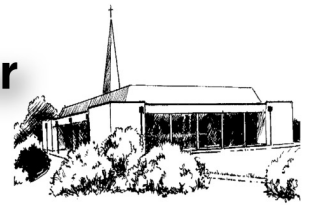




Welcome to Catholic Community of Victor Harbor and Goolwa

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



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VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Charles Gauci (involved in another ministry in 2017)

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Fr Vinh Tran (phone 8552 1084 - in emergency - mob 0429 098 802)

PARISH MANAGER

Mr Kevin Rucioch (mob 0499 005 714)

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

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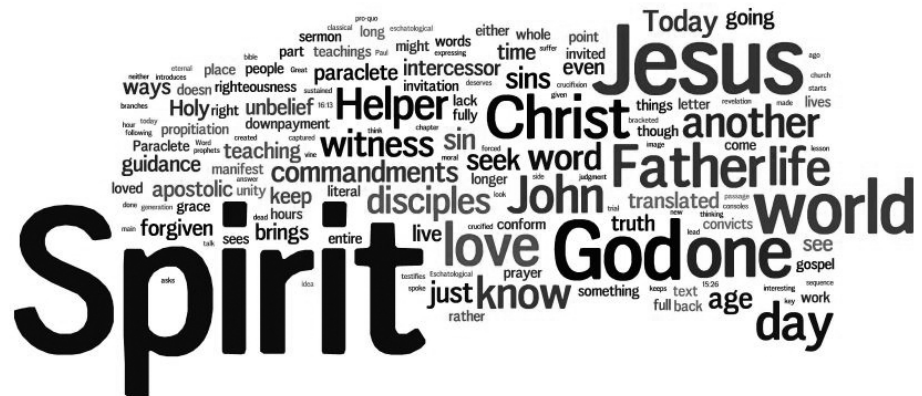
30 Seaview Road, Victor Harbor
MASS TIMES
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 11.00am
RECONCILIATION
Saturday 11.00am - 11.30am
Saturday 5.30pm - 5.50pm

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

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159
Child Safe contacts - Kevin Rucioch (0499 005 714) or Ian Reid (8552 4329)



FIRST READING

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the

reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Julie Bradley, Barbara Bond,
Father John Langtry, Rosemary
Powell, Patricia Sloan, Susan
Anderson, Peter Turner,
Mary & Bob Davis, Donald Telford,
Rosemary Scholefield,
Angelo Falco, Vicki Sullivan,
Valerie Londrigan, David Wark,
Br Michael Fitzgerald,
Shirley & Ray Harrison,
Daniel Holliday, Tania Capogreco,
Maggie Smith, Mark Kelly's
grandson, Hugo.

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Powell, Katie Fergusson,
Constance McMahon

RECENTLY DECEASED

Ruth Blackmore, Eric Atkin, Lena
Pilkington, Enid Penley,
Nick Urbon, Frank Roome,
Doris Jurgens

PARISH COLLECTION

13th & 14th May

1st (Presbytery) \$1,287.60
2nd (Parish) \$1,170.60

VICTOR MORNING TEA ROSTER

May 21st

J. & R. Randabel-Williamson
May 28th & June 4th
R. & I. Reid

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

May 26th

B. Munday, R. Kuske
June 2nd & June 9th
M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

VICTOR MEET & GREET

May Saturdays

L & M Peake

May Sundays

H. Sampson, M. Fracek

June Saturdays

L & M Peake & M. Farmer

June Sundays

H. Sampson & J. Baker

ST. JOAN'S CHOIR

Practice time is 10.30 am each
Friday in the Church

GOOLWA MORNING TEA ROSTER

May: D.Lee, Anke, G. Seah

June: M.Wark, M. Davis,
A.Turner H. Taylor

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

May: P. Kennelly, B. Longworth

June: S. & R. Lee

ST. JOHN'S CHOIR:

Practice Tuesdays 3.00pm .
Contact: Athalea 8555 2165



Bulletin Board

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2017 PRAYER

INTENTIONS: May - Christians in Africa.

*That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the
merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to
reconciliation, justice and peace..*

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL

Deepen your understanding of the Sunday
Gospel at 7.00pm—8.00pm in the Annex,
Victor Harbor . All Welcome.

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY

Groups meet fortnightly on Thursday nights
(mixed). 7.00pm-9.00pm and Wednesday
(women) 1.30pm-3.30pm. Phone Rob &
Jocelyne Randabel-Williamson for more in-
formation. 0402 341 071.

CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY

We meet for Lectio Divina (Scripture Reflec-
tion) and meditation on Monday evenings for
2017. Anyone is welcome. Please contact
Anne Weygood for details. 0429 653 844

ADVANCED CARE DIRECTIVES

Sunday May 28th

Speaker Dr Rob Thornton at St John's
Church Goolwa

11.30 for 11.40 start

We are having a shorter service that day
followed by a bring and share lunch
(no frozen food please).

