



Welcome to Catholic Community of Victor Harbor and Goolwa

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



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR A

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PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

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

PARISH MANAGER

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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*)

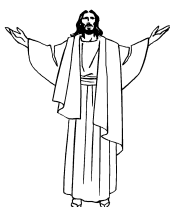
RECONCILIATION

Sunday 8.30am - 8.50am

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

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



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. 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.

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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.

ANNIVESARIES

Mary Powell, Constance McMahon

RECENTLY DECEASED

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

PARISH COLLECTION

20th & 21st May

1st (Presbytery) \$970.10
2nd (Parish) \$1,434.20

VICTOR MORNING TEA ROSTER

May 28th & June 4th

R. & I. Reid

June 11th & 18th

M. Cunningham, A. Wright

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

June 2nd & June 9th

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

June 16th & 23rd

E. O'Shaughnessy

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

PASTORAL CARE GROUP V.H.

Will be holding their next meeting on Satur-
day 3rd June at 4.00pm in the Annex.

COMMUNITY CONCERN EVENT

Thank you to all who attended and contribut-
ed in any way to this event. Thank you espe-
cially to John Baker for his technical exper-
tise.

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.

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Wine Raffle: 15 bottles of red wine. 30
tickets will be available at Goolwa on 28th
May, and at Victor Harbor on 3rd & 4th June.
Cost \$10.00 per ticket.

45 Club Series: Spaces available. Please
see any KSC member or call Robert Lee on
0409 945 019

Frank Refchange Chapel: On Wednesday
17th May the Sandpiper Chapel was officially
named "The Frank Refchange Chapel".
Frank's family, Southern Cross Care Repre-
sentatives and residents in the home, all
attended. Thanks to Robert Lee.

CHRISTIANITY IN POLYNESIA

Tonga, Tahiti and Samoa are mostly Christian
and strongly religious. In Tonga it is an offence
to willingly work for profit on a Sunday, with
the penalty being weeks of unpaid labour! This
Island group has the highest number of church-
es per capita of population in the world.



We visited the St. Anthony of Padua Basilica
which has a St. Joan of Arc Statue in Tahiti.
We were further reminded of our home parish
by the Cathedral being on the Rue Jeanne
D'arc. Sundays in Tahiti are very quiet for tour-
ists, as nearly everyone attends church.
Samoan villagers impose a curfew during
evening prayers, at which time visitors have to
wait at the village gate, their motto is "God is
First" and although they killed the first French
arrivals in 1787, missionaries who arrived later
were not harmed.

The Polynesian Islands were titled "The Friend-
ly Isles" by Captain Cook because of the na-
tives broad smiles. What he didn't know was
that they smile when they don't understand
strangers, whilst at the same time contemplat-
ing killing them!

Helen & Peter Sampson

FILIPINO CHOIR

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



CHILDREN'S PAGE

The graphic on this week's page was drawn by
Lilly, one of our aspiring First Communicants.





PSALM FOR THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 2017

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 of all the earth.

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, 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

God mounts His throne to shouts of joy:

a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

SAINT CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS (died: 1885)

Feast Day June 3rd



Charles took over the instruction and leadership of the Christian community in Uganda after the "White Fathers" were expelled.

King Mwanga hated

Christians and condemned to death all who refused to stand by him. Charles protected the young boys of the court and baptised as many as possible. After being made to trek 37 miles, Charles and many others were burnt to death. He and the other Catholic martyrs of Uganda were canonised after Mwanga's death and the return of the White Fathers.

RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE

Our Retreat has now come to an end and we would like to thank you all for your prayerful support.

Further Enquiries

Jocelyne and Rob 0402 341 071

Bill 8555 5174

Fran 0415 124 010



May the Month of Mary

THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Feast Day 31st May

The Visitation – Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth.

There are two aspects of the Visitation



scene to consider. The first is that any element of personal agenda of Mary and Elizabeth is put aside. Both had good reason to be very preoccupied with their pregnancies and all that new life brings.

