



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
Year B

*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.

MASS TIMES

- **Victor Harbor**
Weekend - Saturday 6.00pm;
Sunday 11.00am.
Weekdays - Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday 9.00am
- **Goolwa**
Weekend - Sunday 9.00am.
Weekday - Wednesday 9.30am



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.

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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,
Brian Smallacombe,
Bailey Smallacombe,
Russell Crichton, Bill Longworth,
Mark & Lola Kelly, Barry Wilks,
Josephine Proctor, Peter Harris,
Charlie Nicolson, Bette Higgins,
Paula Collinson, Jen Jeffery,
June Lloyd, Claire Hamish,
Ann Tee

ANNIVERSARIES

Frances Mysior

PARISH COLLECTION 8th & 9th May

Presbytery (1st)	\$ 729.40
Parish (2nd)	\$1022.60

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

14th May - 21st May
J. & P. Mezzino

28th May - 4th June
M. Farmer & C. Pearson

VICTOR MORNING TEA

16th May
F. Hanna & M. Mattson
23rd May
M. Cunningham & J. Andrews

VICTOR MEET & GREET May Saturdays

M. Farmer, M. Taylor
May Sundays
L. Sunman, F. Harris

GOOLWA MEET & GREET May

Paul Kennelly

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2.00pm Wednesday.
Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199.

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2021 PRAYER INTENTIONS:

MAY: Universal Intention— The world of finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with Governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

THE CENACLE

You are invited to join us in The Cenacle held every Wednesday at 9.30am in St Joan of Arc Church. We start by praying the Rosary, reading, meditating and reflecting on one of the messages given to Father Gobbi by Mary our Mother, and making an act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. *Gemma Woodhead 0492 849 414*

ST VINCENT DE PAUL The next meeting will be held at Victor Harbor after 9am Mass on Thursday 20th May. **We welcome new members.**

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

May 17th – 23rd



Many of our parishioners work as volunteers in the local community and we thank them for their commitment. We also give thanks to the volunteers who help with the running of our parish. Without your generosity our parish could not function.

ABORTION BILL

The abortion bill has passed the Upper House and has been introduced into the Lower House as private member's bill. It will be voted on in the coming weeks. Archbishop Patrick O'Regan last week urged the Church community in SA to lobby our local MPs to vote against the bill, saying it enshrines the idea that some human lives are not worth living and can be ended with the blessing of the state. There is still time to do this.



VICTOR/GOOLWA VINNIES sincerely thank Jo Andrews for her generous gesture in passing on to us for the forthcoming Winter Appeal proceeds from sales at her book launch - the total so far is \$360 – Joe Ryan, Vinnies Treasurer, has some copies to sell at Goolwa and Jo Andrews some for sale at Victor. Many thanks to all who were able to come along - what an enjoyable afternoon it was!



CHECK-IN REMINDER

Over the last few weeks the numbers attending Mass aren't reflecting the numbers that are using the QR Code or signing in.

It is most important that we all continue to check in when arriving at the Church. We cannot become complacent. If you check in by using the QR on your phone please put a QR on our sign-in sheet so that we know how many people are attending.

Thank you all for your co-operation in these difficult times.

MAY IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH



God of the universe,
all people are made in your image.

You love them and
you know each one by name.

God, please bring
your boundless resources

to help women and children
around the world

who are experiencing violence of any kind.

We pray for governments
to rule wisely, to make and enforce laws
to protect women and children
from violence.

And *help us* to change the culture
that permits, ignores,
downplays or excuses
violence against women and children.

Please give your grace, comfort
and healing to all those who suffer.

Mary our mother pray for us.

THANK YOU

Eric and Anne Temme would like to thank parishioners for their prayers and support during Eric's recent illness. Eric is feeling much better and hopes to be back at Mass soon.



No Father they're not praying, they're texting!!!



RESPONSORIAL PSALM THE 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.

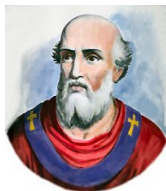
God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on His holy throne



Thank God, we have the good fortune to know, and reason and faith to convince us of this truth, that death is not the end of our lives. It is rather the real beginning. Today's feast—the Ascension of our Lord in His human nature—to His Father's and our Father's home, is the confirmation and the guarantee of this doctrine of our faith. We shall all rise to a new life, as Christ did. He has gone to prepare a place for us.

SAINT JOHN I Feast Day 18th May (d.526)

John I was elected Pope in 523. The Arian King Theodoric sent him as his ambassador to Emperor Justin in Constantinople. On John I's return, he was captured by the king, who was displeased at the outcome of the embassy and cast him into prison at Ravenna where he died a few days later. As pope he was responsible for introducing the Alexandrian computation of the date of Easter; it came to be accepted throughout the West. *Catholic Culture*



LAUDATO SI' WEEK MAY 16th -23rd



In his encyclical Pope Francis calls us to a conversion of heart and action. We respond to the pain of the earth decimated by our lack of care and to the cry of the poor who are the ones most affected by the misuse of our planet. We think of our own First Nations Aboriginal people.

