



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A
FOURTH 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:

- 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

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him: God does not see as man sees: man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.*

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

John 9:1-41 (Shorter version)

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

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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, West Family,
Joseph Barry Kearsley,
Lyn McCabe

RECENTLY DECEASED

Ian Ferguson, Frances Durdin,
Geoff Bannon. Mary Hackett

PARISH COLLECTION 14th & 15th March

1st (Presbytery) \$1,274.50
2nd (Parish) \$1,186.30

VICTOR MORNING TEA

22nd & 29th March

H. & P. Sampson

5th & 19th April

L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden

NOT ON EASTER SUNDAY

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

21st & 28th March

R. Munro & T. Clayton

4th & 11th April

P. Mezzino & E. O'Shaughnessy

April 12th is Easter Sunday

VICTOR MEET & GREET

March & April Saturdays

M. Farmer & D. McLaughlin

March Sundays

A. Wright & L. Sunman

April Sundays

W. & J. Baker

ST JOAN'S CHOIR :

No Practice until further notice

GOOLWA MORNING TEA

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

April : E. De Vries, D. McMahon,
Ludy, C. May, G. Silvester

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

March A. Turner, J. McInnes

April A. Turner

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm each Tuesday

Call Claire Williams 0429 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.



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 epidemic.

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 need help with shopping, a meal or you just might need to talk to someone. In our parish we have many small **networks** of people who look out for each other. Please keep in contact with each other by phone or email and give any help you feel able to give **safely**. Let us know if you are concerned about anyone.

The following people have offered to be points of contact for any parishioner who needs help in this matter.

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**.

We may call on other parishioners to provide a meal or other help.

GARDENING AND MAINTENANCE GROUP GOOLWA

On the first Tuesday of each month we need helpers at 9.30 to maintain the church gardens and surrounds. Next meeting Tuesday 7th April. Tony Siciliano.



ST VINCENT de PAUL

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 26th March at Victor Harbor after the 9am Mass. We are seeking some willing collectors to hold the St Vincent de Paul poor box in the foyer after Mass Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Anyone willing could contact Geoff Chalmers 0438 304 508 or another member of St Vinnies.

FISH AND CHIPS NIGHT CANCELLED

Due to the Coronavirus situation this event which was to be held on Friday 3rd April has been cancelled.

ST JOAN'S CAR PARK BARRIER

In accordance with the Finance committee and safety Officer, the Maintenance Group has erected a barrier in the rear car park to block off a steep sloping area that was deemed unsafe for pedestrians, especially when wet. In these times, safety is a big issue and the Church is obligated to provide a safe environment. This barrier may be inconvenient, but please do not clamber under or over the barrier as injury may result from a fall. Peter Sampson, Maintenance co-ordinator.

ST JOAN OF ARC PIANO

A Wertheim piano with stool, currently in the Church Annex is available for purchase by donation. Tuning is probably required. Enquiries via the Church Office 8552 1084

SOUTHERN CROSS

This month's edition has a tribute to Phil Burns and Father Sean McGearty.

K S C NEWS ENCOUNTER MARCH 2020.

The Knights wish to congratulate the priests and people who have contributed over 100 years in worship at St. Joan of Arc Church in Victor Harbor. God's blessings remain with you all over the years ahead. It was great the recent major renovations of the church were done, and St. Joan's now looking at her very best!

We continue to pray for Michelle Longworth, daughter of Bill and Lennie. And of course for Bill himself for the recovery of his health. Our deepest condolences go to Knight of honour David Hupatz on the recent passing of his brother Brian.

We also remember past members Jim Ridge (2010) and Ernie Munslow (2009) at this time of their anniversary. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

THANK YOU

I wish to thank all our parishioners who have worked so hard to make our Centenary celebrations a joyful expression of our faith. as members of the Victor/Harbor parish community. I wish to thank especially our Centenary Committee members: Ray Klecko, Pat Clingan, Meredith Cunningham, Rachela Caiapich, Rose Mulraney, Jocelyne & Rob Randabel-Williamson, Fran Hanna and the late Ian Reid. May he rest in peace with our loving God. Father Vinh

Bulletin Board



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

4th Sunday in Lent

***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.



Thirty-two-year-old
Sakun lives in a
village in central
east India. She



developed polio as a child
and has difficulty walking.
After joining a Caritas
Australia-funded program,
Sakun has learned new
skills and gained im-

portant mobility. She is more resilient,
more confident and more independent.
You can donate through Parish boxes
and envelopes, by phone 1800 024 413
or online. [www.caritas.org.au/
projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion)

MINISTERS' ROSTERS FOR EASTER

Please advise your availability for Easter
ceremonies .

