



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*A living, vibrant  
faith community*

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## VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

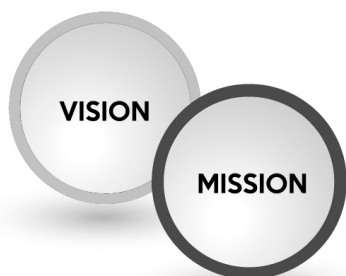
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

### 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

*Ezekiel 37:12-14*

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*With the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption.*

### SECOND READING

*Romans 8:8-11*

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

### GOSPEL

*John 11:1-45*

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied:

'Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.'

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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, 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

## 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: 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.



## CENTENARY NEWS

Over this past week I have been congratulated by many people on the success of our Centenary lunch. Any organiser as you know is only as good as the helpers they are surrounded by, and I was surrounded by the best.

I was first approached by Ian Reid in June 2018 to organise a lunch for approximately 150 parishioners and dignitaries. As Ian said to me "it's going to be a "big shindig". I don't think he realised just how big it would be and how much work it would take.

Originally it was going to be a formal sit down lunch with a marquee set up and open to all. It didn't take long to conclude that we couldn't safely accommodate a formal lunch for so many. After some "discussion" it was decided to have finger food, but not just any finger food. After all I was surrounded by the best, and they didn't disappoint.

The last 12 months have seen so many discussions, recipes read and cooked, a sandwich making course conducted, decorations made, seating arrangements worked out, not only for the dignitaries but for our own parishioners who needed a little extra help. It was for this reason that 5 children from Investigator College, who also happen to belong to our parish, were asked to serve the food so that everyone could relax, keep safe and enjoy the day.

There are too many names to mention, so I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make our lunch the wonderful success that it was. I think Ian would have been so proud that we got to enjoy his "BIG SHINDIG". **Pat Clingan**

## CONGRATULATIONS

*I was present at the Centenary Mass and lunch and would like to congratulate the Parish Pastoral Council for the superb management of this event. It was a splendid event and with no detail overlooked it appeared that all areas ran as planned. The new Windows look sensational, and I found the story of the Windows just intriguing. I hope at all parishioners are able to enjoy the Windows and be inspired by them. Congratulations for a job well done. A grateful parishioner.*



Tawonga is a 10-year-old girl, living with a disability. She lives in a village in northern Malawi in a region plagued by food insecurity and poverty. For most of her life, her parents have struggled to put meals on the table. Tawonga often had to miss school because she was too sick from hunger. The family also faced discrimination in their community due to her disability. Since participating in a Caritas Australia supported program, Tawonga's life has transformed. Her family now grows enough food to provide three meals a day, ending the struggle of malnutrition, and helping her thrive at school. 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)

## LEADLIGHT WINDOW GOOLWA

*It is lovely to see the connections between the windows in our two parish Churches.*

### From the plaque next to the Goolwa window

The pointed arched window symbolises **the transition from the old Cadell Street Church to the present Church in Gardiner Street.**

This is encased by the border with the new church cradling the tradition and culture of the past.

**The fish** is an ancient Christian symbol and **the three fish in this window represent the Holy Trinity** and also relate to Our Lord's instruction that we become "fishers of men". These fish are **jumping for joy** as also should we in receipt of the many blessings bestowed upon us.

Green and gold, Australia's colours, are found in **our local landscape** along with the blue of the ocean – the creations of God the Father, whilst the **rays of light** reflect His mercy and blessings.

Central to the window are **the Holy Cross, Jesus' Crown of Thorns, the Host and the Chalice.**

Behind are the stars of the **Southern Cross**, which identify us as the Church in Australia, and the blue waves placing us in the river port of Goolwa adjacent to the Great Southern Ocean.

Each star has 7 points symbolising the **gifts of the Holy Spirit**;

Wisdom – Understanding – Counsel – Knowledge – Fortitude – Piety – Fear of the Lord. Hovering above the Cross is the **guiding light of the Holy Spirit** in the form of a dove.





## OUR NEW ARCHBISHOP



Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Patrick O'Regan, currently Bishop of the Diocese of Sale in Victoria, as the 12th Archbishop of Adelaide. It was announced on March 19th, the Feast of St Joseph.

Bishop O'Regan said his appointment comes at a critical moment for Catholics in Adelaide and across the country. "With Adelaide set to host the first assembly of the historic Fifth Plenary Council of Australia later this year, this is an exciting time for the Archdiocese of Adelaide," he said. "I look forward to playing my part alongside the people of the Archdiocese in welcoming to Adelaide the Church from right across Australia."

