



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND
BLOOD OF CHRIST

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

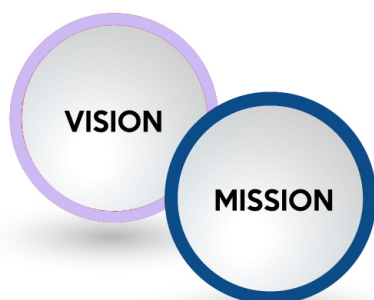
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

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

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and to know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 147:12-15, 19-20

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a

communion with the body of Christ.

The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord: whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day.'

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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, Josephine Proctor, Andrew Sampson. Charlie Nicolson, Joseph Kennedy.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Stafford James, Roy Jones, Wendy Averay, Karen Barber, Ann Marie Smith.



*Creator of us all,
You gave us
Christ, Your Son,
to live amongst us,
teaching the true
meaning of*

*Your Justice and Reconciling Love.
He was nailed to the Cross and faced
the desolation of darkness and death.*

*We remember those who have
suffered the desolation
of darkness and death in custody,
in particular our own Aboriginal
sisters and brothers,
all of them Your beloved children.*

*We pray that, through Christ's
Resurrection and promise of
eternal life, all those who have
suffered through denial of
Your Justice may now live in the
glorious light and love of
Your presence, and that their families
may know Your consolation and
compassion.*

*And we ask that You will guide with
wisdom and insight all who work in
the Justice system and those who
work to bring about change.
We make our prayer through
Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Anne Annear, Common Grace

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2020 PRAYER INTENTIONS: JUNE



The Way of the Heart

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

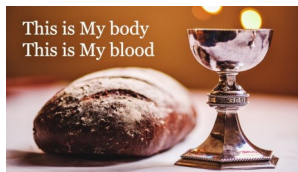
THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

The Israelites used to boast:

"What great nation is there that has God so near to it, as the LORD our God is to us?" Deut.: 4:7

Yet in the Eucharist we have Jesus the Son of God, so close to us that He becomes part of our very selves, not only spiritually but physically. We are swept up into the great prayer of his Death and Resurrection.

"This is My Body, given for you, this is My Blood, shed for you."



Pope Francis writes: *"Today's Solemnity reminds us that in our fragmented lives, the Lord comes to meet us with a loving 'fragility', which is the Eucharist."*

In the Bread of Life, the Lord comes to us, making himself a humble meal that lovingly heals our memory, wounded by life's frantic pace of life.

The Eucharist is flavoured with Jesus' words and deeds, the taste of his Passion, the fragrance of his Spirit. When we receive it, our hearts are overcome with the certainty of Jesus' love."

KS C NEWS JUNE



Our branch wishes member Horst Kuske all the best in the celebration of his 80th birthday. No doubt Rosemarie and his family would have made him

feel special for this important milestone in his life.

You will be pleased to know that we have sold the remaining tickets in our wine raffle. Fr. Vinh will be drawing the lucky winner this coming Sunday at 9 am Mass.

Anniversaries for June

Bryan Henderson, Rex Hodges, Kevin Luke.

The next meeting of the order will be held at Goolwa on Thurs. June 18th at 4 pm

APPRECIATIVE RESPONSE TO PARISH PASTORAL VISITATION with the Catholic Community of Victor Harbor and Goolwa

March 30th - April 7th 2019



At the beginning of last year you will remember that Father Philip Marshall and his team conducted our Parish Visitation. We are

finally able to share the Visitation Team's Appreciative Response to that visit. A summary of the report is being sent out with this Encounter. The full report is pinned up on the notice boards of the two churches. If you would like a full copy of the report either in hard copy or by email please send your request to: parish_manager@bigpond.com or ring the Parish Office on 8552 1084.

SOME POINTS FROM MAY PPC MEETING

Wonderful to hear how different clusters in the parish are looking out for each other. Need for **update of Parish Register** as many people no longer present. We wish Mary Davis well as she begins her new life in Residential Care in Adelaide nearer to her family.

