



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Year B

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

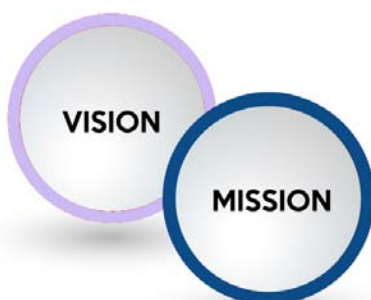
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

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

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest,

until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "the Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 136

*Let my tongue be silenced,
if I ever forget you!*

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been

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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,
Linda Refchange

RECENTLY DECEASED

Richard Anderson, Rosalie Buck

PARISH COLLECTION 6th & 7th March

(Presbytery) \$996
2nd (Parish) \$1382.50
Project Compassion \$394.50

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 19th - 26th March

G. Woodhead, W. & J. Baker
2nd - 9th April
P. & J. Mezzino

VICTOR MORNING TEA 14th March

P. Clingan & T. Hounslow
21st March
F. Hanna & M. Mattson

VICTOR MEET & GREET March Saturdays

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

GOOLWA MEET & GREET March

K. & A. Fawknor

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.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE OF CHRISTIAN UNITY

Parishioners gathered with other Christians in Goolwa and Victor Harbor around the service prepared by Christian women in Vanuatu. It was inspiring to hear the voices and experience of those women and to join in prayer and song. The service in Victor was our first glimpse of the beautiful Salvation Army Chapel in their complex on Bartel Boulevard.

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.

GOOLWA INTERCHURCH NEWS

The group has decided to send a gift box to all those who had such a tough year in their service in 2020. Each church will send in appreciation a box of goodies to Police, Ambulance, CFS, Primary School, Goolwa Medical Centre. Cadell St. Medical Centre and SA Pathology. St John's will be presenting our gift to Cadell St Medical Centre in the next few weeks.

MESSY CHURCH IS BACK

Messy Church sessions will recommence on Sunday March 21st 3:30 – 5:30pm

At St John's, Goolwa

Theme: Easter – activities, craft, chapel celebration and a simple meal. Messy Church is an all age ministry especially focussed on families and organised in Goolwa by the combined churches. You are welcome to come along as a participant or a helper. Helpers arrive 3pm and participants 3:30pm. For further details contact 0439 863 065 or 0412 154 917

ST PAT'S NIGHT BBQ

SUNDAY MARCH 21st 5.00pm

THIS EVENT IS CANCELLED due to a double booking for the venue on that day.

Please phone Paul on 0402 852 825 or Robert 0409 945 019

ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB FISH'N'CHIPS NIGHT

St Joan's Social Club will hold a fish and chips night on Friday 26th March 6pm in the Annex. Cost \$15 per person. BYO drinks and glasses. Please contact Anita Williss 0448 030 346 or Colleen Pearsons 0405 634 744. PLEASE REPLY BY MONDAY 22ND MARCH



NOTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 2021 PPC MEETING

Role and Function of the PPC: Father Vinh facilitated a Position Paper with PPC Members.

Parish Vision and Mission Statement: Thank you to Fran Hanna for assisting the PPC to review and update the Mission Statement!

OHS Officer appointed: Kath May has agreed to undertake this voluntary position.

St Joan's Mass greeters: Thank you to the volunteers who have joined the roster!

St Joan's Air-conditioners: Approval given for repairs to be undertaken.

Sister Parish Relationship: VH/Goolwa parishioners welcomed the news; and the PPC is waiting for communication from Comoro Parish, Timor Leste.

Victor Harbor Times: Parish Mass times are to be advertised in future editions.

Parish meetings: Dates and times of all parish meetings are encouraged to be published in the *Encounter* prior to the meeting.



THANK YOU

to David West and Bill Woodhead who replaced the two "door closers" at St Joan's. Now our doors don't make such a noise when we enter the Church. Thank you David for your "quiet fixing."

WELCOME

We warmly welcome
Des and Carol Wallace to our parish.
Gawler's loss is our gain.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM Fourth Sunday of Lent, Yr.B

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion:
on the poplars that grew there
we hung our harps.

