



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

**FIFTH SUNDAY
of EASTER - 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

Acts 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

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

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the way, the truth and the life,
says the Lord; no one comes to the
Father, except through me.
Alleluia!*

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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,
Charlie Nicolson, Paula Collinson,
Jane Lloyd, Eileen McCoe, y,
Len Peake, Ron & Patrine Harris,
Neil Cumming,
Clancy Retallick, Ann Hannagan,
Mollie Davis, Jutta Millar,
Cath Howard, Keith Fawkner,
Trudi McNamara, Elizabeth Nance,
Allen Odgers, Jan Henderson.

ANNIVERSARIES

Joan Kelly

RECENTLY DECEASED

Vin Slattery, Gerard McGrath

HOLY FATHER'S 2023 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY.

For Church Movements and Groups : We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



45 CLUB . New series just opening. Please see Robert Lee to renew your membership.

MOTHERS' DAY WINE RAFFLE

A dozen quality wines plus a bonus gift in each of the raffles both at Goolwa and Victor.

Mike O'Halloran is the man to see at Goolwa and Des Wallace at Victor Harbor. We look forward to your usual support which we greatly value.

ST JOAN'S MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS

will hold their next meeting on Wednesday 10th May from 9.30 - 10.30am followed by morning tea. All welcome



ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th May at 1.30pm in the Annex. Newcomers welcome

ST JOAN'S PASTORAL CARE GROUP

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

VISITORS FROM COMORO

It was a privilege to have Dina and Jacinta from Comoro at our 11.00 Mass last Sunday. Dina and Jacinta have been studying English at Adelaide University to be able to use it in their work back in Timor-Leste. John and Wendy Baker kindly hosted them for the weekend and showed them the sights of Victor. We hope they will come again.

MUSICAL REQUEST FROM COMORO

The Don Bosco Training Centre is teaching music to their young people and is asking if we can send over music books to help. The instruments are violin, piano, guitar and drums. Any music books for those instruments would be much appreciated. There will be a box in the porch of each Church for you to place the books. Thank you.



Hello...you are invited to our Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. Let's get together and enjoy a cuppa so we can support those impacted by cancer.

Host: Catholic & Lutheran Churches of Goolwa

Where: Corner of Gardiner & Partridge Streets, Goolwa

Date: Thursday 25th May 2023

Time: 10.00am—12 noon

Speaker: Vivi Scriva
\$5.00 donation, raffles, auction, morning tea provided.



RSVP: 21/5/23

Phone/Txt: Vivi: 0439 430 486

Betty: 0423 635 400

PARISH VOLUNTEERS AND CHILD SAFETY BRIEFINGS

I wish to thank ALL Parish volunteers. Without your participation the parish cannot function as we have done. I wish to invite you to participate in a 90 minute briefing on Thursday 11th May from 10.30am—12 noon in the Annex at Victor. Please ring and register on 8210 8159 asap.

A Vietnamese lunch is provided.

THANK YOU

to John and Dianne Mc Mahon for scaling the ladder and putting up and taking down our beautiful coloured banners at St John's and for skills in operating our heating for keeping our church cosy on cold mornings!

Thank you to Helen for the flowers in the church at St John's. Against the coloured banners they offer us such joy as we enter and be in our church.



The International Day of Plant Health

2023 celebrated on May 12th calls on everyone to raise awareness and take action to keep our plants healthy and help protect the environment and biodiversity.

PARISH COLLECTION

29th & 30th April

1st (Presbytery) \$ 877.75
2nd (Parish) \$1095.35

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

5th & 12th May

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

19th & 26th May

W. & J. Baker & F. Hanna

VICTOR MORNING TEA

7th May

L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden

14th May

A. Williss & R. Reid

VICTOR MEET & GREET

May Saturdays

M. Farmer & H. Anderson

May Sundays

L. Sunman & F. Harris

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

May

P. Kennelly

Morning Tea

A. Turner, L. Clayson, M. Burfitt

G. Kennedy.

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday

Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Yr. A

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

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all His work is to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with His love.

The Lord looks on those who revere Him,
on those who hope on His love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA Feast Day May 13th



Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese children—Francisco and Jacinta Marto and their cousin Lucia dos Santos—received apparitions of Our Lady at

Cova da Iria near Fatima, 110 miles north of Lisbon. Mary asked the children to pray the rosary for world peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia.

Mary gave the children three secrets. Following the deaths of Francisco and Jacinta in 1919 and 1920 respectively, Lucia revealed the first secret in 1927. It concerned devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The second secret was a vision of hell. Lucia became a Carmelite nun and died in 2005 at the age of 97. Pope John Paul II directed the Holy See's Secretary of State to reveal the third secret in 2000; it spoke of a "bishop in white" who was shot with bullets and arrows by soldiers. Some linked this vision to the assassination attempt against Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981.

