



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

*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:

- Endeavor 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

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.*

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,

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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, 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, Joseph Barry
Kearsley, West Family,
Lyn McCabe

RECENTLY DECEASED

Ian Ferguson

PARISH COLLECTION 29th Feb. & 1st March

1st (Presbytery) \$967.00
2nd (Parish) \$1172.30

VICTOR MORNING TEA 8th & 15th March

M. Cunningham & A. Wright
22nd & 29th March
H. & P. Sampson

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 7th & 14th March

M. Davis & F. Harris
21st & 28th March
R. Munro & T. Clayton

VICTOR MEET & GREET March Saturdays

M. Farmer & D. McLaughlin
March Sundays
A. Wright & L. Sunman

GOOLWA MORNING TEA

March M. Burford, A. Fawkner,
S. Butler, K. O'Shea

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

March C. & J. Slagter

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm each Tuesday
Call Claire Williams 042 008 199.

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2020 PRAYER INTENTIONS: MARCH

For Evangelisation Catholics in China:

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.



EXPLORING THE GOSPEL

WITH LECTIO DIVINA is held each Sunday night at 6pm in the Annex.

CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY

We meet for Lectio Divina (Scripture Reflection) and meditation on Monday afternoons at 4.30 for 2020. Please contact Anne Weygood for details. 0429 653 844.

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY

Groups meet fortnightly on Thursday nights 7.00pm-9.00pm and Monday afternoons 2.00-4.00pm. Phone Rob & Jocelyne Randabel-Williamson on 0402 341 071.

TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE GOOLWA

Our prayer service is held on the third Wednesday of each month. The next one will be held on **Wednesday 18th March** at 10.15 after the 9.30 Mass.

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

St John's Music Group meets in the Church each Tuesday at 2pm for practice. Singers and musicians are very welcome. If interested please contact Claire Williams on 042 008 199.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

Our next meeting is in Goolwa on Wednesday March 11th after 9.30 Mass.

ST JOAN'S SOCIAL GROUP

Our next meeting is on Tuesday March 10th at 1.30 in the Annex. All welcome

PARISH PASTORAL CARE GROUP

There is no meeting this month. The next meeting is on Saturday April 13th 4.30pm

ST JOAN'S MAINTENANCE GROUP

The next monthly meeting is on Wednesday 11th March at 9.30am to carry out various maintenance tasks, taking about one hour's work followed by morning tea in the Annex. The Group is open to all men, parishioners or otherwise.



MINISTERS ROSTERS FOR EASTER

Please advise your availability for Easter ceremonies on the forms at the back of the Church.

CENTENARY NEWS



NAME TAGS

Can you please wear a name tag either a parish one or one from another organisation you belong to. If you don't have a name tag there will be a chance to put your name on a sticky label before Mass. Also we have some spare magnets that will be available this week-end.

SEATING

Unless advised otherwise can those who need to remain seated when receiving Holy Communion please sit in the front row of chairs in the Annex. In this way you will not need to move if you are staying for the luncheon.

PARISH MUSIC

St Joan's choir loft is dominated by its traditional pipe organ. Originally built in 1903 it came to St Joan's in 1984. It has been played by organist Peter Carpenter since 2008.



Trained on the piano, Peter had to change technique to let his fingers glide over the keys. Peter is part of the Victor/Goolwa Liturgy Committee and choir master for St Joan's. He has carried out these duties with great generosity for the last eleven years. A choir of men and women support Peter at Mass and special events.

St John's has had the wonderful musical services of Athalea Stewart as choir leader over many years. Congratulations to the Goolwa choir who have regrouped so well under the leadership of Claire Williams. They are becoming proficient in accompanying hymns with the guitar.

Both choirs will take part in the Centenary Mass along with the Filipino choir who have sung so generously once a month at Saturday night Masses over several years.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Milton Smith, organist from the Anglican Church, who has generously stepped in to take Peter's place while he is away. Many thanks Milton.

It was St. Augustine who said: **"The person who sings prays twice."** In Sacred Scripture, where we find so many calls to "sing to the Lord." Many of these are found in the Psalms, but St. Paul, himself exhorts the Ephesians (Eph. 5:19) to "address . . . one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord..."

Bulletin Board



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

2nd Sunday of Lent

Lord let Your mercy be on us as we place our trust in You.

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

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



DON'T FORGET THAT LENTEN

LETTER TO GOD

Remember you can say anything to God.
He is always listening.

Dear God

Thank you for the baby
brother, but what I
prayed for was a puppy.



Joyce

STUDY SESSIONS DURING LENT

Victor Tues. after 9.00 Mass.

Goolwa Friday 2pm before Stations of the Cross. The title of the Study Programme is **GRACE**. Come and deepen your sense of God's presence in your life.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EACH FRIDAY IN LENT

GOOLWA 3PM

VICTOR 5PM



MESSY CHURCH - St John's Goolwa

Messy Church caters for families and allows parents/ grandparents/ friends and children to spend time together over games, craft, worship and a light meal. Come along and enjoy. The next Messy Church is on March 15th at 3.30pm

DEATH OF IAN FERGUSON

We sadly announce that Ian Ferguson passed away on Tuesday 3rd March. Our deepest sympathy to Mary and the family. A funeral service was held on Friday March 6th in St Joan's Church. May he rest in peace.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

MARCH 8th

"Time to honour the increasing role and voice of women in the Church," says Archbishop Prowse, who leads the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry. "I encourage the faithful to use International Women's Day to thank the women around us for what they bring to the Catholic Community in Australia." CathNews

PRAYER FOR THOSE SUFFERING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Loving God, we want to end domestic violence in our community.