For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.'

O how could we sing the song of the Lord
on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither!

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem
above all my joys!

SAINT PATRICK Feast Day 17th March (c.415 – c.493)



At 16 Patrick and a number of his father's slaves and vas-sals were captured by Irish raiders to be 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. His captivity had meant spiritual conversion. Consecrated bishop at the age of 43 his great desire was to proclaim the good news to the Irish. *Franciscan Media*

SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Feast Day 19th March

The Bible pays Joseph the highest compliment: he was a "just" man. By saying Joseph was "just", the Bible means that he was one who was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. He became holy by opening himself totally to God. Joseph was simply, joyfully, wholeheartedly obedient to God – in marrying Mary, in naming Jesus, in shepherding the precious pair to Egypt, and in bringing them to Nazareth.
Franciscan Media

PROJECT COMPASSION BE MORE

Week 4



Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet at home and was often sick due to the practice of open defecation. Through Caritas Australia's support, Arsad and his community improved hygiene and sanitation, and funded their own toilets.
You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

K S C NEWS MARCH 2021

Sunday BBQ this week after Mass.

The Knights' State convention was held last Saturday with special guest Archbishop Patrick O'Regan.

In tribute to the late Phil Burns any awards given from a Knights' trust fund will be named in his honour.

Our next meeting is to be held on March 17 at Victor Harbor at 4 pm

to welcome new member Des Wallace who has recently moved from Para Hills and will transfer his membership to our branch.

Anniversaries March Jim Ridge, Ernie Munslow.

A SPECIAL YEAR TO BEAR WITNESS TO FAMILY LOVE



On 19 March 2021, the feast of St Joseph and the fifth anniversary of the Apostolic Exhortation *The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia)*, on the joy and beauty of family love, Pope Francis will inaugurate the Year "Joy of Love Family Year,"

"I thank God that many families, which are far from considering themselves perfect, live in love, fulfil their calling and keep moving forward, even if they fall many times along the way... **There is no stereotype of the ideal family, but rather a challenging mosaic made up of many different realities, with all their joys, hopes and problems.**"
Joy of Love: Pope Francis

This 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



Next Week : 20th & 21st March

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 M. Farmer

R.2 L. Blacket

E.M. S. Duong

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R1. P. Chigwidden

R2 J. Tregear

E.M M. Cunningham

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: A. Fawkner

R1 K. Fawkner

R2 J. McMahon

E.M. T. Siciliano

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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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

- **PARISH PRIEST**
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- **PARISH MANAGERS**
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- **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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saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit.

We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he has meant us to live it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 3:16

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it,

for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

DID YOU KNOW?

- Nicodemus was a Pharisee and a member of the ruling Council of the Jews, the Sanhedrin. He was attracted to the teaching of Jesus but was afraid to openly become a supporter so he came to see Jesus during the darkness of night.
- We meet Nicodemus again in John's Gospel when he brings myrrh and aloes to anoint the body of Jesus after the crucifixion. He brings a lavish amount 'weighing about a hundred pounds'! Nicodemus' journey to faith is complete and he openly acknowledges Jesus as Lord.
- Jesus' words about being 'lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert' refer to an incident when, while wandering in the desert, the people of Israel were attacked by venomous serpents. God instructed Moses to raise a bronze image of a serpent on a standard. All who looked on it were cured. Jesus being 'lifted up' on the cross was to become the salvation of all.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(15 - 21 March)

- **Monday, 15:** Monday of 4th week of Lent (Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54)
- **Tuesday, 16:** Tuesday of 4th of Lent (Ezek 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-3, 5-16)
- **Wednesday, 17:** St Patrick (Jer 1:4-9; Acts 13:46-49; Lk 10:1-12)
- **Thursday, 18:** Thursday of 4th week of Lent (Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47)
- **Friday, 19:** St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24)
- **Saturday, 20:** Saturday of the 4th week of Lent (Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-52)
- **Sunday 21:** FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT (Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33)

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).