



# Welcome to Catholic Community of Victor Harbor and Goolwa

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



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C**

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## **PARISH TEAM CONTACTS**

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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](mailto: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  
(1<sup>st</sup> 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**



## **FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 43:16-21**

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

## **SECOND READING**

**Philippians 3:8-14**

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme

advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

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### **SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

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

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

June Molan, Tim & Kath Kennelly,  
Wally West, Fr. Peter Monopoli

### **RECENTLY DECEASED**

Diana Herreen, Jackie Moon,  
Graham Nicolson, Diane Beale

### **PARISH COLLECTION**

#### **5th & 6th March**

1st (Presbytery) \$1,069.50  
2nd (Parish) \$1,504.60

### **VICTOR MORNING TEA ROSTER**

#### **March 13th**

H. & P. Sampson

#### **March 20th & 3rd April**

A. Willis, B. Murray

#### **VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER**

#### **March 11th - 18th**

M. Farmer, C. Pearsons

#### **March 25th - 1st April**

P. Mezzino, E. O'Shaughnessy

#### **VICTOR MEET & GREET**

#### **March Saturdays**

L. & M. Peake

#### **March Sundays**

J. Baker, F. Harris

#### **ST. JOAN'S CHOIR**

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

### **GOOLWA MORNING TEA ROSTER**

#### **March**

M. Freeborn, A. Fawknor, L. Elliot,  
S. Tomlinson

#### **GOOLWA MEET & GREET**

#### **March**

C. & J. Slagter

#### **ST. JOHN'S SINGING GROUP**

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



## **Bulletin Board**

### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

#### **Victor Harbor :**

Holy Thursday 24th March 8pm  
Good Friday 25th March 2pm  
Holy Saturday 26th March 8pm  
Easter Sunday 27th March 11am

#### **Goolwa:**

Holy Thursday 24th March 6pm  
Good Friday 25th March 4pm  
Holy Saturday 26th March 6pm  
Easter Sunday 27th March 9am



### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Goolwa:** Friday 3pm

**Victor Harbor:** Friday 4.30pm

### **RECONCILIATION AT GOOLWA**

The second form of Reconciliation will be  
held at Goolwa on Tuesday 15th March at  
7pm.

### **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.

### **ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY**

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 17th  
March at Victor Harbor after the 9.00am  
Mass.

### **FRIENDSHIP CLUB V.H./GOOLWA**

Next gathering will be on Tuesday 15th  
March, 2pm - 4pm in the Annex.

### **PORT ELLIOT CEMETERY**

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

### **MASS AT RESTHAVEN**

Mass will be celebrated at Resthaven, Port  
Elliot on Thursday 13th March at 10.30am.  
All welcome.

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE:**

The PPC hosted a visit from Deacon Tim  
Grauel and Jill Gallio of the Diocesan Renewal  
Task Force, who made a presentation and invit-  
ed discussion on what the Task Force perceives  
as eight characteristics of renewal in a parish.  
The goal is that parishes would look at ways to  
make these characteristics a priority in the life of  
the parish. How this is done is individual to  
each parish. Through our discussion it became  
apparent that we already have the beginnings of  
a lot of these characteristics but there is a lot  
more we can do to build on what we are cur-  
rently doing.

One of the tasks of the PPC over the next few  
months is to go through all the characteristics  
and look for ways to further build them in our  
parish life. As part of this we will be speaking to  
many of the different teams at work in the parish  
to enable their input.

The document setting out these characteristics  
is available in the church porches for those who  
would like to view them. Please take a copy of  
the document and if you would like to be in-  
volved, or have suggestions to make, please  
see a PPC member.

Carol Sutherland PPC Chair person

### **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.

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

Thank you to all who helped in any way with the  
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER. It was a wonderful  
success, a proud day for St. John's & St. Joan's  
parishioners.

### **FILIPINO CHOIR**

Thank you to the musicians and choir who  
performed at St. Joan's last Saturday night.  
Thank you also to the locals who provided the  
evening meal.

### **EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE**



The Victor Harbor/Goolwa  
Parish is conducting an Easter  
Hamper Raffle, with all pro-  
ceeds going directly to our  
Parish for painting the interior  
of St. John's Church. Tickets  
are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00  
and are available at both

Churches. The raffle will be drawn on Easter  
Sunday at Goolwa. CCI has donated this prize  
valued at rrp \$150.00.



### PROJECT COMPASSION

#### 5th Sunday of Lent

#### Sreymom's story – Cambodia Learning more, helping many



Sreymom, now 26, lives in the remote Mondulkiri province of Northeast Cambodia,

where extreme poverty has led to many health issues for the region's indigenous population.

A local healthcare worker helped Sreymom to enrol in the Mondulkiri Community Health Program, established by Caritas Cambodia and supported by Caritas Australia.