STUDY SESSIONS DURING LENT

Victor Tues. after 9.00 Mass.

Goolwa Friday 2pm .

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EACH FRIDAY IN LENT

GOOLWA 3PM VICTOR 5PM

ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Feast Day 25th March

In this beautiful feast Mary
teaches us how to live our
Christian life. When the Angel
of the Lord appeared, bearing
the message and calling her
to a special mission, she said
"YES." We too have the
choice to say "Yes" as well and believe that
"nothing is impossible with God."
Each of us can say "Yes" to God, right now,
wherever we are. Each of us can respond
with our entire being, with a "Yes" of surren-
dered love, so that the same God who was
made flesh within her takes up His resi-
dence in us.



SYMBOLS

Both of our churches have beautiful works
of art that draw us visually into the mys-
tery of life and into the heart of the God
who created it and came share it with us.
At St Joan's Centenary Mass Monsignor
Rob Egar drew our attention to further
understandings of the symbols used in
the Centenary windows.

One of these symbols is
the pelican. Not only is
this majestic creature
part of our local bird life
and an indigenous sym-
bol, it also has a special
meaning in the history of our faith. It is
known to have great devotion to its young,
shedding its blood for their survival. It is for
Christians a symbol of Christ who too shed
His blood so that we might live.
Monsignor Egar also referred to the tiny
ants that are to be found on the windows
and St Augustine's words:



***"Emulate the tiny ant; be an ant of God.
Listen to the word of God and hide it in
your heart. Collect plenty of food during
the happy days of your spiritual sum-
mers. You will then be able to endure
the difficult days of temptations during
the winters of your soul."***

(St. Augustine)

And a final thought.

The windows contain all the elements,
earth, water, air, fire, linking us to
St Francis' beautiful canticle where he
speaks of the elements as members of our
family, *Brothers Wind and Air, Sister Water,
Brother Fire, and Sister Earth, our Mother.*
They are deserving of our gratitude and
care.

This Week : 21st & 22nd March

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 J. Jeffery
R.2 C. Sutherland
E.M. M. Farmer

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R1 S. Duong
R2 T. Hounslow
E.M R. Kuske

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R1 D. West
R2 D. McMahon
E.M. M. Ryan



Next Week : 28th & 29th March

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: F. Hanna

R.1 W. Baker
R.2 B. Bullen
E.M. J. Baker

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R1 A. Willis
R2 F. Hanna
E.M P. Clingan

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R1 K. Fawcner
R2 A. Fawcner
E.M. K. O'Shea

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VICTOR HARBOR SA 5211
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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• PARISH PRIEST

Fr Vinh-Quang Tran (8552 1084;
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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His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.'

Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.
Jesus said:

'It is for judgement that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind.'

Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, 'We are not blind, surely?' Jesus replied:

'Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, "We see," your guilt remains.'

DID YOU KNOW

- In Jesus' time, blindness and other illnesses were seen as punishment for sin.

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).

- The Sabbath was a day for God, and no work could be done. The action of 'making a paste' was considered work, so the Pharisees accuse Jesus of breaking the Sabbath laws.
- The Pool of Siloam was famous from ancient times as it was a pool inside the city walls of Jerusalem that was linked by a tunnel, built by King Hezekiah, to the Gihon Spring outside the city. This meant that during times of siege, the city always had a water supply.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

Today's text again traces the journey towards faith of the man who was born blind and contrasts his openness to the revelation of Jesus as the light of the world to the 'blindness' of the Pharisees, who do not see or recognise the truth of who Jesus is.

LOVE WILL NOT BE CANCELLED

*Conversations will not be cancelled.
Relationships will not be cancelled.*

Love will not be cancelled.

Songs will not be cancelled.

Reading will not be cancelled.

Self-care will not be cancelled.

Hope will not be cancelled.

May we lean into all the good stuff that remains.

Bob Ong

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(23 - 29 March)

- **Monday, 23:** Mon, 4th week Lent (Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54)
- **Tuesday, 24:** Tues, 4th week Lent (Ezek 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-3, 5-16)
- **Wednesday, 25:** ANNUNCIATION of the Lord (Is 7:10-14, 8-10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Thursday, 26:** Thur, 4th week Lent (Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47)
- **Friday, 27:** Fri, 4th week Lent (Wis 2:1, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30)
- **Saturday, 28:** Sat, 4th week Lent (Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-52)
- **Sunday 29:** FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT (Ezek 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45)