

Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

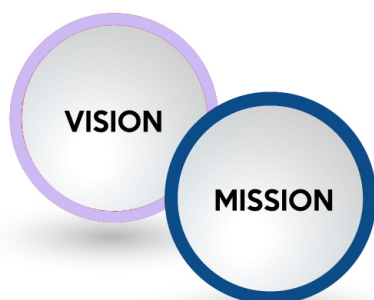
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

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.



FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom of Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when

suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 46:2-3, 6-9

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his

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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, Charlie Nicolson.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Stafford James



Dear Parishioners

We would like to **sincerely thank you** for your commitment to ensuring the continued financial viability of the parish during these difficult times. Your donations by direct debit, credit card and the new method of online donation via the Adelaide Archdiocese <http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/donation>, has been very reassuring.

Contributions by all these means over the **last 3 weeks** has totalled \$1362 for the 1st Collection and \$4720 for 2nd Collection. Whilst we have not achieved our budgeted income we continue to meet our expenses. **Well done all.**

Additionally I am pleased to advise **the installation of the Solar panels** on the St Joan's Annex and the Presbytery has been finalised and thank the **St Joan's Social Club** for their \$3000 contribution towards this.

Helen Taylor
Chair Parish Finance Committee
20.05.20

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.

BISHOP PATRICK O'REGAN TAKES HIS PLACE AS ARCHBISHOP OF ADELAIDE.

Some steps in the ceremony:

- At the door of the cathedral the Archbishop is **presented with a crucifix**, which he kisses, and then he is offered a sprinkler and holy water with which he **sprinkles himself and all who are present**.
- He will put on **the insignia** in which he was invested at the time of his ordination to the Order of Bishops. Among these are **the ring**, a seal of fidelity and sign of the faith and love with which the bishop protects the bride of God, His holy Church. **The crozier or pastoral staff** is a sign of the bishop's pastoral office:
- He now takes his seat (or "cathedra" in Latin). It is a symbol of the bishop's teaching authority.
- Then the **Apostolic letter of appointment** is read. Through this act, the new Archbishop takes canonical possession of the Archdiocese.
- The Mass then proceeds during which the **Archbishop gives the sermon** for the first time in his new role.

Although a very different scene from the



beach where Jesus appointed Peter as the first leader of the Church the same values are present. The Archbishop **kisses the crucifix** as a reminder of his relationship with Christ, who suffered and died for his flock. Then the **sprinkling of the holy water** on himself and the people present, **recalls baptism** from which all of us have been made children of God, sharers of the universal priesthood. **The ring represents his deep union with the Church**, the **crozier or pastoral staff** his call from Jesus to be a **good shepherd** of the faithful. With the reform of the liturgy in Vatican II, the "cathedra" or seat of the bishop has come to signify his **seat of servant-leadership**. It is not a throne which is a seat for a sovereign power or a monarch. **Episcopal ministry is about service and not power or dictatorship.**



FEAST OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS MAY 25th

Prayer of Entrustment of Australia to Immaculate Mary, Our Lady Help of Christians

O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of Heaven and Earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all of your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country. We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly.

We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious. We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time.

We implore your intercession especially for the protection of nurses and doctors and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.

Reign over us Mother of God and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign in triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you! Amen

ARCHBISHOP O'REGAN'S INSTALLATION



Archbishop-designate Patrick O'Regan will be installed as the ninth Archbishop of Adelaide on the solemnity of

Our Lady Help of

Christians, May 25, at 10.30am in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral.

Because of the circumstances around COVID-19, this will be a modified ceremony, and will involve simply the officiating clergy and attendants.

The installation ceremony can be viewed at www.adelaide.catholic.org.au and www.adelcathparish.org/

The installation ceremony will be replayed on Channel 44 at 5.30pm.

Bulletin Board



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

*God mounts His throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High
we must fear,
great King over all the earth.

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our King, sing praise.

God is King of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is King over the nations;
God reigns on His holy throne



SAINT JOAN OF ARC

Feast Day 30th May

(6 Jan 1412 – 30 May 1431)



Joan was only 12
when she heard in a
vision voices she later
identified as
Saints Michael the
Archangel, Catherine
of Alexandria, and

Margaret of Antioch.