Snapshot Review: Father explained that the Snapshot Review of his ministry is his own initiative and in no way indicates that he may be moved from the parish! His aim is to make his ministry more effective. Father was commended for his courage in undertaking this review.

Environment: We spoke of need to keep ourselves *"on the ball"* with care for the environment, climate change issues. etc What would Jesus say about our treatment of the environment?

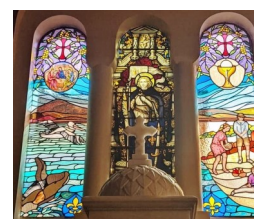
Produce/trading tables: It was decided to renew use of produce tables.

A full copy of the Minutes for our April Meeting is on the parish notice boards.

CENTENARY WINDOWS NOW ON OUR WEBSITE

Gael Maloney has uploaded photos of the construction of the new centenary windows behind the altar. Thanks Gael and thanks to

Vicki Lacey for the excellent photographs.



Bulletin Board



RESPONSORIAL PSALM THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your
gates,
He has blessed the children within you.

He established peace on your borders,
He feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out His word to the earth
and swiftly runs His command.

He makes His word known to Jacob,
to Israel His laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
He has not taught them His decrees.

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Feast Day June 19th



Christian history bears witness to how devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus appears to have offered a remedy to the harsh spirituality of the Jansenist period of the middle 17th century. The teachings of this severe movement so emphasised human sin and depravity that fear of hell and damnation lurked in the hearts of many Catholics, making some people scrupulous and leaving most people fearful of damnation. St. John Eudes (1602–1680) and St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647–90) played key roles in promoting devotion to the Sacred Heart, symbol of unfailing love.

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Feast Day June 20th

To honour Mary's heart is to honour her total dedication to God. As she pondered in her heart the mysteries of Jesus' infancy and childhood (Luke 2:19,51), she must have done the same for all the mysteries of His life, death and resurrection. This feast suggests that Mary is the greatest of the mystics—totally wrapped up in God and committed to God's will. Her spirituality is a model for all the members of the Church *Franciscan Media*

AROUND THE PARISH

ST JOHN'S SOCIAL CLUB.

Greetings to all St John's parishioners from the Social Club. There will be no meeting of the club in the coming weeks/month and it seems unlikely that we will hold any social events in that time also. We hope that you are keeping safe and well and we look forward to further easing of the restrictions when we shall see each other at Mass. Hallelujah!

SMALL MASSES

MASS times are as usual.

Please record your name on sign-in sheet provided.

The first 20 people, including those who have already put their names on the list, who arrive at the Church can stay for Mass. Holy Communion is offered 10 minutes before each Mass for those who cannot stay.

If you miss out on a place on the weekend you may like put your name down on next weekend's list.

180TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST MASS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA Saturday June 13th

At first lay Catholics met in private houses for prayer, reading and for catechism. They made the need for a priest known to Archbishop Polding of Sydney and he sent his Vicar-General, Dr Ullathorne. On the first Sunday after his arrival in June 1940, he celebrated Mass in a cottage on East Terrace owned by a William Phillip. All trace of that cottage has long since been removed.

Southern Cross November 1936.

Later when use of a school room was refused by a Mr McLaren who would not support "popish" practices, a Mr Neal "a liberal Protestant gentleman" who had a large store in Waymouth Street, gave them a room. Here a temporary altar was erected surrounded by crockery, hardware and miscellaneous articles and Dr Ullathorne gave his first public sermon. *Early Experiences of Life in South Australia. J.W. Bull.*

We have experienced being without Mass for several months. Imagine the joy of those early Catholics.

Many thanks to Robert Cox for sharing his research with us.

St John's Church and surrounds have had a sparkling renewal as Masses are resumed.



A very enthusiastic team has cleaned the Church inside and out. We hear that a power hose was used (only outside of course). Well done to all.

St Joan's surrounds are as neat as a new pin and we now have a "yellow brick road" from the front door of the Annex to the front lawn of the Parish House.



