



Welcome to Catholic Community of Victor Harbor and Goolwa

(Part of the Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Cluster of Catholic Parishes)



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - YEAR C

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PARISH NEWSLETTER
Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - ph 8552 1084, fax 8552 3439 or catholicvhg@bigpond.com)
(*All items for the newsletter must be received no later than Wednesday evening*)

PARISH TREASURER
Mrs Margaret Meade

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
(*1st Sunday of the month - Family Mass*)
RECONCILIATION
Sunday 8.30am - 8.50am

CHILD PROTECTION UNIT

Sally Wellington (Manager)
Phone: 8210 8268



Jubilee Year
of Mercy
2015/16



"Do not doubt but believe."

In 20:27

FIRST READING

Acts 5:12-16

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:2-4, 22-27. R.v.1

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom,

and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

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Bulletin Board

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

John Hassick, Julie Bradley,
Barbara Bond, Tony Sheehan,
Mark Kelly, Simon Slagter, Father
John Langtry, Paul Cullen, Frank
Refchange, Gail Menner,
Pat Proctor, Judy Harrop

ANNIVERSARIES

Fr. Peter Monopoli, Kevin Higgins,
Kevin McMahon, Fr. Michael
Rodger, Muriel Joras-Lafsky,

RECENTLY DECEASED

Graham Nicolson, Diane Beale,
Mary Moyle, Carmen Spiteri,
Carmel Page,

PARISH COLLECTION

23rd & 24th March

1st (Presbytery) \$2,776.40
2nd (Parish) \$2,634.50

VICTOR MORNING TEA ROSTER

March 20th & 3rd April

A. Williss, B. Murray

April 10th & 17th

M. Cunningham, A. Wright

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

April 8th—15th

M. Davis & F. Harris

VICTOR MEET & GREET

April Saturdays

L. & M. Peake & M. Farmer

April Sundays

H. Sampson, M. Cunningham

ST. JOAN'S CHOIR

Practice time is at 10.30am each
Friday in the Church.

GOOLWA MORNING TEA ROSTER

April

E. Oats, E. De Vries, D. McMahon,
Ludi

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

April

A. Turner, M. Smith, K. Milne

ST. JOHN'S SINGING GROUP

Practices are held in the Church
every Tuesday at 3.30pm.

ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD



**We will celebrate the Annunciation of
the Lord on Monday morning at 9.00am
at St. Joan's. All welcome.**

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY

Groups meet fortnightly on Thursday nights
(mixed) 7-9 pm and Wednesday (women)
1.30 - 3.30 pm. Phone Rob and Jocelyne
Randabel-Williamson for more information.
0402 341 071.

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL.

Deepen your understanding of the Sunday
Gospel at 7.00pm – 8.00pm each Sunday
in the Annex, Victor Harbor. All welcome.

CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY

We meet for Lectio Divina (Scripture
Reflection) and meditation on Monday
evenings for 2016. Anyone is welcome.
Please contact Anne Weygood for details
0429 653 844.

PORT ELLIOT CEMETERY

Father Charles wishes to form a small
working group to maintain this cemetery.
Please contact Anne Fawcner: 8552 6074

NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to the parish, Father Vinh
would like to welcome you. Please make
yourself known. There is a book in the
porch where you may write your name and
address.

PASTORAL CARE GROUP GOOLWA

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday
5th April at 1.15pm

ST. JOHN'S SOCIAL CLUB The next
meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th April
at 2.00pm

GOOLWA INTER CHURCH CONNECT

On Sunday 3rd April there will be a com-
bined prayer service at Goolwa Church of
Christ from 5 to 6 pm.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday
April 13th at Goolwa** after 9.30am Mass.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB V.H./GOOLWA

The next get together will be on Tuesday 19th
April 2pm—4pm in the Annex at St. Joan's.
**Please note that this group will now meet,
once a month on the 3rd Tuesday.** Please
come along & enjoy the company of other
parishioners & friends.

ST. JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th
April at 1.30pm in the Annex. Please bring a
plate to share. **All welcome**

ST. JOAN'S MAINTENANCE GROUP & MEN'S MORNING TEA

Work starts at 9.30am on Wednesday 13th
April. Morning tea at 10.30am in the Annex for
all men of the Parish.