During the Hundred Years War, Joan led
French troops against the English and
recaptured the cities of Orléans and
Troyes. Charles VII could then be
crowned as king in Reims in 1429.
Captured the year after, Joan was sold
to the English who tried her for heresy
and witchcraft. In the end, she was con-
demned for wearing men's clothes.
On May 30th 1431, 19 year old Joan
was burned at the stake in Rouen, and
her ashes were scattered in the Seine
River. The Church reversed its decision
in 1455, and she was canonised in 1920.

ST JOAN'S MAINTENANCE GROUP

The monthly maintenance days are

**suspended until further
notice. Members will be
asked on an individual
basis to keep the grounds
tidy, i.e., to work by them-**

**selves and in their own time. If a
maintenance need arises I presume
either myself or Bill Woodhead will be
contacted by the Parish Manager or
Fr Vinh.**

Regards Peter Sampson

AROUND THE PARISH

Congratulations to Kevin
and Lorraine Phillips of
Goolwa who will celebrate
their 60th wedding
anniversary on May 28th

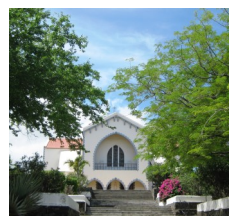


A wonderful achievement and may God's
blessings continue to be with you both .

Cruisers' Blessing!

After 5 weeks on our African cruise without
any opportunity to go to Mass it was with
great anticipation that we docked at **Pointe
des Galets on Reunion Island** on the first
Sunday in Lent. The shuttle bus took us to
the casino and

markets from which
we quickly escaped to
walk 40 minutes in
high humidity to the
elegant, domed white
and blue **Cathedral of**



Notre Dame in St Gilles. Standing room
only, as it was also "Grandmother Day". We
had missed the beginning of Mass and the
priest, mopping his sweating brow
continually, was in the middle of his very
long homily – **in French**, of course. Mentally
I gave thanks for Fr Vinh's homilies!
Without air-conditioning or ceiling fans in
this cathedral, **jam-packed with hundreds
of worshippers**, nearly all the ladies were
using their own little fans to stir the air.

But receiving Holy Communion was so
uplifting and I completely forgot how hot I
was! After Mass the priest mentioned
"Mercredi" – **Ash Wednesday!** We hurried
back inside and were just in time to receive
the ashes with a blessing. How fortunate we
were, and how ironic that we had waited for
5 weeks for Communion and then, except
for 3 times on our return, to still be without it
due to Covid19! *Wendy & John Baker*

BIGGEST MORNING TEA to raise money
to fight cancer is not possible this year due
to current virus restrictions. If you would like
to donate you may do so as follows:

1. Google *Biggest Morning Tea*
2. Search for fundraiser
3. Search for
Combined Churches Goolwa,
click it when it pops up
4. Click arrow
5. Donate via credit card or Paypal

KSC wine raffle now has only 10 tickets
left. Please ring Mike on 0416 102 678 or
Paul on 0402 852 825 for tickets. Bank
transfer to Knights account BSB 105 160
Account No. 015876240 with your
identification . **Don't leave it too late!**

VISITS TO OUR CHURCHES



Just a reminder that
visits to our Church-
es are now allowed.
St Joan's opens
from 10am to 5pm.
St John's: Use the
code to get in.

Under current rules **10 people only** may
be inside at any one time.

Please remember to keep the
**social distancing rules of 1.5 metres
and all hygiene rules.**

It is easy to forget these practices but
they are so important in caring for each
other.

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](http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/news-and-events/coronavirus-updates-and-alerts/videos)

or on Facebook

[https://www.facebook.com/
adelaidearchdiocese/](https://www.facebook.com/adelaidearchdiocese/)

Darwin with Bishop Charles:

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

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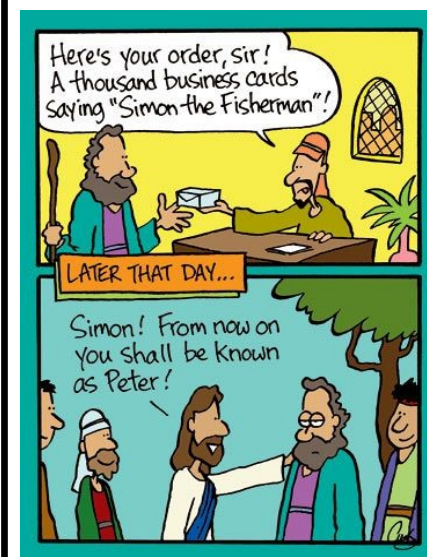
Taizé live on Facebook and on a
video download at - [Taizé.fr](http://www.taize.org/)