Bishop O'Regan was born in Bathurst in 1958. He was educated at St Joseph's Primary School in Perthville, the village in which he grew up, and at St Stanislaus' College Bathurst. He undertook seminary training at St Columba's College Springwood and St Patrick's College Manly, and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Bathurst in 1983. He was appointed Bishop of Sale in December 2014, with his episcopal consecration in February 2015. He holds a licentiate in sacred liturgy and sacramental theology from the Institut Catholique de Paris and is a member of the International Commission on English in the Liturgy.

Bishop O'Regan succeeds Archbishop Philip Wilson, who resigned as Archbishop of Adelaide in July 2018. He thanked Bishop Greg O'Kelly SJ, who since then in addition to his role as Bishop of Port Pirie has served as Apostolic Administrator of Adelaide and will continue to do so until Bishop O'Regan's installation – the date for which is still to be decided. "Bishop O'Kelly has been exceptionally generous and inspirational in overseeing the entire Church in South Australia during this time and I know the people of Adelaide have appreciated his wise leadership," Bishop O'Regan said. "They

have also no doubt been looking forward to the Pope's announcement of a new Archbishop. I pray that I will be the pastor that the Church in Adelaide needs at this time."

Bishop O'Regan said the announcement comes on a special day. "As someone who has a deep Josephite spirituality, it feels quite fitting – even providential – that Pope Francis has chosen today, St Joseph's feast day, to call me to this new mission," he said. "I will certainly be asking St Joseph to intercede for me and for the Church in Adelaide."

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference president Archbishop Mark Coleridge said Bishop O'Regan has "shown himself to be a man of unusual gifts, one of which is his deep sense of pastoral care for the people entrusted to his care and another of which is his quirky sense of humour". "Bishop Pat's brothers within the Conference join him in praying for his new mission as shepherd of the Church in Adelaide, which has known difficulties in recent times but which can now look to the future more peacefully," Archbishop Coleridge said. *CathNews*

## ONLINE RESOURCES IN TIME OF CORONAVIRUS

<http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/news-and-events/coronavirus-updates-and-alerts>

*Mass streaming live from St Francis Xavier's Cathedral each Sunday at 10.00*

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG8JH2Ixfv3Bf4rHrFO\\_vVw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG8JH2Ixfv3Bf4rHrFO_vVw)

## CHILDHOOD MEMORIES!

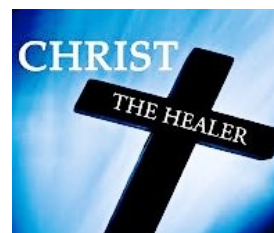


**Jeff's only kneeling on one knee again  
and saying half the Hail Mary!**

## 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



Almighty and all loving God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
We pray to you through  
Christ the Healer  
for those who suffer  
from the Coronavirus Covid-19  
in Australia and across our world.

We pray too for all who reach out  
to those who mourn the loss of  
each and every person who has died  
as a result of contracting the disease.

Give wisdom to policy makers,  
Skill to healthcare professionals and  
researchers,  
Comfort to everyone in distress  
And a sense of calm to us all in these  
days of uncertainty and distress.

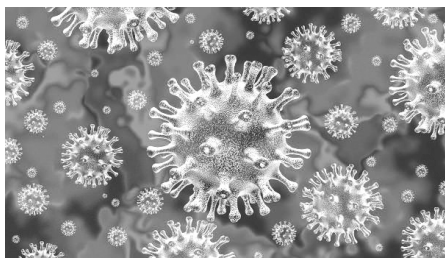
This we ask in the name of  
Jesus Christ Our Lord who showed  
compassion to the outcast,  
acceptance to the rejected and  
love to those to whom  
no love was shown.  
Amen.

*Archbishop Micahel Jackson  
Dublin and Glendalough*

Suggested by Father Philip Marshall



## 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 MANAGERS

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Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)  
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#### • PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please forward items for the newsletter  
to the Parish Office - ph 8552 1084 or  
[catholicvhg@bigpond.com](mailto: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](mailto: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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He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.  
If anyone believes in me, even  
though he dies he will live, and  
whoever lives and believes in me will  
never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.'

Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

*Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. (K Weber)*

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(30 March - 05 April)

- **Monday, 30:** Mon, 5<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11)
- **Tuesday, 31:** Tues, 5<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Num 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30)
- **Wednesday, 01:** Wed, 5<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Dan 3:14-20, 24-25, 28)
- **Thursday, 02:** Thur, 5<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Gen 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59)
- **Friday, 03:** Fri, 5<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42)
- **Saturday, 04:** Sat, 5<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Ezek 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56)
- **Sunday 05:** PALM SUNDAY (Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66)

### 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).