RECONCILIATION, CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN 2016

If you wish your children to celebrate these
Sacraments, please advise Fr. Vinh or the
Parish Office on 8552 1084.

THANK YOU MASS AT GOOLWA SUNDAY 10TH APRIL AT 9.00AM

The Knights of the Southern Cross have
requested that the above Mass be offered in
appreciation for the many years of service to
the Goolwa parish & community by
Frank Refchange. Frank is now in residence at
Sandpiper Lodge. It is hoped that Frank along
with his family will be able to attend.

SERVICE AT WEST PARK NURSING HOME

A small service will be held at West Park after
9.30am Mass at St. John's Goolwa on 6th April.

EASTER SERVICES

It was very gratifying to see so many people in
attendance, especially the children, at the
Easter Services. St. John's and St. Joan's
parishioners are very grateful to Father Vinh for
his dedicated work.

THANK YOU to all the people who helped in
so many ways to make the Easter Services at
St. Joan's & St. John's so inspiring & moving

EASTER RAFFLE

**The winner from this year's raffle was Carol
Lynch from Goolwa.** Please note: this
winner was from the Goolwa tickets only, due to
the problems with the Victor Harbor tickets be-
ing misplaced and the money being stolen from
the porch at St. Joan's. A second draw will take
place on Sunday after 11am Mass at Victor
Harbor on 3rd April for an Easter Basket kindly
put together by donations from parishioners.



POPE FRANCIS' EASTER MESSAGE

"The Easter message of the risen Christ," said Pope Francis, "a message of life for all humanity, echoes down the ages and invites us not to forget those men and women seeking a better future, an ever more numerous throng of migrants and refugees – including many children – fleeing from war hunger, poverty and social injustice."

"To those in our society who have lost all hope and joy in life, to the elderly who struggle alone and feel their strength waning, to young people who seem to have no future, to all, I once more address the words of the Risen One: 'See, I am making all things new... To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life' ." Pope Francis concluded, saying, "May this comforting message of Jesus help each of us to set out anew with greater courage to blaze trails of reconciliation with God and with all our brothers and sisters."

(Excerpted from Vatican Radio)

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST. JOHN'S GOOLWA



We prayed the Stations of the Cross in the garden setting at St. John's Goolwa. God provided the perfect weather !

ST. JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB FISH & CHIP NIGHT

Please come along & enjoy this great night on Friday 29th April, 5.30pm for 6pm start. Fish & chips & salad will be provided. \$10.00pp. BYO drinks & sweet to share



Alleluia He is risen

PSALM FOR 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Give thanks to the Lord for He is good,
His love is everlasting.**

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

'Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.'

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

O Lord grant us salvation;

O Lord grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the Lord God is our light.

**Give thanks to the Lord for He is good,
His love is everlasting.**

ST. THOMAS, THE APOSTLE

The Apostle Thomas travelled with Jesus and learned from him for three years. All of the disciples, except John, deserted Jesus at the cross. They misunderstood and doubted Jesus, but the Apostle Thomas is singled out in the gospels because he put his doubt into words. Jesus did not scold Thomas, He invited Thomas to see His wounds for himself. In response to Thomas' doubts, Jesus said that those who believe in Him as Saviour without seeing Him, are blessed. Tradition holds that St Thomas carried the gospel to the east and was martyred for his faith.