BIRTHDAYS

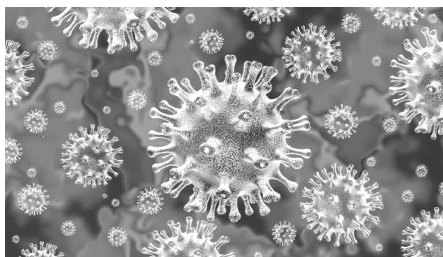
**Best wishes to Bob Willis whose
birthday was on May 15th and
Magdalena Peters May 30th**

Birthday blessings to you both.

**Angelo Falco May 28th sadly has
passed away. May he rest in peace.**



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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will get back to you asap*)
Email: catholicvhg@bigpond.com
Web: 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

• PARISH MANAGERS

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

CHILD PROTECTION

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

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body, the fullness of him who fills
the whole creation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 28:19,20

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Go and teach all people my gospel. I
am with you always, until the end of
the world. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for
Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus
had arranged to meet them. When
they saw him they fell down before
him, though some hesitated. Jesus
came up and spoke to them. He said,
'All authority in heaven and on earth
has been given to me. Go, therefore,
make disciples of all the nations;
baptise them in the name of the
Father and of the Son and of the
Holy Spirit, and teach them to
observe all the commands I gave
you. And know that I am with you
always; yes, to the end of time.'



THE SPIRIT THAT MOVES US

A few months ago I started looking
for a box of old letters and ended up
cleaning out my entire rolltop desk. It
took me the better part of a day and I
had a bag of rubbish and a collection
of keepsake letters to show for my
work. One of the letters I found that
day was from my great aunt,
Josephine McNulty, the youngest
sister of my maternal grandfather.
Aunt Jo was a career woman who
worked for a number of big
companies. Jo was maybe five feet tall
with blue eyes that twinkled behind
rimless glasses. She was a letter
writer, the family archivist, and
generous to a fault.

The letter I found that day was dated 1
February, 1976. It read in part:

'When I see young nuns with short
dresses and nothing to show for their
vocations, it saddens me, but I do not
condemn or criticise. Only the young
people can carry on the work of the
church and if changes are in order, I
will change with them ... I know
basically their faith is probably greater

than mine'.

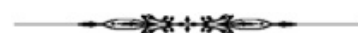
I had just begun my work in the
church when I read that letter. I
recognised her words for what they
were ... a mission statement from
God's Holy Spirit written in Aunt
Jo's hand: Go do the work to which
you are called.

In these difficult days, when many
unfamiliar changes have been forced
upon us, we know the work and the
church go on with our help. God's
Holy Spirit remains with us. Trust
that.

GPBS eNews

DID YOU NOW?

- Pentecost was originally a Jewish
harvest festival that was celebrated
fifty days after the Passover. It was
one of the great 'pilgrimage'
festivals, which meant that people
came to celebrate this feast at the
temple. It was for this festival that
so many pilgrims were present in
Jerusalem on the day when the
Spirit was manifested in the lives
of the disciples.
- The Christian feast of Pentecost is
fifty days after Easter and is the
culmination of the Lent-Easter-
Pentecost cycle.
- The church teaches that the Holy
Spirit brings both gifts and fruits to
the faithful



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(25 - 31 May)

- **Monday, 25:** OUR LADY, HELP
of CHRISTIANS (Sirach 4:11-18;
1 Cor 1:18-25; Jn 19:25-27)
- **Tuesday, 26:** St Philip Neri (Acts
20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11)
- **Wednesday, 27:** Wednesday 7th
week Easter (Acts 20:28-38; Jn
17:11-19)
- **Thursday, 28:** Thursday 7th week
Easter (Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn
17:20-26)
- **Friday, 29:** Friday 7th week Easter
(Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19)
- **Saturday, 30:** Saturday 7th week
Easter (Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn
21:20-25)
- **Sunday 31:** PENTECOST
SUNDAY (Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor
12:3-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23)

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).