ONLINE RESOURCES

Father Vinh's homilies

<http://www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au/>

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/>



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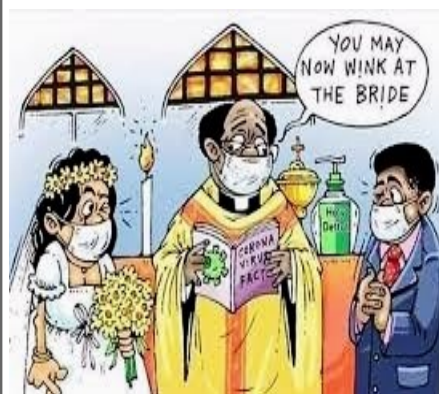
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BIRTHDAYS

John Baker June 18th

Paul O'Brien June 20th

Birthday blessings to you both.



CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

From Monday 1 June

Restricted Mass times

- **Victor Harbor** - Weekends - Saturday 6.00pm; Sunday 11.00am. Weekdays - Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.00am
 - **Goolwa** - Weekend - Sunday 9.00am. Weekday - Wednesday 9.30am
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- Attendance for mass or private devotion for the time being is restricted to 20 persons.
 - The four-square metres per person rule is to be observed in determining the total numbers allowed in the space.
 - Except for families and household groups, people should be at least 1.5 metres apart.
 - There should be no physical contact outside one's family or household group.
 - There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
 - Every gathering must record contact details. Logs are located at the entrance to the Church.
 - Hand sanitizer is to be available at church entrances.

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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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For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

DID YOU KNOW?

- Gathering together to break bread and share the cup is the most ancient practice of the church. Paul wrote a description of 'The Lord's Supper' in I Corinthians 11:23 in about the year 56.
- This feast, which used to be known as 'Corpus Christi', originated in the Middle Ages as a celebration of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharistic bread.
- In John's Gospel, the Eucharist is instituted by Christ in the sharing of the loaves and fishes, not at the Last Supper that he had with his friends on the night before he died. For John, the central act of that Last Supper was the washing of the feet of the disciples—an act of service to others.

EXPLORING THE WORD

This passage comes after Jesus has fed the multitudes with five barley loaves and two fish, but in his explanation of this sign, Jesus refers to himself as 'living bread', 'bread from heaven' that gives eternal life. The ancestors who followed Moses out of Egypt had been sent manna from heaven to nourish them in the desert, but they had still died. The food that Jesus offers - himself - will lead to eternal life!

As is typical in John's Gospel, this text can be read on two levels. The words spoken by Jesus would have been shocking to those who heard them. For the Jewish people, to eat flesh and drink blood was unthinkable; it was abhorrent. Jewish dietary laws forbade the eating of flesh with its blood in it. Blood was the symbol of the life of the creature. At the end of the flood story in

Genesis, God gives to humans all the plants and animals of the earth as food for them, 'with this exception: you must not eat flesh with life, that is to say blood, in it' (Genesis 9:4). Now here is Jesus saying that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood in order to have life. In the continuation of this gospel passage, many turn away from Jesus at hearing him say this. Jesus then asks the disciples if they too will leave him. Peter answers on their behalf with a wonderful acclamation of faith: 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The giving of Jesus' flesh and blood for the life of the world is a reference to the salvific nature of his death and the inauguration of a new covenant through his sacrifice.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

Bread is the 'staff of life' - that which sustains us. Along with water, it is the most basic of staples: simple, nourishing, satisfying. But Jesus is offering more than ordinary bread. He is offering that which will not only sustain us in this life but will lead to eternal life.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(15 - 21 June)

- **Monday, 15:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (1 Kg 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42)
- **Tuesday, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (1 Kg 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48)
- **Wednesday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (2Kg 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)
- **Thursday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (Sirach 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15)
- **Friday, 19:** The Most SACRED HEART of Jesus (Deut 7:6-11; 1Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30)
- **Saturday, 20:** The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Is 61:9-11; Lk 2:41-51)
- **Sunday 21:** 12th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33)

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).