

# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A  
PALM SUNDAY OF  
THE PASSION OF THE LORD

*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.



## GOSPEL

*(Read at the procession before Mass)*

### Matthew 21:1-11

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately'. This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

'Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Behold, your king is coming to you,  
humble and mounted on an ass,  
and on a colt, the foal of an ass'.

The disciples went and did as Jesus directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!'

And when he entered Jerusalem all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee'.

## FIRST READING

### Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*My God, my God, why have you  
abandoned me?*

## SECOND READING

### Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he

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## 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, Michelle L,  
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.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Ian Ferguson, Frances Durdin,  
Geoff Bannon. Mary Hackett

## 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: APRIL

### Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.



## THE PRACTICE OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Our Churches are closed. We cannot attend Mass and receive Holy Communion.

**From Pope Francis:** *United to Christ we are never alone, but instead form one body of which He is the head. It is a union that is nourished with prayer and also with spiritual communion in the Eucharist, a practice that is recommended when it isn't possible to receive the sacrament.*

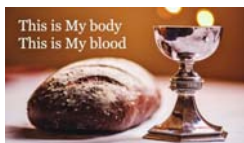
The practice of Spiritual Communion is a longstanding Catholic tradition. It was confirmed in 1983 by the

**Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith** which declared that:

*All the effects of Holy Communion can be received through spiritual communion for persons in the following situation:*

**"Those who are prevented from attending Eucharistic celebrations."**

## How do we go about the practice of Spiritual Communion:



1. Set aside some time in a quiet place.
2. Make an act of true contrition. (The Confiteor is recommended but other acts of contrition can be used.)
3. Recite the following prayer of St. Alphonsus Liguori:

O my Jesus,  
I believe that You are present  
in the Blessed Sacrament.  
I love You above all things and  
I desire Your presence in my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive You  
sacramentally, come at least  
spiritually into my heart.  
As though You were already there,  
I embrace You and  
unite myself wholly to You.  
Permit not that I should ever be  
separated from You. Amen.

4. Spend some quiet time in prayer.

A good time might be while you are joining in an online Mass.

## LAST WEEKS FOR PROJECT COMPASSION



Dominic, 47 is a former teacher and father of six from Papua New Guinea. In 2016, he became involved with the Caritas Australia's Safe House and Family Anonymous programs and turned a difficult life and an

unhappy relationship around. The program provides gender-based violence prevention training, counselling services and safe accommodation for women and children survivors of violence. Now a community trainer, he works with other men to help them to change their behaviour and build more harmonious family lives. Dominic and his wife, Christophylda say that their relationship has been transformed – and their family life is now harmonious, happy and safe. **Let's Go Further, Together.**

You can donate by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or by phoning 1800 024 413.

## ONLINE RESOURCES

Father Vinh's homilies

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

## MASSES

### St Francis Xavier's Cathedral Live streaming of Daily Mass

will commence from next Monday at 12.10pm.  
[www.adelaide.catholic.org.au](http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au)

### or on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/adelaidearchdiocese/>

(Scroll down on the Diocesan Facebook page to just under Pope Francis' photo.)

### Darwin with Bishop Charles:

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

### or on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/darwindiocese/>

(Near the top and left hand side of the FaceBook page.)

## PRAYER AND REFLECTION

### Jesuit website

<https://thejesuitpost.org/2020/03/when-im-social-distancing-i-need-christ-resources-to-finding-god-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>



# Bulletin Board



## OUR ARCHBISHOP AND THE VIRUS



Archbishop-designate Patrick O'Regan has delivered a message of hope for Adelaide parishioners despite being stranded in Victoria by coronavirus travel restrictions

"People will come back to understanding what is important at this difficult time ... being together, supporting each other and having hope," he said from his diocese in Sale on Wednesday.

Archbishop-designate O'Regan was due to be in Adelaide on Wednesday for meetings, but instead was set to be briefed by key officeholders over a videoconference about the issues faced by the archdiocese, which has been without a leader for almost two years since the resignation of Archbishop Philip Wilson in July 2018. "The video conference will just be to take a pulse, get the temperature and get a sense of the recent history and how all the bits and pieces fit together," Archbishop-designate O'Regan said. "It is a bit frustrating not being able to physically be there."