We ask for your wisdom, courage, and guidance.

We pray for a society where all people are safe in their homes and close relationships, where each person is respected, in their equality and dignity.

We pray for all those affected by violence, that they may find safety and healing.

We pray that all women, men and children will find a place and life free from violence, and children will be cared for in nurturing, protective and supportive ways.

We ask for the courage to confront the causes of domestic violence including the prevalence of violence in our society, any abuses of power and the unequal positioning of women in the community.

We pray for right and just relations between all people, so that together we may transform and overcome violence in all its forms.

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Victoria Domestic Violence Parish Kit

PROJECT COMPASSION

Twenty-seven-year-old Phany, lives in a village in western Cambodia.

Struggling to earn a living as a farmer, she was forced to leave her daughter behind in the village, to take up construction

work in the city. Phany joined the [Upholding Community Dignity Together program](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion).

where she learnt new farming techniques, such as a drip irrigation system, which enabled her to get a better yield from her vegetable crops and to conserve water in her drought-stricken region.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by phone 1800 024 413 or via www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion



This Week : 7th & 8th March

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: F. Hanna

R.1 J. Ryan

R.2 B. Bullen

E.M. E. O'Connell, M. Farmer

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : P. O'Brien

R.1. A. Willis

R.2 J. Randabel-Williamson

E.M P. Clingan, M. Von Holst, M. Taylor, M. Cunningham

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: J. McInnes

R1 B. Longworth

R2 L. Longworth

E.M. A. Turner, D. Elliott, D. West, K. O'Shea, M. Glazewski.



Next Week : 14th & 15th March

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 M. Farmer

R.2 L. Blacket

E.M. P. Harris, E. O'Connell

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R1 Governor Hieu Van Le

R2 F. Hanna

E.M P. Clingan, M. Von Holst, M. Ferguson, P. O'Brien

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: M. O'Halloran

R1 K. Fawcner

R2 A. Fawcner

E.M. R. Austin, D. Huppertz, L. Healey, S. Muller, J. McMahon.

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Web: www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au

PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• PARISH PRIEST

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in an emergency - 0429 098 802)
Email: Vinh2511@bigpond.com

• PARISH MANAGERS

Monday and Thursday mornings
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

MASS CENTRES AND TIMES

• ST JOAN OF ARC

30 Seaview Road, Victor Harbor

MASS TIMES

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 11.00am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 11.00am - 11.30am

Saturday 5.30pm - 5.50pm

• ST JOHN THE APOSTLE

10-14 Gardiner Street, Goolwa

MASS TIMES

Sunday 9.00am

RECONCILIATION

Sunday 8.30am - 8.50am

CHILD PROTECTION

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



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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 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.'

EXPLORING THE WORD

In the later part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus warns his disciples that he must journey to Jerusalem to suffer and die and to rise again. He begins his journey towards his fate, but that journey is interrupted by this wondrous moment where he is revealed as the glorious Messiah, the beloved Son of God.

In the language of this text, there are echoes of the Jewish expectation of the Messiah coming in glory at the end of time. Through the appearance of Moses and Elijah in this scene, Matthew links Jesus intimately with Jewish expectation. The law, represented by Moses, established a covenant with the chosen people, and it was the role of the prophets, represented by Elijah, to constantly remind the people of their covenant obligations. Both the law and the prophets looked forward to God's final intervention in human history, and here, Jesus is presented as that intervention. The disciples want to capture this moment and freeze it in time by building shrines, but Jesus is adamant that the journey must continue to its final outcome, which will confirm God's action in human history. It is not until Christ has been raised that the truth of this vision will be known.

DID YOU KNOW?

- This event is known as 'the transfiguration'.
- Moses was a great figure who represented the law for Israel. Elijah

represented the prophets. Readings from the law and the prophets made up the Scriptures of Israel. Here Matthew shows Jesus in conversation with them; thus Jesus is in harmony with everything revealed in Judaism.

- The voice from heaven here echoes the words that were used at the baptism of Jesus.
- Traditionally, this scene of the transfiguration is associated with Mount Tabor, which rises out of the Plain of Esdraelon.

"SEASONS OF THE SPIRIT"

A three day retreat

This retreat offers a chance to reflect on how God works through the seasonal movements of 'inner life'. Just as the earth moves through seasons, so too, does the individual spirit. A gently moving retreat offering plenty of opportunity for individual reflection and direction.

Thursday 2 April (commencing with dinner at 6.00pm) - Sunday 5 April, (after 12.30pm lunch) at Sevenhill Centre of Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality, College Road, Sevenhill. For more information contact Loyola Outreach (0411 269 630) or retreat facilitators - Judy (0408 636 994) or Anne (0417 882 345).

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(09 - 15 March)

- **Monday, 09:** Monday, 2nd week Lent (Dan 9:4-10; Lk 6:36-38)
- **Tuesday, 10:** Tuesday, 2nd week Lent (Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12)
- **Wednesday, 11:** Wednesday, 2nd week Lent (Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28)
- **Thursday, 12:** Thursday, 2nd week Lent (Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31)
- **Friday, 13:** Friday, 2nd week Lent - (Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46)
- **Saturday, 14:** Saturday, 2nd week Lent (Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32)
- **Sunday 15:** THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42)

PASTORAL CARE

If you (or someone you know) is house-bound, in hospital or in residential care and would appreciate a visit from a Priest or someone from the Parish, please let us know.
Contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).