This Week : 2nd & 3rd April

VICTOR HARBOR. 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 R. Walsh

R.2 V. Wyld

E.M. P. Harris

VICTOR HARBOR 11am

Commentator: K. Rucioch

R.1 R. Reid

R.2 A. Willis

E.M. A. Rose, M. Ferguson,
A. Weygood, I. Reid, J. Baker

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: A. Fawkner

R.1 Children

R.2 Children

E.M. K. Fawkner, M. Glazewski,
C. May, L. Healey, J. McInnes



Next Week : 9th & 10th April

VICTOR HARBOR 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 B. Bullen

R.2 M. Farmer

E.M. B. Munday, M. Lloyd

VICTOR HARBOR 11am

Commentator: E. Temme

R.1 A. Rose

R.2 P. Chigwidden

E.M. P. Clingan, P. O'Brien,
M. Cunningham, R. Reid

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: P. Kennelly

R.1 L. Longworth

R.2 B. Longworth

E.M. J. McMahon, S. Muller,
K. Milne, M. O'Halloran, P. Burns

REGULAR MASS TIMES IN OUR CLUSTER CHURCHES

ALDINGA

*Mary of Galilee, the First Disciple
cnr Quinliven and Howe Roads*

Saturday 5.30pm

Tuesday 9.15am

GOOLWA

St John the Apostle, 10-14 Gardiner St

Sunday 9.00am

Wednesday 9.30am

KINGSCOTE

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
cnr Todd and Giles Streets*

Sunday 9.30am

4th Sunday (Youth Mass) 6.00pm

NOARLUNGA

*St Luke, the Evangelist,
cnr Honeypot Rd and Goldsmith Dve*

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 9.00am

1st Sunday 11.00am (Spanish Mass)

2nd Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)

Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm

Monday 9.00am

Tuesday (2nd, 4th, 5th week) 9.00am

Tuesday (1st, 3rd week) 9.45am

Wednesday 7.00am, 7.30pm

Thursday 9.00am (St John's School)

Friday 10.00am

NORMANVILLE

St Peter, Cape Jervis Road

1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 10.30am

2nd, 4th Sundays 8.30am

1st Friday 6.00pm

PARNDANA

4th Sunday 4.00pm

PENNESHAW

*St Columba, North Terrace
(shared with Anglicans)*

1st Sunday 2.00pm

SEAFORD

Seaford Ecumenical Mission, Grand Bvd

Sunday 10.45am

Wednesday 9.00am

VICTOR HARBOR

St Joan of Arc, 30 Seaview Road

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 11.00am

Tuesday 9.00am

Thursday 9.00am

Friday (other than 1st) 9.00am

1st Friday 11.30am

WILLUNGA

St Joseph, 12 St Judes Street

1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 8.30am

2nd, 4th Sundays 10.30am

Wednesday 9.00am

Thursday 9.00am

Friday 9.00am

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GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you
forgive, they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

ONLY FAITH

Jesus spoke in short sentences and summed up a lot of life in a few words. His final beatitude is in the

gospel today – Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. You can unpack that little phrase and in it you realise that faith is about things that cannot be proved, that it is not easy and that it brings a blessedness to life. It also includes ourselves – the ones of this year who still believe.

Something is only by faith when everything else fades off. Our loved ones die and only faith assures us that they are alive with God. Only faith assures us that Jesus is present in the mystery of the bread and wine at our Mass. Only faith assures us that he is with us when two or three gather and only faith assures us that what we do for others we do for him. Faith assures us of some of the best things of life; finally that we come from God and go to God.

Thomas found difficulty with all this. Jesus dealt gently with him, pointing out the wounds of his body and inviting him to touch them. But Thomas never needed to touch the holes in Jesus' hands and feet. He was told that an even better happiness was to believe without touch or sight. He found faith now in the risen Lord, and the faith itself was Jesus' final gift to Thomas.

We need to take time and let faith grow within us. This can be in prayer, in faith-conversation and in allowing ourselves sit quietly and be in the presence of God. In the busy world, this may be difficult, but no day is diminished by time spent in silence and in quiet, knowing we are richly blessed when we grow our faith in God.

Donal Neary SJ

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(4 - 10 April)

- **Monday, 4:** The Annunciation of the Lord (Is 7:10-14, 8-10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Tuesday, 5:** Tuesday - 2nd week of Easter (Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7-15)
- **Wednesday, 6:** Wednesday - 2nd week of Easter (Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21)
- **Thursday, 7:** St John Baptist de la Salle (Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36)
- **Friday, 8:** Friday - 2nd week of Easter (Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15)
- **Saturday, 9:** Saturday 2nd week of Easter (Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21)
- **Sunday 10:** Third Sunday of Easter (Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Apoc 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19)