Archbishop-designate O'Regan said he hoped to be in Adelaide at some time after Easter, "even if I have to self-isolate for two weeks". According to canon law his installation at the Adelaide cathedral must happen within two months, but Archbishop-designate O'Regan said it would likely be a closed ceremony because of COVID-19 restrictions. *CathNews*

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS THIS SUNDAY

When local daylight time is about to reach Sunday, 5 April 2020, **3:00am** clocks are turned

**backward 1 hour to Sunday, 5 April 2020, 2:00am** local standard time.



## AROUND THE PARISH

### NOTE THAT MEETINGS OF ALL PARISH GROUPS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

#### MAINTENANCE



*You will be pleased to know that maintenance on our two sites is continuing as needed: Tony Siciliano goes along to St John's each day and continues with garden duties and general tidying up. Peter Sampson cleaned out the storm drains at St Joan's this week in preparation for winter. He and other members of the Maintenance group are looking after the grounds. Father Vinh is continuing his care of the Centenary vines at St Joan's. Thanks everyone.*



#### ST VINCENT DE PAUL

*"Vulnerable people will be deeply challenged by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic."*

*The St Vincent de Paul Society will continue to meet the needs of people in need of support, while ensuring the community and our members, volunteers and staff are safe."*

*St Vincent de Paul website*

**Our Vinnies' Shop has been closed and Kevin Philips, the local President is asking that no donations be put in the Church bins till further notice.**

Members of our Vinnies' Conference continue to respond to calls during this time. Wendy Baker, the Secretary, reports that there are more calls than usual. To keep safe during this time, interviews with anyone requesting help are held over the phone rather than through a home visit. After a phone call to make sure the person is at home and a knock on the door to sight the person, goods or food vouchers are left safely at each home.

Our thanks to our Vinnies' members for continuing to show God's care for those in need. Go well and keep safe.

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## 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.



## LIVE STREAMING and TV BROADCAST of HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASSES

### PALM SUNDAY MASS

Livestreamed from St Francis Xavier's Cathedral this Sunday at 10am.

[www.adelaide.catholic.org.au](http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au)

or on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/adelaidearchdiocese/>

(Scroll down Diocesan Facebook page just to under Pope Francis' photo.)

### EASTER SERVICES

**will be broadcast on free-to-air-television on Channel 44, a community television station, at the following times:**

- Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper, 6.30pm - 7.30pm
- Good Friday - of the Lord, 3pm - 4pm
- Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, 6pm - 7pm
- Easter Sunday, 9am - 10am

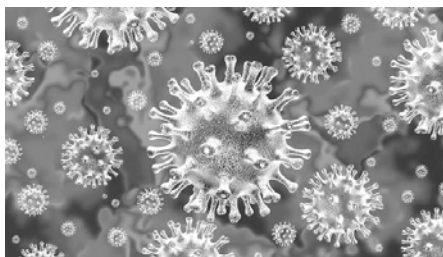
### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Passionist Community at Glen Osmond, has pre-recorded the 2020 Stations of the Cross.

This can be viewed on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/l26jKw-KHwM>

***Suggestion for Palm Sunday  
Put a piece of greenery  
at your front door.***

## 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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will get back to you asap*)  
Email: [catholicvhg@bigpond.com](mailto:catholicvhg@bigpond.com)  
Web: [www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au](http://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](mailto:Vinh2511@bigpond.com)

#### • PARISH MANAGERS

Mr Ray Klecko (0438 364 870)  
Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)  
Email: [Parish\\_manager@bigpond.com](mailto:Parish_manager@bigpond.com)

#### • PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please forward items for the newsletter  
to the Parish Office - ph 8552 1084 or  
[catholicvhg@bigpond.com](mailto: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](mailto: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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was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!  
Christ became obedient for us even  
to death, dying on the cross.  
Therefore God raised him on high  
and gave him a name above all other  
names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus  
Christ, king of endless glory!*

### GOSPEL

**Matthew 26:14-27:66**

(Heavily abridged)

The Passion of our Lord, Jesus  
Christ according to Matthew.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani', that is, "My God, my God, why have you deserted me?" ...But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom ... Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said, 'In truth this was a son of God'. And many were there watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and looked after him. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

When it was evening there came a rich man of Arimathaea, called Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to

Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate thereupon ordered it to be handed over ...

### DID YOU KNOW?

- The words of Jesus from the cross in this text are in Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke.
- The name Barabbas literally means son (bar) of the father (abba). Here the crowd chooses the false son while condemning the true Son.
- This Sunday is also known as 'Palm Sunday' and commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Celebrations similar to those carried out in churches today (*in normal times*) were being held in Jerusalem as early as the fourth century.
- The narratives of the Passion of Jesus – the arrest, trial, crucifixion and death – are the earliest strands of what came to be written down as the gospels.
- Since the fourth century the site now marked by the Church of the Holy Sepulchre has been revered as the site of Calvary.

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(06 - 12 April)

- **Monday, 06:** Monday of Holy Week (Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11)
- **Tuesday, 07:** Tuesday of Holy Week (Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38)
- **Wednesday, 08:** Wednesday of Holy Week (Is 50:4-9; Mt 26:14-25)
- **Thursday, 09:** HOLY THURSDAY readings
- **Friday, 10:** GOOD FRIDAY readings
- **Saturday, 11:** HOLY SATURDAY readings
- **Sunday 12:** EASTER SUNDAY (Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9)

### 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).