



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

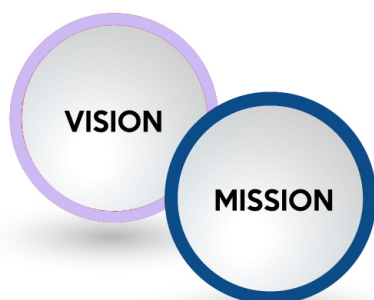
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

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 2:14, 22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy; my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.

You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to

Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us, make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

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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.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Margaret Longworth,
 Michelle Lihou, Lino Ferraro.

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

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John and Wendy Baker 0419 046 147

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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: APRIL

Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



This week we have the lovely story of how Jesus walked with two of His disciples on the road to Emmaus and revealed to them the true meaning of His suffering and death which had turned their world upside down. Let us ask Him to walk with us during this time of upheaval.

POPE FRANCIS' CORONAVIRUS MESSAGE

Pope Francis describes the present moment as a "propitious time" to be **open to the Spirit**, who can "inspire us with a new imagination of what is possible".



At this moment in history, Pope Francis says, "We have recognised the importance of joining the entire human family in the **search for a sustainable and integral development**." We have also understood that "for better or worse all **our actions affect others** because everything is connected in our common home, and if the health authorities order that we remain confined in our home, it is the people who make this possible, aware of their co-responsibility in stopping the pandemic."

He insists that "an emergency like COVID-19 is overcome in the first place by the antibodies of solidarity." This lesson "breaks all the fatalism in which we have immersed ourselves and allows us to return to be the architects and protagonists of a common history," he says, and it enables us **"to respond together to the many evils that are affecting so many of our brothers and sisters across the globe."**



Earth Day was celebrated this week reminding us of the need "to respond together" to care for our environment.

ANZAC DAY - 25th April

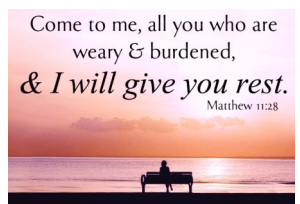


Anzac is a National Day of Remembrance in Australia and New Zealand which broadly commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders "who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations" and "the contribution and suffering of all those who have served"

The Anzac spirit is very much part of our Australian psyche. We revere those men and women who were ready to give their lives for their country. Today we also see that spirit evident in those among us who work to take care of others during this coronavirus pandemic.

In our parish we have a doctor, a physiotherapist, teachers, aged care workers, home care workers, a taxi driver, medi-ride drivers, cleaners, Meals on Wheels volunteers and others who continue to serve our community at some risk to themselves and their families. We also have parishioners who are caring for elderly or ill relatives. We thank them for their service and keep them in our prayers.

Dear Heavenly Father, You are the God of all compassion and comfort. We thank for listening to our prayers.



We pray today for our world, our nation, our city and our parish as the Coronavirus spreads. Please bring help to all our communities according to their needs. Heal those afflicted and **strengthen** all who have the **responsibility for care**. In your mercy, please provide a cure and give wisdom to those seeking to develop a vaccine for this condition.

We pray, too, for ourselves. Enable us to walk by faith. Help us to be careful and wise in taking whatever precautions are necessary to limit and contain the spread of this virus. Strengthen us to remain calm while vigilant, responsible citizens seeking the **welfare of others above ourselves**.

At times of uncertainty and anxiety, help our world to look to security in your Son, Jesus Christ. And give courage to Christians as we point others to the One in whom there is always hope. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YR A

Lord, You will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in You.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.'
O Lord, it is You who are my portion and cup;
it is You Yourself who are my prize.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since He is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For You will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let Your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at Your right hand happiness for ever.



SAINT PETER CHANEL Feast Day April 28th



(1803 - 1841)

Peter was born in France. As a young priest he showed great devotion to the sick.

Wanting to be a missionary, he joined

the Society of Mary, the Marists, at 28. He taught in the seminary for five years then as superior of seven Marists, travelled to Western Oceania. The bishop accompanying them left Peter and a brother on Futuna Island northeast of Fiji, promising to return in six months. He was gone five years.

