

Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

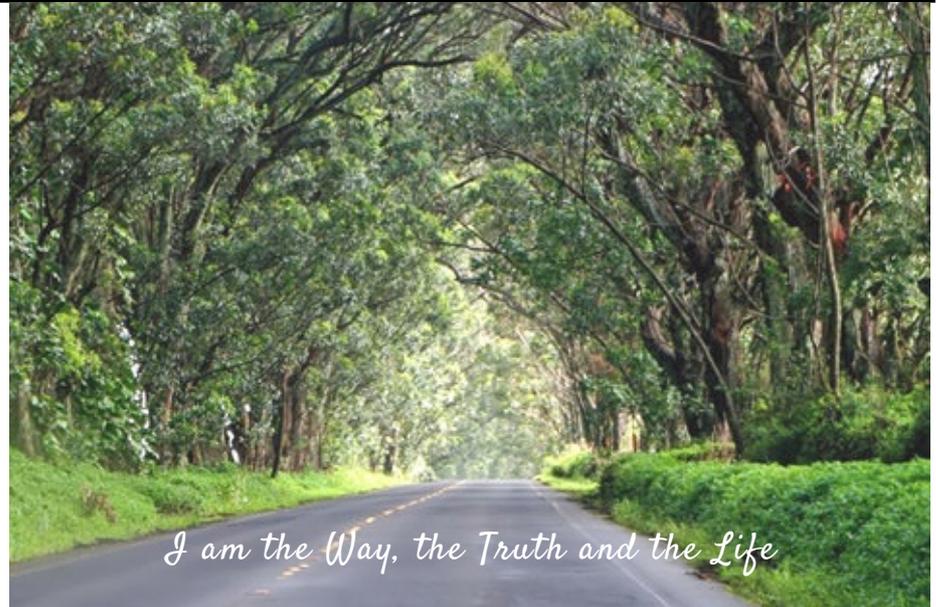
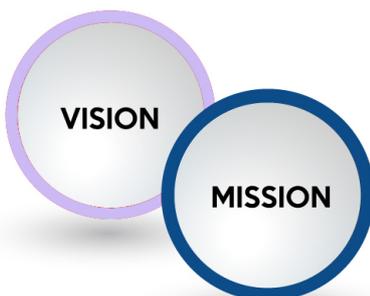
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

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 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

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

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the way, the truth and the life,
says the Lord; no one comes to the
Father, except through me.
Alleluia!*

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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, 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, Josephine Proctor, Andrew Sampson.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Margaret Longworth

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.



DEACONS: ORDAINED FOR SERVICE

This weekend we hear in the Acts of the Apostles how seven men were chosen and ordained by the laying on of hands to carry out **service** among the believers. The Church sees these as the first ordained deacons. **Deacon** is a translation of the Greek word *diakonis* meaning *servant*.

The Second Vatican Council reinvigorated the ancient order of deacons, reinstating the permanent diaconate, allowing married men to be ordained.

A deacon can be seen as a bridge or envoy, whose special ministry is to take the Christian message into the heart of the world, and, by the same token, dedicating themselves to pastoral care, to bring the needs and cares of the world into the heart of the Church's worship and fellowship.



Deacons are called:

- To bring God's Word to believers and unbelievers alike. They can preach sermons and teach the faith e.g., through the RCIA programme which prepares people for baptism.
- To preside over public prayer, to baptise, to assist at marriages and bless them;
- To give the last rites with communion to the dying, and to lead the rites of burial;
- To perform works of charity in the name of the bishop;
- To celebrate faithfully the liturgy of the hours (selected psalms prayed each day) for the Church and for the whole world.

Archdiocese of Melbourne

The vocation of deacon is the fastest-growing vocation in the Church in Australia. *Catholic Outlook*.

Pope Francis has recently set up a **new commission** to study the possibility of women deacons in the Catholic Church. *April 8, 2020. Vatican News*
This will be a topic considered at our own Plenary Council.

A MOTHERS' DAY PRAYER

Lord we pray for mothers everywhere.

Bless mothers who are **expecting a baby**. Calm their fears and keep their new little life safe.

Bless mothers who have **babies and toddlers** and are in a busy season of bottles and endless laundry.

Bless mothers who have busy **school-aged children**. Give them an extra measure of wisdom to answer questions, model maturity and mould young hearts

Bless mothers who parent **teens**.

Allow them the grace to let go when needed and the courage to provide firm boundaries when required.

Bless mothers of **adult children** that they may savour the joy of friendship with their child.

Bless **single mothers** with the strength to fulfill many roles. Provide them with supportive people in their lives.

Bless **grandmothers**. May they find deep joy in their grandchildren.

We pray for mothers who have **lost a child** and for women who are grieving because of **infertility**

Give us eyes to see women around who **struggle to mother well**

We pray for women who have **never had children**, may they learn to mother in other ways.

Thank you for our mothers.

They **gave us life** and for that gift we are forever grateful.

We pray for **mothers everywhere**, including those no longer with us.

In Jesus' name Amen.

Uniting Church Minister

MOTHERLY IMAGES OF GOD

"Can a woman forget her baby, or a woman the child within her womb? Yet even if these forget, yet I will not forget you."

Isaiah 49:15



Jesus likens Himself to a mother hen in



Matthew 23:27 when He weeps over Jerusalem.

"How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen

gathers her brood under her wings, but you would not."

WE HAVE THE BEAUTIFUL TRADITION OF MARY AS OUR MOTHER.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YR A

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

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing Him songs.

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all His work is 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 LADY OF FATIMA Feast Day May 13th



Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese children - Francisco and Jacinta Marto and their cousin Lucia dos Santos - received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria near Fatima, 110 miles north of Lisbon. Mary asked the children to pray the rosary for world peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia.

