



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

THIRD 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

Exodus 17:3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?'

Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' the Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at

peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 4:42, 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL - John 4:5-42 (abridged)

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.

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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,
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
4th & 5th March 2023

1st (Presbytery) \$1107.20
2nd Parish \$1035.40

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

10th & 17th March

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

24th & 31st March

W. & J. Baker & F, Hanna

VICTOR MORNING TEA

March 12th

A. Williss & R. Reid

March 19th

F. Hanna & A Temme

VICTOR MEET & GREET

March Saturday

M. Farmer & C. Huppatz

March 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



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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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT PROJECT COMPASSION



Zimbabwe is experiencing an intense drought. With the support of Caritas, Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis.



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.

KNIGHTS of the SOUTHERN CROSS MARCH REPORT

As reported a few weeks back our branch donated \$500 to Caritas in support of Turkey and Syria and the recent earthquakes they have recently



experienced. Each meeting we offer prayers for all within the parish who are in poor health. We especially think of former members Ron and Patrine Harris and Rudy and Kay Baltais.

Our BBQ last Sunday raised \$107, and we sincerely thank all who supported us, especially those who left donations.

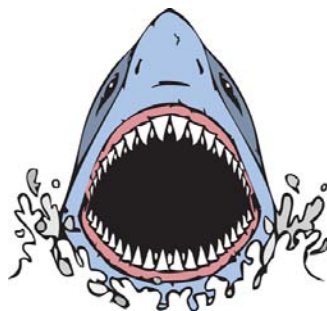
The next BBQ will be held on April 2nd - Palm Sunday

Next Sunday, three of our members will be attending the Southern Conference of the Knights at Strathalbyn, commencing with 10.45am Mass.

Anniversaries for March. Jim Ridge, Ernie Munslow.

The Knights' next meeting is on March 15th at Goolwa at 4.00 pm.

FISH AND CHIPS ANYONE?



St Joan's Social Club are holding their annual Fish and Chips Night on Friday March 31st at 5.30 for 6.00pm in the Annex.

Cost is \$15.00 a head, BYO drinks.

Come and join in the fun.

Please call or txt Pat on 0410 593 617 or Colleen on 0405 634 744 if you are coming. Payment is due by 24th March.

NEXT VINNIES' MEETING



will be held on Thursday 23rd

March at 9.30am.

Please note change of date.

New members welcome

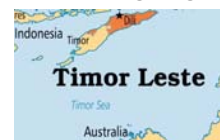
NEW MASS ROSTER

APRIL - AUGUST 2023 - VICTOR HARBOR

I am currently preparing the new rosters for Victor Harbor Masses. If you would like to be added into one of these important ministries, please contact me as soon as possible. Also, if you are unavailable any time during the next roster period, please let me know. Carol Sutherland. 0418856799
csutherland@internode.on.net

COMORO NEWS

About 15kg of good children's clothing is going to Comoro via a container from Melbourne in April. These are clothes remaining from our Garage Sale. The children of Comoro will love this gift from their Sister Parish.



ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 14th March at 1.30pm in the Annex. Newcomers welcome.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YR.A

If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before Him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for He is our God and we
the people who belong to His pasture,
the flock that is led by His hand.

O that today you would listen to His voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.'



SAINT PATRICK Feast Day 17th March



(c.415 – c.493)

Patrick was humble and courageous. Little is known of his personal life but he called himself both a Roman

and a Briton. At 16 he and some of his father's slaves were captured by Irish raiders and sold as slaves in Ireland. Forced to work as a shepherd, he suffered cold and hunger. After six years he escaped, possibly to France, and returned to Ireland at 22. During captivity he underwent spiritual conversion. Consecrated bishop at the age of 43 his great desire was to proclaim the good news to the Irish. Despite opposition from pagans and criticism in England and Ireland, in a relatively short time the island had experienced deeply the Christian spirit. The efforts of Irish missionaries were greatly responsible for the Christianising of Europe.

