



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

**SIXTH 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 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20

*Let all the earth cry out to God
with joy.*

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:23

*Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me
will keep my words, and my Father
will love them and we will come to
them. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

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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 McCoey,
Len Peake, Ron & Patrine Harris,
Neil Cumming,
Clancy Retallick, Ann Hannagan,
Mollie Davis, Jutta Millar,
Cath Howard, Keith Fawcner,
Trudi McNamara, Elizabeth Nance,
Allen Odgers, Jan Henderson,
Jesse Walker

RECENTLY DECEASED

Vin Slattery, Gerard McGrath

PARISH COLLECTION

6th & 7th May

1st (Presbytery) \$ 834.45
2nd (Parish) \$1206.90

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

No morning tea after 11am Mass on Mother's Day

19th & 26th May

W. & J. Baker & F. Hanna

2nd & 9th June

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

VICTOR MORNING TEA

21st May

F. Hanna & A. Temme

28th May

W. & J. Baker

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

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.



VINNIES WINTER APPEAL STARTS NEXT WEEK

Please help those who are struggling this winter! Envelopes will be available at both St John's and St Joan's after each of the weekend masses next Weekend. If you are able to make a contribution, please either take an envelope and return your donation to the 2nd collection, or go online to www.vinnies.org.au or phone 13 18 12.



VINNIES MONTHLY MEETING

The next meeting will be after 9.00am Mass on Thursday 18th May at Victor Harbor.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL

will be taken up next weekend.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

15th - 21st May

We give thanks and pray for all our parish volunteers without whom our parish could not function and to all our parishioners who are involved as volunteers in the wider community. God bless you all.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

will be held on Friday 19th May at 9.30am at Victor Harbor.

ANNULMENT NOTICE

The Archdiocese has sent out a letter about annulment which is set out on p.4 of the Encounter. Please use this information to think about what actions you want to take, if any. Always remember that in the end you must make any decision about this according to your own conscience. Feel free to ring the number supplied or speak to Father Vinh.

MESSY CHURCH The next service will be held on 21st May at St. John's Goolwa from 3.30pm. After games, craft etc. the theme of the Christian story will be "The Good Samaritan".



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



KSC REPORT MAY 2023.

ALL IN OUR KNIGHTS ORDER WISH THE MUMS IN OUR PARISH A HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY AND HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT DAY!

BBQ. Our May BBQ raised approx. \$95. Many thanks again to those who donated or supported us on the morning. Next BBQ will be held on June 4th after 9am Mass.

WINE QUIZ Our wine raffle will be drawn at both Mass centres this morning. A sell-out at Victor and still a few tickets to sell at Goolwa. Thanks for all your support and good luck with the draw.

45 CLUB Robert Lee now collecting for the second series of the year. 0409 945 019.

ANNUAL LUNCHEON Will be held this year on Thursday June 15th in the Goolwa Church Hall. Guest speaker will be Parish Manager, Ray Klecko, who has served in Catholic Education for many years. A chicken luncheon with salad to be served, with BYO drinks. Tickets \$20 a head and starting at noon. More detail soon.

DONATIONS We are still waiting for an answer from our state council on our allocation of Southern Care donations to the order.

FOR THE SICK IN THE PARISH we pray for each month.

ANNIVERSARY Mike Bilston.
May he rest in eternal peace.

NEXT MEETING Wednesday May 17th at 4 pm at Goolwa.

ALL ENQUIRIES to Paul 0402 852 825.

Bulletin Board



RESPONSORIAL PSALM SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Yr. A

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth
O sing to the glory of His name.
O render Him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous His deeds among men.

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in Him;
He rules for ever by His might.

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what He did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my
prayer
nor withhold His love for me.



SAINT JOHN 1 Feast Day May 18th (d. 526)



John I was elected Pope in 523. He inherited the Arian heresy, which denied the divinity of Christ. The Arian King Theodoric sent him as his ambassador to Emperor

Justin in Constantinople. On John I's return, he was captured by the king, who was displeased at the outcome of the embassy, and cast him into prison at Ravenna. Aged and ailing, Pope John died and was hastily buried outside the castle walls. His body was exhumed and on May 27, 526, was returned to Rome and placed in the nave of St. Peter's. As pope he was responsible for introducing the Alexandrian computation of the date of Easter; it came to be accepted throughout the West.
Catholic Culture & Franciscan Media

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE



A MOTHERS' DAY PRAYER

Lord we pray for mothers everywhere.
Thank you for our mothers who mirrored
your love and care for us.
They gave us life and sustenance and for
that gift we are forever grateful.
We pray for mothers everywhere,
including those who struggle in their role
and those who are no longer with us.
In Jesus' name Amen.