Mary gave the children three secrets. Following the deaths of Francisco and Jacinta in 1919 and 1920 respectively, Lucia revealed the first secret in 1927. It concerned devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The second secret was a vision of hell. When Lucia grew up she became a Carmelite nun and died in 2005 at the age of 97.

Pope John Paul II directed the Holy See's Secretary of State to reveal the third secret in 2000; it spoke of a "bishop in white" who was shot with bullets and arrows by soldiers. Some linked this vision to the assassination attempt against Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981.

The feast of Our Lady of Fatima was approved by the local bishop in 1930; it was added to the Church's worldwide calendar in 2002.

Catholic Culture & Franciscan Media

AROUND THE PARISH CONGRATULATIONS!!



Our best wishes to John and Pat Mezzino who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary this week. A wonderful milestone!

FAREWELL RICK WALSH

Sadly we say farewell this week to our fellow parishioner Rick Walsh who is moving to Kensington. Rick has been a very active member of the parish. He has served on the Parish Pastoral Council and been an excellent Reader at Mass. He has helped out at Vinnies where his special task has been to arrange the books. He has also been a member of St Joan's Maintenance Team. Thank you for your generous service Rick and for your caring presence among us. Our prayers and best wishes for the future.

KSC NEWS

Winners of the Knights' Golf Club raffle drawn on Wednesday 17th March at the Knights' dinner: Fr Vinh, Marilyn Freeborn, Tony Curtis, Jane Kennelly and Sue Burns. The prizes were generously donated by local businesses.

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

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

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SHARING ENCOUNTERS

Many thanks to those who are so kindly printing off copies of the Encounter at home to share with parishioners who don't have access to the internet.

TWO WEEK'S SELF-ISOLATION

Archbishop-Designate Bishop O'Regan arrived in Adelaide on Monday May 5th to begin his two week's of self-isolation after travelling from Sale. **He will be installed as Archbishop of Adelaide on Monday, May 25th, Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, in a ceremony in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 10.30am.**

The installation will be livestreamed through the Archdiocesan website.

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>

or on Facebook

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

Darwin with Bishop Charles:

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

or on Facebook

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

Taizé live on Facebook and on a video download at - Taizé.fr

BIRTHDAYS

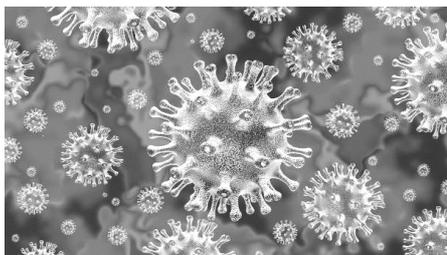
Leonetto Marrone May 10th

Lynne Healey May 13th

Birthday blessings to you both.



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)

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• 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)
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CHILD PROTECTION

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

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GOSPEL

John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my Father’s
house; if there were not, I should have
told you. I am now going to prepare a
place for you, and after I have gone
and prepared you a place, I shall
return to take you with me; so that
where I am you may be too. You
know the way to the place where I am
going.’

Thomas said, ‘Lord, we do not know
where you are going, so how can we
know the way?’ Jesus said:

‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except
through me. If you know me, you
know my Father too. From this
moment you know him and have seen
him.’

Philip said, ‘Lord, let us see the Father
and then we shall be satisfied.’ ‘Have
I been with you all this time, Philip,’
said Jesus to him ‘and you still do not
know me?’

‘To have seen me is to have seen the
Father, so how can you say, “Let us
see the Father”? Do you not believe
that I am in the Father and the Father
is in me? The words I say to you I do
not speak as from myself: it is the
Father, living in me, who is doing this
work. You must believe me when I
say that I am in the Father and the
Father is in me; believe it on the
evidence of this work, if for no other
reason. I tell you most solemnly,
whoever believes in me will perform
the same works as I do myself, he will
perform even greater works, because I
am going to the Father.’

EXPLORING THE WORD

Today’s gospel draws our attention to
the time when Jesus will depart from
the disciples (the Ascension is two
weeks away). When Jesus is gone, the
disciples must continue the task that
he has begun. One can imagine their
fear and uncertainty in being left with
such a monumental challenge. Philip’s
question, ‘Lord, how can we know the
way?’, shows their fear clearly
enough. But help is available. Jesus is
the way, the truth and the life. He is

both the map and the destination.
Disciples are called to adopt Jesus’
lifestyle, his approach to God, to
others, to all creation. In living as
Jesus did, living the life of faith, the
disciples will know the truth and will
have life. This life of faith and living
the way of Jesus, God’s way in the
world, will enable the disciples not
only to continue the work of Jesus
but to perform even greater works.

- In what ways does living this life
of faith get tested each day?
- What great works are you now
called on to perform?
- What are some ways to continue to
deepen your knowledge and love of
Jesus?

DID YOU NOW?

This text comes from a long section
of John’s Gospel known as the
‘farewell discourse’, during which
Jesus gives final instruction to the
disciples at the Last Supper. Perhaps
this echoes something of your own
experience of the period of
mystagogy.



THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(11 - 17 May)

- **Monday, 11:** Monday 5th week
Easter (Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26)
- **Tuesday, 12:** Tuesday 5th week
Easter (Acts 14:19-28; Jn
14:27-31)
- **Wednesday, 13:** Wednesday 5th
week Easter (Acts 15:1-6; Jn
15:1-8)
- **Thursday, 14:** St Matthias (Acts
1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17)
- **Friday, 15:** Friday 5th week Easter
(Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17)
- **Saturday, 16:** Saturday 5th week
Easter (Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21)
- **Sunday 17:** Sixth Sunday of Easter
(Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pet 3:15-18;
Jn 4:15-21)



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).