



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

Third Sunday of Lent
Year B

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

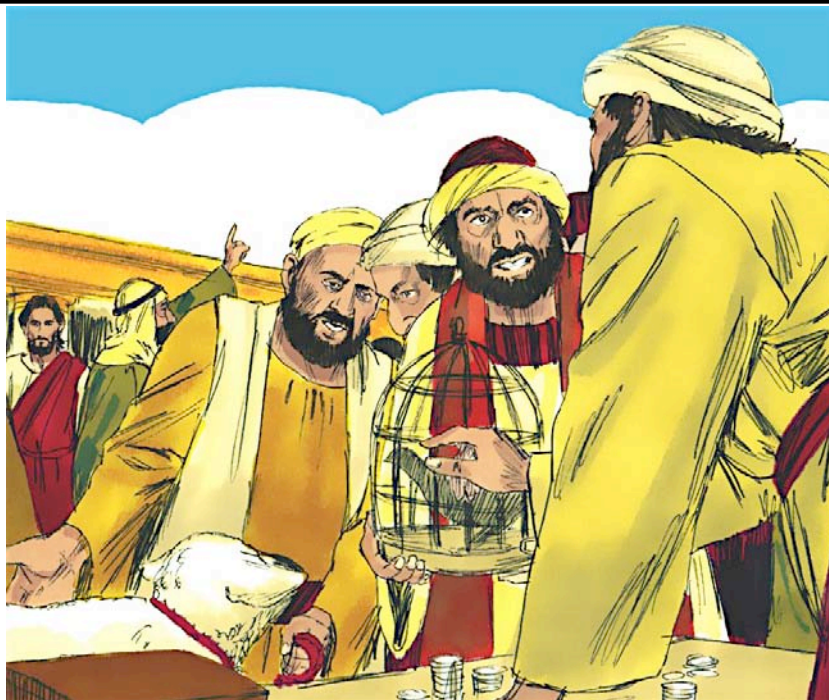
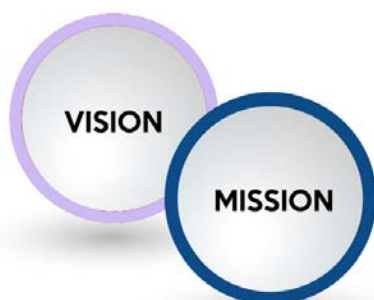
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

IT IS OUR MISSION TO:

- Endeavour to develop relevant and prayerful Eucharistic celebrations.
- Foster the experience of a personal relationship with God.
- Provide faith formation opportunities for parishioners.
- Care for each other and the environment, particularly the sick, lonely, aged and disabled within our Parish.
- Care for our environment towards a sustainable future.

WE WILL:

- Reach out to those in need in the local community.
- Be committed to Catholic Social Justice principles.
- Pray and work together with Christian Churches and all people of goodwill.
- Protect and engage with young people in our local area.
- Strengthen bonds with indigenous people in our region.



FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that

day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 18:8-11

*Lord, you have the words
of everlasting life.*

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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)

Barbara Bond, John Wallace,
Brian Smallacombe,
Bailey Smallacombe,
Russell Crichton, Bill Longworth,
Mark & Lola Kelly, Barry Wilks,
Josephine Proctor, Peter Harris,
Charlie Nicolson, Bette Higgins,
Paula Collinson, Jen Jeffery

RECENTLY DECEASED

Richard Anderson, Rosalie Buck

PARISH COLLECTION 27th & 28th February

(Presbytery) \$ 890.85
2nd (Parish) \$ 1411.75

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 12th March

M. Farmer, C. Pearsons
19th—26th March
G. Woodhead, W. & J. Baker

VICTOR MORNING TEA 7th March

A. Williss & R. Reid
14th March
P. Clingan & T. Hounslow

VICTOR MEET & GREET March Saturdays

M. Farmer & E. O'Connell
March Sundays
W. Baker & F. Harris

GOOLWA MEET & GREET March

K. & A. Fawkner

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2.00pm Wednesday.
Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199.

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2021

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

March

Sacrament of Reconciliation .

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.



EXPLORING THE GOSPEL WITH LECTIO

DIVINA is held each Sunday night at 5pm in the Annex.

THE CENACLE

You are invited to join us in The Cenacle held every Wednesday at 10am in St Joan of Arc Church. We start by praying the Rosary, reading, meditating and reflecting on one of the messages given to Father Gobbi by Mary our Mother, and making an act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Gemma Woodhead 0492 849 414.

ST JOAN'S MAINTENANCE GROUP

will have their next meeting on Wednesday 10th March at 9.30am. Morning tea to follow.

New members welcome.

Michael McBride 0418 855 517

ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB

will hold their next meeting on Tuesday 9th March at 1.30pm in the Annex. All welcome

ST JOAN'S PASTORAL CARE GROUP

Our next meeting is on Saturday 13th March at 4.30 in the Annex.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays in Lent

Goolwa 3.00pm

Victor 5.00pm



WHICH BIN?

Victor, Sunday March 21st

Come and recycle your parish connections at our Victor *After Sunday Mass cuppa* and have some fun while getting answers to that tricky question "Which bin?" You might be able to share some of your own experiences of recycling.



VACCINES AGAINST COVID-19

There are two vaccines being offered to us in Australia, the Pfizer vaccine and the AstraZenica vaccine.



1. The Pfizer vaccine has been developed ethically and is permissible to use.

2. However we know that the AstraZenica vaccine was developed from cell lines taken from an aborted child in 1972. This vaccine is what most of us will be offered.