The Church in Australia owes much to St Patrick and the Irish.

**HAPPY FEAST DAY
TO ALLOUR IRISH PARISHIONERS!!!**

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY ROM!

Rom and Wally were former members of both the Goolwa and Victor communities. Wally died recently and before her funeral we were giving our condolences to Rom when we discovered he had just turned



100 years of age. At this time Rom we congratulate you on your fine achievement and again our sympathy to you for the loss of Wally, who was 94 when she died. Rom and Wally were married for 74 years.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

was held last Friday, 15 parishioners from Goolwa and 4 from Victor attended their respective events hosted by the Uniting Church. Goolwa reports that it was a lovely and well-organised event with a wonderful talk on prayer from the minister, Naomi.

Victor appreciated the meaningful service and the chance to mix with people from other local churches during afternoon tea. Victor is to host the event next year. Thanks to all who represented our parish.

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING SESSIONS

Current Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion **who serve at Mass or take Communion to the sick** are asked to attend one of the following formation meetings:

Goolwa: Wed 15th March at 10.00am or 7.00pm

Victor Harbor: Thursday 16th March at 9.30 am or 7.00pm.

MESSY CHURCH

The next Messy Church service will be held on March 19th at the Catholic church from 2.30pm. There are crafts, games, and tasty eats and drinks, followed by a talk on the true meaning of Easter.

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE



THIS 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: F. Hanna

R. 1 K. Dudley

R. 2 S. Duong

E.M. A. Rose

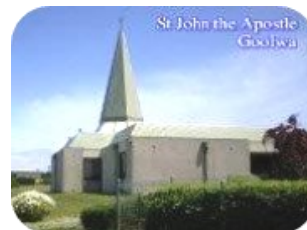
GOOLWA Sunday 9.00am

Commentator: D. Huppatz

R. 1 J. Henderson

R. 2 K. O'Shea

E.M. A. Turner



NEXT WEEK 18th & 19th March

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6.00pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 C. Huppatz

R.2 M. Farmer

E.M. E. O'Connell

Sunday 11.00am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 A. Weygood

R. 2 A. Williss

E.M. L. Sunman

GOOLWA Sunday 9.00am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R. 1 J. Ryan

R. 2 Michael Riddle

E.M. M. Ryan

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RAMINDJERI land

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

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Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)

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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 09/03/23)

- 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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The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.'

'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what know: for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come - in fact it is here already - when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshiper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to

believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

THIS WELL IS DEEP

(John 4: 5 - 42)

Still waters run deep! The well in Samaria may have been dug down to a level of 200 feet below the grade of the town, but it was not as deep as the water of which Jesus speaks to the woman that day. Jesus is a wellspring of living water, leaping up to eternal life. Now that's deep.

Water talk in the Bible is always significant, because the Middle East is one large desert with a few important rivers running through it. Water determined everything biblical: where cities were built, if the people prospered or languished, who would win a battle, whether life could go on. The best way for the enemy to defeat you was to destroy your well or cut off your access to it. Then victory was only days away.

Jesus and the woman both know, better than we do in a land where water is on tap, that water means life. We know that the woman drinks deeply of the message Jesus gives her when she leaves her water jar behind at the well. She experienced exactly what he told her: that if she listened to him, she would never be thirsty again.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(13 - 19 March)

- **Monday, 13:** Mon, 3rd week Lent (2 Kg 5:1-15; Lk 4:24-30)
- **Tuesday, 14:** Tues, 3rd week Lent (Dan 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35)
- **Wednesday, 15:** Wed, 3rd week Lent (Deut 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19)
- **Thursday, 16:** Thu, 3rd week Lent (Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23)
- **Friday, 17:** St Patrick - (Jer 1:4-9; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20)
- **Saturday, 18:** Sat, 3rd week Lent (Hosea 5:15-6:6; Lk 18:9-14)
- **Sunday 19:** FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT (1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41)

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.