



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
- YEAR A

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

OUR VISION:

To build a faith community
centred on the loving relationship
of Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
expressed in personal lives and
communal parish activities.

OUR MISSION IS TO:

- Develop relevant and prayerful Eucharistic celebrations
- Foster the experience of a personal relationship with God
- Provide Faith Formation opportunities
- Care for each other particularly the sick, lonely, aged and disabled
- Witness to God's love for our earthly common home and all its creatures that abound

WE WILL:

- Reach out to those in need
- Be committed to Catholic Social Justice principles
- Pray and work together with Christian Churches and all people of goodwill
- Engage with young people
- Care for our environment towards a sustainable future
- Strengthen bonds with First Nation peoples

MASS TIMES

• VICTOR HARBOR

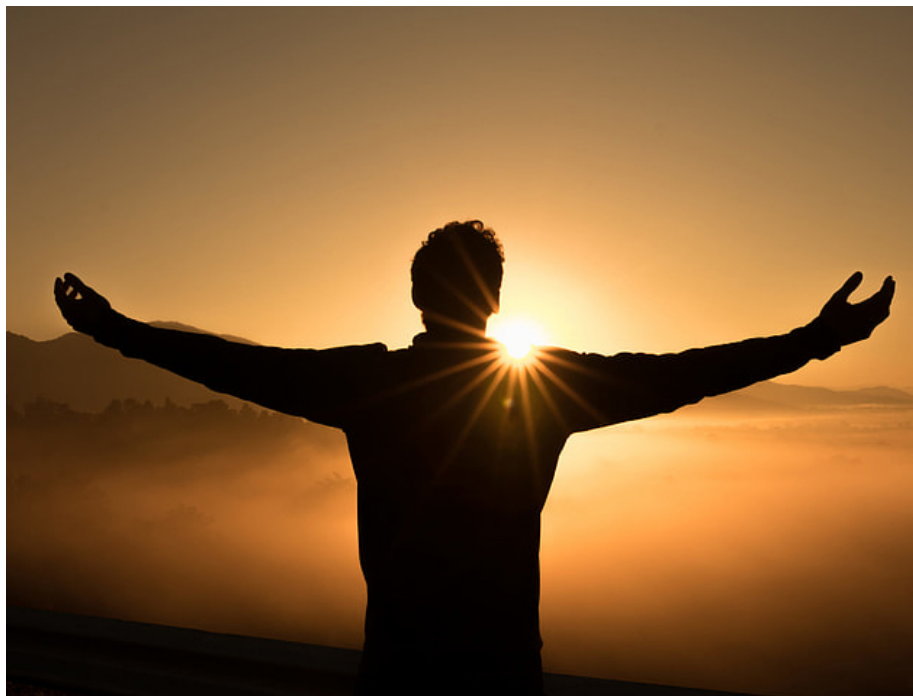
Weekend - Saturday 6.00pm;
Sunday 11.00am.
Weekdays - Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday 9.00am

• GOOLWA

Weekend - Sunday 9.00am.
Weekday - Wednesday 9.30am

RECONCILIATION

St Joan's, Victor Harbor - Saturday
11am - 11.30am, or by appointment.



FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22

*Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the

Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.'

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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)

John Wallace, Claire Hamish,
Bob Willis, Jeffery Family,
Bailey Smallacombe, Ann Tee,
Josephine Proctor,
Charlie Nicolson, Paula Collinson,
Jane Lloyd, Eileen McCoe, y,
Len Peake, Ron & Patrine Harris,
Vin Slattery, Neil Cumming,
Clancy Retallick,
Ann & Kevin Hannagan,
Mollie Davis, Jutta Millar,
Cath Howard, Keith Fawcner.
Trudi McNamara, Elizabeth Nance,
Allen Odgers, Jan Henderson

ANNIVERSARIES

Tony Hudson

RECENTLY DECEASED

Peter Harris, Josie Proctor

PARISH COLLECTION

25th & 26th February 2023

1st (Presbytery) \$820.30

2nd Parish \$1,135.50

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

3rd March

W. & J. Baker & F. Hanna

10th & 17th March

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

VICTOR MORNING TEA

March 5th

L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden

March 12th

A. Williss & R. Reid

VICTOR MEET & GREET

March Saturday

M. Farmer & C. Huppatz

February Sunday

R. Reid & F. Harris

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

March

J. Dunthorne

MORNING TEA

March

C. May, J. Henderson,

J. Fitzgerald

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday

Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2023 PRAYER INTENTIONS



March:

For victims of abuse:

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

VALE JOSIE PROCTOR

Josie passed away early Thursday morning. She was a special gift to our Parish and we shall miss her. Our thanks to Kathy, her sister, for her dedicated care of Josie. Our prayers and sympathy are with all the family.