The feast of Our Lady of Fatima was approved by the local bishop in 1930; it was added to the Church's worldwide calendar in 2002. *Catholic Culture & Franciscan Media*

CALL TO PRAYER FOR THE WORLDWIDE SYNOD (MEETING OF BISHOPS)



*We have sent in
our hopes and
dreams for the
Church through
our Diocesan and*

Plenary Councils.

Now it is time for prayer.

*Victor Harbor and Goolwa parishioners
are invited to join together at
St John's Goolwa after Mass,
with a brief Taizé prayer.*

CHURCH: St John's

DATE: First prayer gathering:
Wednesday 17th May

TIME: 10am

Further prayer gatherings

every 4th Wednesday - June, July, August,
September at 10am.

WOMEN INCLUDED IN SYNOD VOTING

The Synod of Bishops will include female voting members for the first time, organisers revealed yesterday in a landmark development for the Church's Synod process. Source: *The Tablet*.

The changes, which mean that 75 per cent of the Synod assembly this October will be bishops and 25 per cent non-bishops, are seen as a move by the Synod away from a gathering of the hierarchy towards a Synod of the people.

And the women?

First, five female sisters and five male religious will be elected to represent the religious orders at the gathering.

Second, the assembly will include

70 non-bishop voting members representing "various groupings of the faithful of the People of God", including priests, religious, deacons and lay members. It is requested that 50% of them be women and that the presence of young people also be emphasised.

CathNews

So not a large number of women, but a start!



**PRAY FOR
THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE**

THIS WEEK 6th & 7th May

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 C. Huppatz

R.2 C. Sutherland

EMHC J. Jeffery

Sunday 11am

Commentator: T. Hounslow

R. 1 A. Rose

R. 2 L. Sunman

EMHC P. Clingan

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: P. Kennelly

R. 1 L. Healey

R. 2 V. Scriva

EMHC A. Turner



NEXT WEEK 13th & 14th May

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 S. Duong

R.2 B. Bullen

EMHC M. Farmer

Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 R. Reid

R. 2 W. Baker

EMHC J. Baker

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R. 1 M. Freeborn

R. 2 K. O'Shea

EMHC T. Siciliano

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RAMINDJERI land

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• 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 05/05/23)

- If you have tested positive for COVID-19, please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- 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.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact.

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GOSPEL

John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father’s house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.’

Thomas said, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?’ Jesus said:

‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.’

Philip said, ‘Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.’ ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip,’ said Jesus to him ‘and you still do not know me?’

‘To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, “Let us see the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.’

HOW CAN WE KNOW THE WAY?

Thomas is the practical apostle. He had very little religious imagination. As we know, he couldn’t invest himself in the resurrection of Jesus without hands-on experience of it. Here, we find that he isn’t going to buy into the reign of God unless he can find it on MapQuest. And Jesus humours him by offering him something better than a roadmap: himself.

Jesus is the way. What does that mean? A generation ago, Christian bumper stickers read, “One Way,” with an arrow pointing upwards. But maybe a more theologically accurate sign would point through - through the heart of the world, into the depths of humanity until we find the central spot where the Spirit dwells in us. It takes a lot of stillness, a lot of contemplation and quiet, to find that place. We can contemplate the world, in its beauty and suffering, or our own lives, or Scripture or the image of the cross. The mystery of the Kingdom is not “up” from here, but in our midst. We are the Body of Christ. If we’re looking for Jesus, and the way, the yellow brick road starts right here. *GPBS eNews*

When you think of Jesus’ good works, what’s the first one you think of? Healing the blind man? Feeding the crowd with a few loaves and fish? Raising Lazarus from the dead? Jesus does these things to show he is the Son of God. But behind these works is Jesus’ great love. When Jesus says those who believe in him will be able to do his great works, he isn’t just talking about the Apostles. He’s talking about us. When we believe in Jesus and let Jesus’ love fill our hearts, we can do anything in Jesus’ name. We really can! *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK’S READINGS (08 - 15 May)

- **Monday, 08:** Monday 5th week Easter (Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26)
- **Tuesday, 09:** Tuesday 5th week Easter (Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31)
- **Wednesday, 10:** Wednesday 5th week Easter (Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8)
- **Thursday, 11:** Thursday 5th week Easter (Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17)
- **Friday, 12:** Friday 5th week Easter (Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17)
- **Saturday, 13:** Saturday 5th week Easter (Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21)
- **Sunday 14:** Sixth Sunday of Easter (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pet 3:15-18; Jn 4:15-21)

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.