MARIAN PROCESSION

The 2023 Marian Procession will be held on Sunday 21st May beginning at the Pioneer Women's Memorial Gardens (next to the Torrens Parade Ground on King William Rd) processing up King William St into Victoria Square.

This year we celebrate the *Feast of the Visitation* in line with the 2023 World Youth Day theme. The Procession will commence at 2pm and all are invited to attend with their parish or community. Group assembly will begin from 1:30pm. For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on Phone: 8210 8220

THANK YOU to our wonderful sacristans at Goolwa. Marilyn, Rosemary, and Anne and others do a great job in having the altar always ready for Mass, as well as those who bring so many beautiful flowers for Sunday Mass.

Thanks to John Baker and Paul O'Brien our Victor sacristans and the loyal band of helpers on the Altar Roster.
Your efforts are much appreciated.

AND THERE ARE MORE TO THANK

Did you notice the sparkle on the Coronation crowns? Well did you know St John's has a gleam and sparkle too? Yes even when everyone has left the church, it continues to still sparkle and glisten with love! Thank you to Grace and Dianna who caringly clean our church!

And thanks to Jacki at Victor who performs marvels at St Joan's and the Parish House. We also wish Dianna love and good journey for healing after her recent operation.

MUSICAL REQUEST FROM COMORO

The Don Bosco Centre is teaching music to their young people and are 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.

THIS 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



NEXT WEEK 20th & 21st May

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: C. Huppertz

R.1 L. Blacket

R.2 J. Jeffery

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 S. Duong

R. 2 K. Dudley

EMHC L. Sunman

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: M. O'Halloran

R. 1 M. Mulvihill

R. 2 Michael Riddle

EMHC R. Austin

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA

NGARRINDJERI and

RAMINDJERI land

CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

32 Seaview Road (PO Box 464)

VICTOR HARBOR SA 5211

Telephone: 8552 1084 (*Please leave a message if the Office is unattended - we will get back to you asap*)

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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 -

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 12/05/23)

- 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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'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

DIVORCED?

WHERE DO I STAND NOW?

Q: I am recently divorced. Can I still receive Communion?

A: In short, yes. It is important to understand that divorce itself is not the sin, as many assume. You are still able to receive communion. You are not to receive communion if you remarry without an annulment. That is why we invite you to come and see us.

Q: I already have a civil divorce so why do I need an annulment? What is the difference?

A: According to Canon Law Canon 1061 states, marriage possesses the favor of law; therefore, in a case of doubt, the validity of a marriage must be upheld until the contrary is proven. A divorce decree is a civil document that is not affiliated with the Church. A civil divorce does not signify the end of a sacramental marriage and put simply, it is a civil law document that states you are free to marry only according to civil law, while the Church believes your marriage is permanent until the contrary is proven. The Tribunal assesses the validity of your marriage according to Civil Law through the process of an annulment, and if successful, you are declared 'free to marry' again in the Catholic Church.

Q: I want to get an annulment but don't agree to involving my ex-partner. Will the annulment proceed without contacting him or her?

A: Whilst we appreciate that most divorce cases involve a great deal of pain and conflict, we have an obligation under Canon Law to inform the other party that an application for nullity has been requested. We ask you to provide us with an address or contact details. In many cases, Respondents choose not to participate. You will not be required to have any contact with the Respondent during the process.

Q: I am getting married in 3 months time. Will my annulment be processed by then?

A: An annulment is not guaranteed and so to avoid disappointment and other losses, no wedding arrangements can take place until a decision is made. On average, each case takes between 68 months to complete, depending on the complexity of the case and the willingness of witnesses and parties to cooperate.

Q: Okay, I think I want to go ahead and start an application. Who do I speak to?

A: Please contact our office (Monday - Friday between 9.00am-5.00pm) on (08) 8210 8225 and we will be happy to guide you from there.

*Inter-diocesan Tribunal of Adelaide
(SA and NT)*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(15 - 21 May)

- **Monday, 15:** Monday 6th week Easter (Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4)
- **Tuesday, 16:** Tuesday 6th week Easter (Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11)
- **Wednesday, 17:** Wednesday 6th week Easter (Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15)
- **Thursday, 18:** Thursday 6th week Easter (Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20)
- **Friday, 19:** Friday 6th week Easter (Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23)
- **Saturday, 20:** Saturday 6th week Easter (Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28)
- **Sunday 21:** The ASCENSION of the LORD (Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20)

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.