GOOLWA GARDEN

CLEAN UP

this Tuesday March 7th
from 9.30am till 11.30am.

Please note morning will be cancelled if temperature is 30 degrees or above.



VICTOR MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS



meet this Wednesday, 8th March
from 9.30am - 10.30am followed
by morning tea.

FUNERAL MASS FOR PETER HARRIS

Peter Harris's Funeral Mass will be held at St Joan's at 2pm on Thursday 9th March. Our prayers and condolences are with Faye and the family.

May Peter rest in peace.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

2nd Sunday of Lent

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." GENESIS 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

Thursday 23rd February 2023

(for further detail refer to Minutes on the Notice Board)

1. Chair, Parish Finance Committee, (Helen Taylor) presented :
* the Annual Finance Committee report to the PPC.
* a summary of MRS Property consultant's report on the Parish's property at Pt Elliot
* a revised procedure relating to the interment of ashes in the Memorial Gardens
2. A Pastoral Council working group is exploring how the parish can further engage with youth and young families.
3. Fr Vinh advised of Archdiocesan requirements for Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.
4. Mark Leaney will visit Comoro in mid-April, with a view of how best we can support Comoro parish with the funds we raised.

FAITHFUL STEWARDS ALL

There is an unassuming Parishioner who works quietly in the background as our volunteer Treasurer. We are very fortunate to have

Merv Mallett in this very important role.

Merv is on the Finance Committee and maintains the Parish Cashbook, ensuring all income and expenditure is electronically processed, end of month is reconciled and BAS Statements completed quarterly - as well as dealing with contingencies as they arise. You will find Merv in the Parish Office at Victor Harbor each Monday morning usually from 9am until 12 midday.

Many thanks Merv.

And thanks also to our other stewards:

Members of the Finance Committee,
our Counters and our Collectors
for their faithful stewardship.

**KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS
BBQ THIS SUNDAY AFTER 9 AM MASS.
THE MOST DELICIOUS AND BEST
VALUED BBQ ON THE SOUTH COAST!**

Bulletin Board



RESPONSORIAL PSALM SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Lord, let Your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You.

Upright is the word of the Lord
and all his works are trustworthy.
He loves justice and right;
of the kindness of the Lord the earth is full.

See, the eyes of the Lord are upon those
who fear him,
upon those who hope for his kindness,
To deliver them from death
and preserve them in spite of famine.

Our soul waits for the Lord,
who is our help and our shield.
May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us
who have put our hope in you.



SAINTS PERPETUA AND FELICITY Feast Day 7th March



The account of the martyrdom of **Saints Perpetua and Felicity** forms one of the finest pages of the history of the first centuries of the Church. It shows us clearly the wonderful sentiments of these two women when they heard that they had been condemned to the wild beasts. Knowing their own weakness but relying on the strength of Christ, who was fighting with them, they went to their martyrdom as to a triumphant celebration, to which they were invited by Christ. – *Catholic Culture*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS TIMES FRIDAYS DURING LENT

Goolwa: 3.30pm
Victor: 5.30pm

THE INTERMENT OF ASHES AT OUR PARISH

A copy of this information is on our Parish Notice Board, any questions please talk to our parish managers Ray or Pat.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. At just 16 years old, she had to leave school after falling pregnant with her first child. A single mother struggling with homelessness, Tereesa's only concern was finding stability for her children. Today, with help from Project Compassion Tereesa is studying a certificate in Community Services so that she can strengthen her skills and give back to her community.



You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/ envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

PADNINTHI - WALKING TOGETHER



You are invited to join First Nations Aboriginal Elder John Lochowiak

and Father Tom Gleeson in an opening to Aboriginal culture, connection, community and acknowledgement of past, present and future.

**Friday 10th March Bethany Hall,
33 St Andrews Terrace Willunga
9.30am - approx. 3.00pm**

We just ask for a donation on the day to cover the costs of running the program. Please let Fran Hanna (0415 124 010) know by Monday 6th if you would like to come. We are going to carpool for transportation.

ETHICS AND BOUNDARIES IN MINISTRY

Last week I attended the Ethics and Boundaries in Ministry with 25 other priests. There are professional standards that I need to live up to and professional boundaries that I ought not to cross. If you feel that I relate to you differently please don't take it personally. It is just expectations of priests in ministry today.