Both women had a

right to focus on themselves for a while as they made new and radical adjustments to their daily lives. Mary reaches out to her kinswoman to help her and also to be helped by her..

The second point of this moving story is Mary's haste. Luke tells us that she undertook in haste the long and perilous trek from Nazareth to a village in the hill country of Judea. She knew clearly what she wanted and did not allow anyone or anything to stop her.

(Excerpt: saltandlight.org)

A REFLECTION FOR THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



ST. TERESA OF AVILA (1515–1582)

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which He looks
compassionately on this world,
Yours are the feet with which He walks to do
good,
Yours are the hands, with which He blesses
all the world.

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 27th & 28th May

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: B. Munday

R.1 J. Randabel-Williamson

R.2 B. Bullen

E.M. S. Duong, E. O'Shaughnessy

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : V. Coffey

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



Next Week : 3rd and 4th June

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 J. Randabel-Williamson

R.2 M. Farmer

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

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : P. O'Brien

R. 1 F. Hanna

R.2 R. Reid

E.M. P. Clingan, K. Rucioch, M. Lloyd, M. Ferguson, V. Salmon

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: J. McInnes

R.1 D. McMahon

R.2 J. McMahon

E.M. M. O'Halloran, K. Milne, M. Ryan, J. Ryan, T. Siciliano

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 Honeypt 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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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 28:19,20

Alleluia, alleluia!

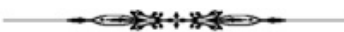
Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the earth.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'



EXPLORING THE WORD

The feast of the Ascension celebrates the physical separation of Jesus from the human story, but this text promises his continual presence 'to the end of time'. After three years of living, working and praying with the disciples, Jesus commissions them to continue his work in the world. This is a difficult challenge for some of the disciples who, although prepared to go to the appointed place, still hesitate! Despite their misgivings and fragile faith, he sends them out to all nations. Jesus has been given the authority which was once the exclusive domain of the God of Israel; Jesus has become the presence of the living God and his presence will continue with his disciples through the Holy Spirit. Despite this affirmation from Jesus

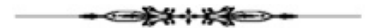
SHARING THE TRADITION

The celebration of the Ascension as a particular feast day developed in the vicinity of Antioch around 380 AD. Chapter one of the Acts of the Apostles notes that Jesus appeared among his disciples for forty days after the resurrection (Acts 1:3). It then goes on to describe Jesus being taken up into heaven (Acts 1:9). The juxtaposition of these two verses

probably gave rise to this feast being celebrated forty days after Easter. Forty days after Easter falls on a Thursday, and in the past this feast was known as 'Ascension Thursday' and was a Holy Day of Obligation. In more recent times, the celebration has been moved to the Sunday before Pentecost.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Ascension of Jesus is described only in the Book of Acts (1:2-11), although there is a shorter version in Luke's Gospel. There are also allusions to the event elsewhere in the New Testament, eg Jn 6:62; Eph 4:8-10.
- In Matthew's Gospel, many of the important moments of Jesus' life are located on mountaintops – his temptation, his transfiguration, the great teaching of the 'sermon on the mount', and now this final instruction to his disciples. In this way, Matthew draws parallels with Moses the great leader and lawgiver who encountered God on the mountaintop.
- Matthew shows Jesus as fulfilling and extending the teaching of Moses. Whereas the Law had been for the people of Israel, Jesus sends his disciples to all nations; whereas the Jewish people had faith in the name of God, YHWH, Jesus sends his disciples to baptise in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(29 May - 4 June)

- **Monday, 29:** Monday of 7th week of Easter (Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33)
- **Tuesday, 30:** Tuesday of 7th week of Easter (Acts 12:17-27; Jn 17:1-11)
- **Wednesday, 31:** The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Zeph 3:14-18; Lk 1:39-56)
- **Thursday, 1:** St Justin (Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26)
- **Friday, 2:** Friday of 7th week of Easter (Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19)
- **Saturday, 3:** Charles Lwanga & companions (Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25)
- **Sunday 4:** Pentecost Sunday (Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23)