Despite little apparent success and severe want, Peter maintained a gentle spirit, plus endless patience and courage. A few natives had been baptised; a few more were being instructed. When the chieftain's son asked to be baptised, persecution by the chieftain reached a climax. Father Chanel was clubbed to death. Within two years the whole island became Catholic and has remained so. He was canonised by Pope Pius XII in 1954. Peter Chanel is the first martyr of Oceania and its patron.

Franciscan Media

AROUND THE PARISH

Elective surgery

The general consensus from our governing and advisory bodies seems to be that protective measures will be in place for a while to come. Fortunately we have heard that **elective surgery** is commencing. That will be a relief to those of us who are in that waiting line for joint replacements including a new shoulder and a new hip.

Creative responses

This extra time will allow for development of **further creative responses**. To date the list includes exotic cooking, quilting, ukulele playing, painting, online courses, sorting out CD collections, planting new garden beds, weeding, rereading of favourite books, not to mention efforts resulting in innumerable tidy cupboards and decluttered wardrobes. One parishioner is finally **unpacking boxes** from storage in the garage but is finding it a daunting task. A certain parish manager is taking up his long set aside **tapestry!** And of course we are all developing **internet connection skills** though not without some angst among those of us who are less computer literate than others.

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**. Archbishop-designate O'Regan will travel to Adelaide for the first time next month and will self-isolate for two weeks.

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

When the restrictions and safety requirements around COVID-19 have eased, a formal liturgical reception for the incoming archbishop, will be held, hopefully associated with the Easter Mass of Chrism. *Southern Cross*

The installation will be livestreamed through the Archdiocesan website. www.adelaide.catholic.org.au

THANKS GAELE AND LEIGH

Gael Maloney is the person who faithfully puts together pages 1 and 4 of our Encounter. Gael also looks after our parish website. Every week Gael uploads the Encounter so that it is always available. Recently Gael uploaded pictures of our Centenary Celebration taken by Leigh Blacket. Thanks Leigh. You can view them on the website under **Events**. <http://www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au/>

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

Once more we have a couple of belated birthdays. Apologies from the birthday list staff.

June Persico 20th April

Leigh Blacket 20th April

Next week

Peter Ludd 27th April

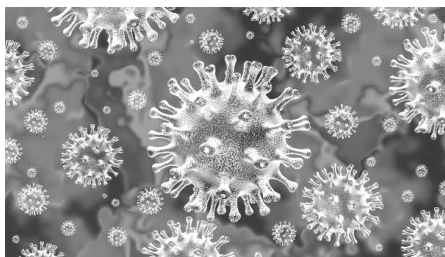
Peter Sullivan 29th April

Birthday blessings to you all.



No listen Grandma, Double-click the Internet Explorer icon.

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
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(*All items for the newsletter must be received
no later than Wednesday evening*)

• PARISH TREASURER

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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

Luke 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the

scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

FRIENDSHIP IN THE BREAD

Church people use a lot of religious language to describe what we believe in: salvation, resurrection, communion. But in our rituals, we use very familiar signs to explain what we mean by all this. Eucharist is one of these. Oh, for the pleasure of a meal with friends!

Friendship is a kind of sacrament all its own. We share histories with our friends. We tell the story of our lives and find common ground. And when we come together, we share food. The warmth and comfort of a meal reflects the nature of our relationship with one another. We celebrate the union of our hearts around the table.

In the unique gathering of our Eucharist, we also acknowledge the great story of God and our relationship with the Holy One through Jesus Christ. Our eyes are opened in this meal to recognise the common ground we hold with divinity: the reign of God itself. Our friendship with God through Christ is true yesterday, today, and forever. This is what our faith means. Everything we need to know about God is in this meal. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(27 April - 03 May)

- **Monday, 27:** Monday 3rd week Easter (Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29)
- **Tuesday, 28:** St Peter Chanel (Acts 7:51 - 8:1; Jn 6:30-35)
- **Wednesday, 29:** St Catherine of Siena (Acts 8:1-8; Jn 6:35-40)
- **Thursday, 30:** Thursday 3rd week Easter (Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51)
- **Friday, 01:** Friday 3rd week Easter (Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59)
- **Saturday, 02:** St Athanasius (Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69)
- **Sunday 03:** Fourth Sunday of Easter (Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1 Pet 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10)

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).