Please ring Paulene Heddle if you have any
questions on 8552 2688.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

All welcome this Tuesday afternoon in
St Joan's Annex, 2pm to 4pm.

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Next meeting Thursday 25th May
after the 9.00am Mass at Victor Harbor

CATERING CONVENOR FOR FUNERALS

Volunteer required to convene catering for
funerals at St Joan's Church. Margaret and
Len Peake will retire from this responsibility
at the end of June. We thank them for their
many, many years of committed service.
Contact Elaine 8552 9889.

FILIPINO CHOIR

The choir will be at
St. Joan's 6.00pm on
Saturday 3rd June.
Please come along
and enjoy their sing-
ing. All Welcome. Please bring a plate of
supper to share after Mass.



RENEWING PARISH: GOOD PREACHER

Father Vinh invites those who are interested in
helping him to be more effective in preaching.
Please come to the presbytery each Friday at
7 pm. Please read the following Sunday Gos-
pel prior to this gathering.

CANCER BIGGEST MORNING TEA /LUNCH AT GOOLWA

The Lutheran and Catholic Churches are hold-
ing a morning tea at St. John's Goolwa on Fri-
day 26th May from 10.30am to 12.30pm . Cost
\$5.00. Please bring a friend, a small item to
sell if possible, a plate of finger food for lunch
and a small wrapped item for the mystery auc-
tion. Please advise Mary 0427 611 917
or June 8555 2607 by 21st May.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD FLEURIEU LAUNCH EVENT

Covenant Family Church

54 Hill Street, Port Elliot

Monday 22nd May

2pm—4pm

Special Guest:

Heather Jesshope,

OCC State Manager

Light Refreshments provided.

All welcome. Enquiries: 1800 684 300



PARISH BARBECUE

St Joan's Social BBQ Tea will be held at

St Joan's Annex on
Friday 26th May

5.30 pm for 6.00 pm.

\$6.00 per person. Please
bring along a salad, sweet
and BYO drinks.

ALSO BRING A FRIEND.

Phone Margaret Peake on 8552 7162

Patrine Harris on 8554 3061.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped in any way at the
recent funerals. St. Joan's Social Club appre-
ciates this very much.

ST. JOSEPH'S OLD SCHOLARS LUNCHEON

Wednesday 7th June at 11.45am for 12 noon
start. Hampstead Hotel (cnr North East/
Hampstead Roads, Collinswood. Bookings by
Friday 2nd June. Josie 8295 3667 or
Chris 8263 1948. Invitation for former
students/teachers (male and female) from **ANY**
Josephite School/College here or interstate to
attend.





PSALM FOR 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of His name.
O render Him glorious praise.
Say to God: "How tremendous Your deeds!"

'Before You all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to You, sing to Your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous His deeds among men.

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in Him;
He rules forever by His might.

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what He did for my soul:
Blessed be God Who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold His love from me.

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.



FLEURIEU PENINSULA PADUAN PEACE PILGRIMAGE Monday, 12 June 2017

Walk from Victor Harbor to Goolwa



The event begins at 8.30am with Mass at St John's, Goolwa. After Mass participants will board the 'Cockle

Train' (cost approx. \$25) for the scenic ride to Victor Harbor. After a short break the walk to Goolwa will commence, using the Victor Harbor/Goolwa bike path. Walkers may attempt the total walk to Goolwa (16kms) or sections thereof. A lunch break will be taken at Port Elliot where prior orders for pies and pasties will be available OR BYO lunch. Teams will be available for pickups at predetermined stages if required. Participants may walk, cycle or gopher. The event will conclude with a sausage sizzle at St. John's.

For bookings and further information contact Phil Burns 0412 700 290.

May the Month of Mary OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS Patron of Australia Feast Day 24th May

The infant church in Australia has a special reason for turning to Mary. No priests were sent to the colony in its early days and Mass was not allowed except for one brief year until 1820. It was largely the Rosary in those early days that kept the faith alive.

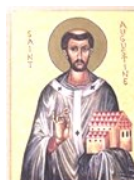


The Australian Catholic community remained faithful to Mary and Australia was the first nation to choose her under the title, 'Mary Help of Christians' as principal Patroness.

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY Feast Day 27th May

St Augustine was born in the first third of the 6th century – died probably 26th May 604.

He was a Benedictine monk who became the first Archbishop of Canterbury in the year 597.



St Augustine was the first Archbishop of Canterbury and the Apostle to England, who founded the Christian church in southern England.

Augustine of Canterbury comes across today as a very human saint, one who could suffer like many of us from a failure of nerve. For example, his first venture to England ended in a big U-turn back to Rome.