The Australian Bishops have said: *"People have asked whether it would be permissible to use such a vaccine (as the AstraZenica vaccine)."* Their answer is: *"If no other vaccine is available, the morally serious objective of protecting lives makes such a vaccine (as the AstraZenica vaccine) permissible."*

Bishops Commission for Life.

Below is a link if you would like to do further reading on the matter.

<https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/a-letter-to-the-faithful-regarding-development-of-a-covid-19-vaccine>

ANNIVERSARY OF ELECTION OF POPE FRANCIS, 13th March, 2013



POPE VISITS IRAQ

from March 5 to March 8. The historic but greatly diminished **Christian community, including Catholics, says it needs a boost** from the Catholic leader after three years of devastation carried out by militants of the Islamic State group, **Pope Francis also will meet one of Shi'ite Islam's most authoritative figures**, the Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, as part of his efforts to **embrace all of the Islamic world**. The pontiff will also participate in an interreligious meeting in the southern town of Ur, the birthplace of the Old Testament Patriarch **Abraham, recognised as the father of faith in one God by Jews, Christians, and Muslims alike.** *CathNews*

KSC REMINDER. For catering purposes please make sure you advise us that you will be attending the St Patrick's BBQ dinner on Sunday 21st March 5-8pm.

Although it is free we need to know numbers. Please phone Paul on 0402 852 825 or Robert 0409 945 019 as soon as convenient.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM Third Sunday of Lent, Yr. B

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just.

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb.



SAINT FRANCES OF ROME (1384 -1440)



"I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you, says the Lord" (Jn 13:34). In the fifteenth century St.

Frances, among the noble ladies of Rome, showed herself an example of what a Christian wife should be. After the death of her husband she retired from the world and lived in a monastery of Oblates ("Oblati di Tor de Specchi" in the Holy City). that she had founded under the Rule of St. Benedict. God favoured her with the visible presence of her guardian angel with whom she conversed familiarly. *Catholic Culture*

SHARING OUR PRODUCE

Thanks to those who have left gifts of continue and fruit and vegetables in the foyers of our two Churches. We hope this sharing will flourish. We are reminded again of the beauty and fruitfulness of creation and the call to share our abundance with others.

PROJECT COMPASSION BE MORE

The theme of Project Compassion is taken from a saying of St Oscar Romero
"Aspire not to have more but to be more."

Week 3



Oliva, 22, could not read, write or count, and her business was losing money. Then she attended Caritas Australia-supported literacy and

numeracy classes, and set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours. Now her classes, business and family are thriving, and she aims to become a pastor and run for local leadership.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

NEW JOBBSEEKER RATE

The National Council of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia has condemned the Federal Government's decision today to slash unemployment benefits to a rate barely more than the old Newstart. National President, Claire Victory said the Society is dumbfounded by the Government's continued inability to increase a rate that has been condemned by business leaders, social services groups, union leaders and indeed members of its own government.

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This Week : 6th & 7th March

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 B. Bullen

R.2 M. Farmer

E.M. E. O'Shaughnessy

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R.1. P. O'Brien

R2 P. Chigwidden

E.M A. Rose

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: V. Scriva

R1 G. Byrne

R2 J. McInnes

E.M. S. Muller



Next Week : 13th & 14th March

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 J. Jeffery

R.2 C. Sutherland

E.M. E. O'Connell

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R1. T. Hounslow

R2 J. Randabel-Williamson

E.M P. Clingan

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: P. Kennelly

R1 E. Bourne

R2 K. O'Shea

E.M. L. Healey

MASS TIMES

- **Victor Harbor** - Weekends - Saturday 6.00pm; Sunday 11.00am. Weekdays - Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.00am
- **Goolwa** - Weekend - Sunday 9.00am. Weekday - Wednesday 9.30am

COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(Current for 23/24 January)

- Attendees at Mass must maintain social distancing of 1:2 sqm.
- Funerals are capped at 200 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- Weddings are capped at 200 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- No beverage or food consumption (ie cup of tea after Mass)
- Singing as a congregation is to be avoided.
- Every gathering must record contact details - either with the QR code for smart phones, or the handwritten log - both located at the entrance to the Church.
- The obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage.

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Web: www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au

PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

- **PARISH PRIEST**
Fr Vinh-Quang Tran (8552 1084; in an emergency - 0429 098 802)
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 - ph 8552 1084 or 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 (Parish Office 8552 1084)

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SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 3:16

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

GOSPEL

John 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The only coins acceptable in the Temple were half shekels. Roman coins were not acceptable because they were imprinted with the image of the Emperor and the Commandments clearly state that there should be no graven images used by Jews. The money-changers were actually performing a necessary task for the proper functioning of the religious life of Israel.
- The trade in animals was necessary for sacrifice at the Temple. Ordinary people needed to sacrifice for a number of religious reasons; for example, to become ritually clean again after childbirth. But this trade was under a monopoly of the wealthy and elite Sadducees who controlled the Temple cult.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(08 - 14 March)

- **Monday, 08:** Monday of 3rd week of Lent (2Kg 5:1-15; Lk 4:24-30)
- **Tuesday, 09:** Tuesday of 3rd of Lent (Dan 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35)
- **Wednesday, 10:** Wednesday of 3rd week of Lent (Deut 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19)
- **Thursday, 11:** Thursday of 3rd week of Lent (Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23)
- **Friday, 12:** Friday of 3rd week of Lent (Hosea 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34)
- **Saturday, 13:** Saturday of 3rd week of Lent (Hosea 5:15-16:6; Lk 18:9-14)
- **Sunday 14:** FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT (2 Chrs 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21)

PASTORAL CARE

If you need a Priest for anointing of the sick or last rites contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).