** Wednesday 4th
week Easter (Acts 12:24 - 13:5; Jn
12:44-50)
- **Thursday, 07:** Thursday 4th week
Easter (Acts 13:13-25; Jn
13:16-20)
- **Friday, 08:** Friday 4th week Easter
(Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6)
- **Saturday, 09:** Saturday 4th week
Easter (Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14)
- **Sunday 10:** Fifth Sunday of Easter
(Acts 6:1-7, 1 Pet 2:4-9; Jn
14:1-12)