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

THIS WEEK 4th & 5th March

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6.00pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 J. Ryan

R.2 C. Sutherland

E.M. E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11.00am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 A. Rose

R. 2 L. Sunman

E.M. P. Clingan

GOOLWA

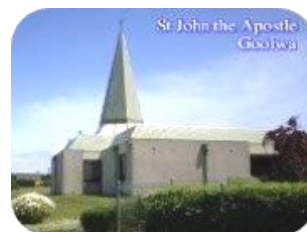
Sunday 9.00am

Commentator: M. Freeborn

R. 1 E. Bourne

R. 2 L. Healey

E.M. M. Glazewski



NEXT WEEK 11th & 12th March

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6.00pm

Commentator: C. Huppatz

R.1 B. Bullen

R.2 J. Jeffery

E.M. M. Farmer

Sunday 11.00am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 F. Hanna

R. 2 S. Duong

E.M. A. Rose

GOOLWA

Sunday 9.00am

Commentator: D. Huppatz

R. 1 J. Henderson

R. 2 K. O'Shea

E.M. A. Turner

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA

NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• PARISH PRIEST

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Email: Vinh2511@bigpond.com

• PARISH MANAGERS

Mr Ray Klecko (0438 364 870)
Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)
Email: Parish_manager@bigpond.com

• PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - 8552 1084, 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 (Office 8552 1084)

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

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 02/03/23)

- If you have tested positive for COVID-19, please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Wearing of face-masks in Church is recommended.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.

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When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

DIVINE DESIGN

(Matthew 17: 1 - 9)

Jesus was changed before their eyes. Have you ever seen a transfiguration? Have you ever seen a simple thing become a holy thing, like bread become sacred flesh? Have you ever seen a plain face become a radiant beauty when seen through the eyes of love? Have you ever seen a timid person become a lion when circumstances required strength beyond fear? Transfiguration is not an isolated incident, a one-time deal in salvation history. Transfigurations happen around us in surprising places, for those who have eyes to see.

Sitting with my dying friend for many weeks, I watched how a weakened body can become a temple of great holiness. The spiritual strength of a failing mortal life was so much stronger than the physical vigour he once displayed. Before his illness, he scaled mountains for pleasure. In his last illness, he ascended to spiritual heights that astonished me with their breathtaking vistas. Once, he saw the view from the peaks of the Sierras, and hoped to climb Mount Kilimanjaro. Now, his vision is on higher places, and the things he sees are lovelier than all of earth's delights. This is transfiguration, as surely as what Peter, James and John saw on that fateful day.

PREPARE FOR THE LIGHT OF LOVE

Most people can pinpoint the moment when the attraction they felt for someone turned to love. It usually has to do with seeing the person in a new light. As one man described it, "One night I watched as a woman who had been my good friend for

many years gently stroked her dying mother's forehead. I was struck by the sheer tenderness and beauty of the act. I knew then that my feelings for this woman were forever changed".

Whether it is a simple act of kindness or a bold or courageous gesture, something happens that brings the person's true character into relief, and the enlightenment leads to love.

Jesus' Transfiguration is one of those moments of light – a luminous mystery – as Pope John Paul II termed it, in which Jesus is glorified – transfigured – before the eyes of his chosen disciples. They see with utter clarity who Jesus truly is: The son of the living God, and they are filled with awe and a new level of love. Their lives are changed forever.

We cannot command enlightenment any more than we can force ourselves to fall in love. But we can be attentive as we walk with others. The more we notice the small details about our neighbours and God, the more likely we'll be awake when the big reveal takes place and we can see these people for who they truly are: Beings worthy of our unconditional love.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(09 - 15 March)

- **Monday, 09:** Monday, 2nd week Lent (Dan 9:4-10; Lk 6:36-38)
- **Tuesday, 10:** Tuesday, 2nd week Lent (Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12)
- **Wednesday, 11:** Wednesday, 2nd week Lent (Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28)
- **Thursday, 12:** Thursday, 2nd week Lent (Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31)
- **Friday, 13:** Friday, 2nd week Lent - (Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46)
- **Saturday, 14:** Saturday, 2nd week Lent (Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32)
- **Sunday 15:** THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42)

PASTORAL CARE

If you need a priest for anointing prior to medical treatment or if you are ill (not necessarily life-threatening) or for last rites please contact: (08) 8552 1084 or in an emergency 0429 098 802.