Education and training have helped Sreymom transform from an inexperienced young midwife into a confident healthcare worker.

Now she has the skills to provide vital healthcare, support and information to indigenous mothers and children in remote Northeast Cambodia.

#### ST. PATRICK

#### Feast Day 17th March

#### AN IRISH BLESSING

May the raindrops fall lightly  
on your brow:  
May the soft winds freshen  
your spirit;  
May the sunshine brighten  
your heart;  
May the burdens of the day  
rest lightly upon you;  
And may God enfold you in the  
mantle of his love.

*Happy St Patrick's Day*

### LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE READINGS

A special thank you to our scripture readers at Mass, most of whom prepare at home. They proclaim the readings very well. You are encouraged to listen attentively.

#### "ASK A POLICEMAN"



Remember our parents' advice to "ask a Policeman" when you are in difficulty? In Cape Town, South Africa, a taxi took us from the ship to the Cathedral. The concern was how to find a taxi for the return trip. A small prayer

was said during Mass for a safe return. Afterwards, we asked a policeman at the nearby Parliament for help. He called a taxi driver friend but he wasn't available, so he made another call. The second policeman drove out of the Parliament and told us to hop in. After checking that "we weren't under arrest" we were taken back to the ship, enjoying conversation along the way. Appropriately, the Cathedral is Our Lady of the Flight into Egypt (for refugees and travellers). A big response to a small prayer. The friendly policemen are native constables. How South Africa has changed since apartheid! Peter & Helen Sampson.

#### PSALM 5th SUNDAY OF LENT

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips were songs.

The heathens themselves said; "What marvels the Lord worked for them!"

What marvels the Lord worked for us!" Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing:  
They come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

#### This Week: 12th & 13th March

#### VICTOR HARBOR 6pm

**Commentator:** E. O'Shaughnessy

**R.1** F. Hanna

**R.2** C. Sutherland

**E.M.** J. Bradley

#### VICTOR HARBOR 11am

**Commentator:** M. Ferguson

**R.1** K. Rucioch

**R.2** A. Rose

**E.M.** K. Rucioch, R. Reid, R. Kuske, J. Baker, A. Weygood.

#### GOOLWA 9am

**Commentator:** P. Burns

**R.1** K. Fawkner

**R.2** A. Fawkner

**E.M.** C. May, S. Muller, T. Siciliano, M. Galzewski

#### Next Week: 19th & 20th March

#### PALM SUNDAY

#### VICTOR HARBOR 6pm

**Commentator:** B. Munday

**R.1** M. Farmer

**R.2** V. Wyld

**Passion St. Luke** F. Hanna

**Crowd:** J. Ryan

**E.M.** E. O'Shaughnessy, P. Harris

#### VICTOR HARBOR 11am

**Commentator:** K. Howard

**R.1** J. Randabel-Williamson

**R.2** A. Williss

**Passion St. Luke** P. O'Brien

**Crowd:** K. Rucioch

**E.M.** M. Von Holst, P. Clingan, A. Rose, R. Kuske, R. Reid

#### GOOLWA 9am

**Commentator:** J. Ryan

**R.1** C. May

**R.2** B. Longworth

**Passion St. Luke** L. Healey, P. Kennelly

**E.M.** A. Fawkner, K. Fawkner, J. Slagter, M. Ryan, D. West

## 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 9.00am  
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 ACCLAMATION

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!  
With all your heart turn to me, for I  
am tender and compassionate.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!*

## GOSPEL

### John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

## MISERICORDIAE VULTUS – THE FACE OF MERCY

If anyone wishes to avoid God's judgement, he should not make himself the judge of his brother or sister. MV#14

## GOSPEL BACKGROUND

Today's Gospel begins by reporting that Jesus is again teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the

question of what ought to be done in this case.

The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people; this is cited in John's passion narrative. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. The purpose of the question appears to be similar to the question about paying taxes found in Mark 12:13-17. Either answer, yes or no, will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus.

Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to his writing. This Scripture reading, by the way, is the only evidence we have of Jesus writing. Yet there are no specific details about what he wrote.

## QUOTE FOR THE DAY

*Compassion is language the deaf  
can hear and the blind can see.*

*Mark Twain*

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(14 March - 20 March)

- **Monday, 14:** Monday, 5th week Lent (Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11)
- **Tuesday, 15:** Tues, 5th week Lent (Num 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30)
- **Wednesday, 16:** Wed, 5th week Lent (Dan 3:14-20, 24-25, 28; Jn 8:31-42)
- **Thursday, 17:** St Patrick's Day (Jer 1:4-9; Acts 13:46-49; Lk 10:1-12)
- **Friday, 18:** Friday, 5th week Lent (Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42)
- **Saturday, 19:** St Joseph, husband of Mary (2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24)
- **Sunday, 20:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Entrance: Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 - 23:56)