Conversion is often painful and slow so our thanks to those in our midst who demonstrate the ideals of Laudato Si' in their everyday lives, through regenerative farming and gardening, careful re-cycling, composting, being involved in groups that look after our environment, including our own maintenance and gardening groups, alerting us to the beauty and bounty of creation with floral decoration for our altars and goods for our trading table, recognising God in the beauty of nature around us and in many other ways.

K S C NEWS MAY 2021

Wine raffle. The lucky winner of our Mothers Day raffle was David Huppatz. Many thanks to all who purchased a ticket, and better luck when we do our Fathers Day raffle in late August.

Monthly BBQ Our May Sunday BBQ was a great success with all sausages sold. Our next BBQ will be held on June 6.

On Mothers Day it was our pleasure to give all the ladies at Mass a small bunch of flowers as they were leaving. We hope you all had a great day.

Donations. With support from parishioners we made the following donations at our April meeting.

\$100 Mary Potter Foundation, \$150 to Hutt Street Centre, \$100 to Flying Doctor Service as well as \$500 to South Coast Christian Community Care and \$500 to Goolwa School Chaplaincy.

Future socials. We are looking to hold a yearly luncheon at the church in July, and with the social club at Goolwa now closed we are looking at resuming the Melbourne Cup luncheon.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Mike Bilston whose anniversary occurred on May 29th. Next meeting at Goolwa 19th May 4pm.

This Week : 15th & 16th May

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 M. Farmer
R.2 L. Blacket
E.M. S. Duong

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R.1 P. Chigwidden
R.2 J. Tregeagle
E.M. M. Cunningham

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R1 Marie Riddle
R2 Michael Riddle
E.M. M. Ryan



Next Week : 22nd & 23rd May

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: F. Hanna

R.1 M. Farmer
R.2 C. Sutherland
E.M. E. O'Shaughnessy

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R.1 L. Sunman
R.2 A. Rose
E.M. J. Baker

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: D. Huppatz

R1 L. Healey
R2 M. O'Halloran
E.M. T. Siciliano

COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(May 2021)

Different rules apply for Churches with fixed or non-fixed seating. Please check with your Church for details on how seating will be handled.

- For fixed seating 100% of available seats may be used, provided 100% of attendees wear masks. If 75% of seats are used, masks are not necessary.
- The non-fixed seating capacity is worked on 3:4sqm. No masks are required for this density. Masks are essential for anything more than the capped density.
- Singing as a congregation may recommence, provided masks are worn.
- Every gathering must record contact details - either with the QR code for smart phones, or the handwritten log - both located at the entrance to the Church.
- The obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage.

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• PARISH PRIEST

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• PARISH MANAGERS

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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 by Wednesday evening*)

• PARISH TREASURER

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)
Email: Parish_treasure@bigpond.com

• CHILD PROTECTION

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

• CSHW SA (Safety, Health & Welfare)
Parish (Cathy May 0401 584 237)

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He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his 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

Mark 16:15-20

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them: 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

SHARING THE TRADITION

The Ascension is not the celebration of a physical journey into the skies or the clouds, even though religious art often portrays this event in that way. The celebration of the Ascension of the Lord developed in the early Church to mark the fact that there was a period when Jesus of Nazareth was physically present and a subsequent period when he was no longer present in the same way. Heaven is often portrayed as a 'place' in the skies, but this can diminish the Christian understanding of heaven.

Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfilment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness ... This mystery of blessed communion with God and all who are in Christ is beyond all understanding and description.

Heaven is fully participating in the life of God. It is our ultimate destiny. St Augustine said, 'Our lives are restless until they find rest in God.'

DID YOU KNOW

- These final verses of Mark's Gospel were a later addition to the original ending of the women at the empty tomb. They show that from the earliest of times, the disciples realised that although Jesus was no longer physically present, 'the Lord was working with them.'
- The word *apostle* comes from the Greek for 'one who is sent out'.
- Mark uses the dramatic figures of speech about serpents and poisons to illustrate that those who believe in the Good News and preach it can overcome all that threatens or destroys life.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(17 - 23 May)

- **Monday, 17:** Monday, 7th week of Easter (Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33)
- **Tuesday, 18:** Tuesday, 7th week of Easter (Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11)
- **Wednesday, 19:** Wednesday, 7th week of Easter (Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11-19)
- **Thursday, 20:** Thursday, 7th week of Easter (Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26)
- **Friday, 21:** Friday, 7th week of Easter (Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19)
- **Saturday, 22:** Saturday, 7th week of Easter (Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25)
- **Sunday 19:** PENTECOST SUNDAY (Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25; Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15)

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).