However, he returned, he made mistakes and met failure in his peacemaking attempts with the Briton Christians.

Augustine's perseverance amidst obstacles and only partial success teaches today's apostles and pioneers to struggle on despite frustrations and be satisfied with gradual advances.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY WINTER APPEAL 2017 THE POWER TO CHANGE A LIFE IS IN YOUR HANDS

Envelopes are available in the churches.



MASS ROSTER

This Week 20th & 21st May

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 M. Farmer
R.2 V. Wyld
E.M. R. Powell, P. Harris

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : K. Howard

R. 1 P. Chigwidden
R.2 A. Rose
E.M. M. Cunningham, P. O'Brien, M. Lloyd, S. Duong, V. Salmon

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: A. Fawkner

R.1 L. Longworth
R.2 B. Longworth
E.M. M. Davis, P. Burns, K. Fawkner, M. Glazweski, L. Healey



Next Week : 27th & 28th May

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 J. Randabel-Williamson
R.2 B. Bullen
E.M. S. Duong, E. O'Shaughnessy

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : V. Coffee

R. 1 R. Reid **R.2** P. O'Brien
E.M. A. Rose, P. Clingan, K. Rucioch, M. Lloyd, I. Reid

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: R. Lee

R.1 J. McMahon
R.2 D. McMahon
E.M. D. Huppatz, B. Longworth, C. May, S. Muller, J. McMahon

REGULAR MASS TIMES IN OUR CLUSTER CHURCHES

ALDINGA

*Mary of Galilee, the First Disciple
cnr Quinliven and How 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*

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 7.30pm
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

2nd and 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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you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'



EXPLORING THE WORD

The readings of Eastertide are about the essentials of discipleship. The fifty days of Easter are like a course in preparation for Pentecost as a sort of re-commitment day, or a confirmation of what we vowed in Baptism.

From Acts we have an example of early ministry. This time we hear about the mission to Samaria. When we think of Samaria, we are reminded of the ancient enmity between the Jews and the Samaritans. We are also reminded of Jesus' challenge to bigotry and racism in the parable of the Good Samaritan. We also remember the call to mission of the Samaritan woman at the well.

The people of Samaria are to be part of the post resurrection outreach of the disciples. They are to hear the message to love one another; it is this love that makes one a child of God not birth, race, prestige or power.

Philip, a disciple, went to Samaria and began to proclaim that Jesus is the Messiah. There were cures and many conversions. The people were roused to fever pitch by the wonder of it all. A question arose then as it does now. What part does healing play in evangelization?

There are many preachers today who use healings, "slaying in the Spirit" as a sign of their authenticity. Does a display of personal power mean the presence of the Holy Spirit? In some claims there seems to be a display of showmanship which is at odds with the actions of Jesus. There is the complication of emotion in illness which is only beginning to be understood.

The story from Acts tells us that the gifts of God cannot be bought. We cannot use God as a sort of lucky charm to find parking places or score points over someone. From our tradition, we learn that gifts of the Spirit are for the up-building of the community. We need to discern whether such signs cast out fear, free people, or bring peace and joy. They

should not bind people to a particular person or group.

People who advertise their ability to heal in the Spirit are making claims that they can control a gift that is essentially free. We need to be aware of the seductions offered by such persons. Intercessory prayer for others is not a guarantor that we can save others from pain, sickness or death. It teaches us to place our trust in God with the prayer Jesus taught us, "Not my will but thine be done." In the Gospel Jesus says, "I will ask the Father and he will give you another Paraclete, another Advocate, to be with you always, the Spirit of Truth... will instruct you... remind you"

We need the Spirit of Truth to help us mature in faith, to grow in our understanding of the requirements of discipleship.

Philip needed a visit from Peter and John to confirm his new converts. We need to stay in touch with the community and we need sound leadership as we face the demands of an ever increasing complex world.

Jesus tells us that we are not orphans. We are not helpless in the face of change, but we need each other as we search for the roads that lead to God.

Patricia Stevenson rsj

DID YOU KNOW?

- The word 'advocate' means 'called to the side of' and thus is often used to describe a mediator or assistant in a lawsuit.
- Some translations of the Bible use the word 'paraclete' instead of advocate; others use the word 'counselor' or 'comforter'.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(22 - 28 May)

- **Monday, 22:** Monday of 6th week of Easter (Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4)
- **Tuesday, 23:** Tuesday of 6th week of Easter (Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11)
- **Wednesday, 24:** Our Lady, Help of Christians (Sirach 4:11-18; 1 Cor 1:18-25; Jn 19:25-27)
- **Thursday, 25:** Thursday of 6th week of Easter (Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20)
- **Friday, 26:** St Philip Neri (Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23)
- **Saturday, 27:** Saturday of 6th week of Easter (Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28)
- **Sunday 28:** The Ascension of the Lord (Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20)