



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

**SECOND SUNDAY  
of EASTER - YEAR A**

*A living, vibrant  
faith community*

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## VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

### OUR VISION:

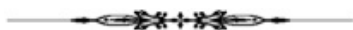
To build a faith community  
centred on the loving relationship  
of Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
expressed in personal lives and  
communal parish activities.

### 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 2:42-47*

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24*

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.*

## SECOND READING

*1 Peter 1:3-9*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can

never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which had been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Jn 20:29*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me but still believe! Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*John 20:19-31*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the 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 McCoe,  
Len Peake, Ron & Patrine Harris,  
Vin Slattery, Neil Cumming,  
Clancy Retallick, Ann Hannagan,  
Mollie Davis, Jutta Millar,  
Cath Howard, Keith Fawcner,  
Trudi McNamara, Elizabeth Nance,  
Allen Odgers, Jan Henderson.

### ANNIVERSARIES

Joan Kelly

### PARISH COLLECTION

#### 8th & 9th April

1st (Presbytery)	\$ 2,228.15
2nd (Parish)	\$ 2,653.60
Holy Places	\$1,501.55

### VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

#### 14th April

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

#### 21st & 28th April

W. & J. Baker & F. Hanna

### VICTOR MORNING TEA

#### 16th April

A. Williss, R. Reid

#### 23rd April

F. Hanna, A. Temme

### VICTOR MEET & GREET

#### April Saturdays

M. Farmer & E. O'Connell

#### April Sundays

M. Cunningham & A. Rose

### GOOLWA MEET & GREET

#### April

J. McInnes

#### Morning Tea

T. Siciliano, R. Lee, J. Dunthorne

### ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday

Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

### HOLY FATHER'S 2023 PRAYER INTENTIONS

**For a culture of peace and non violence**

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by states and citizens.



### INTERNATIONAL MOTHER EARTH DAY 22nd April



*Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,  
to be filled with awe and contemplation,  
to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards Your infinite light.*  
*Pope Francis*

**VINNIES' MEETING** Wednesday 19th April  
at Goolwa after 9.30 Mass.

Newcomers welcome.

### COMORO NEWS

**Our prayers and good wishes go with Mark Leaney who left on April 13th for a visit to Comoro Parish. As reported in the Minutes of the PPC Council meeting in March, Mark will represent the Comoro Parish Working Group with the task of examining how best we can support our sister parish.**

### CALL TO PRAYER FOR THE WORLD WIDE SYNOD IN OCTOBER



Pope Francis:  
*"The path to Christian unity and the path of synodal conversion of the Church are linked. I would like to take this opportunity to say that on Saturday 30th September, an ecumenical prayer vigil will be held on St. Peter's Square, with which we will entrust to God the work of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. For the young people coming to the vigil, there will be a special programme throughout that weekend, led by the Taizé community.*

**As of now, I invite brothers and sisters of all Christian denominations to participate in this "Gathering of the People of God."**

Victor Harbor and Goolwa parishioners are invited to join together at St John's Goolwa with a brief Taizé prayer. This will commence on Wednesday 17th May after 9.30am Mass.

### FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

#### Sunday after Easter

Pope John Paul II decreed that this would be a day of total forgiveness of sins and of punishment due to sins, for those who approach the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. (A Plenary Indulgence.)



"Let us have the courage to **come back to Jesus to meet his love and mercy in the sacraments.** Let us feel his closeness and tenderness, and then we will also be more capable of mercy, patience, forgiveness and love." Pope Francis  
**Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity.**

*Diary of St Faustina*

### DONATION FROM

#### SOUTHERN CROSS HOMES

Southern Cross Homes have kindly donated \$5,000 to KSC Order and each branch has been asked who we would especially like to donate to with our share of the money. We have placed a submission for organisations we currently feel are most in need and will soon find out the outcome.

### THE KSC APRIL SUNDAY BBQ

raised \$133 and we are truly grateful to all who supported the day with purchase or donations. The next BBQ is on Sunday 1st May.

### MOTHERS' DAY WINE RAFFLE

will open shortly with 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. We look forward to your usual support which we greatly value.

### KNIGHTS' SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

at Strathalbyn saw three of our members represent our branch. After Mass at the lovely Strath Church the local ladies' group put on a great lunch for us. The conference concluded about 4.30pm.

### KSC APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

As always, we set a time aside for prayers for those in ill health in the parish and remember past members Mick McGuire and Bill Mullett whose anniversary occur this month.

**The next Knights' meeting is on 4th May at 4 pm at Goolwa.**



# Bulletin Board



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YR. A

*Give thanks to the Lord for He is good,  
His love is everlasting.*

Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let those who fear the Lord say:  
'His love has no end.'

I was thrust, thrust down and falling  
but the Lord was my helper  
The Lord is my strength and my song;  
He was my saviour.  
There are shouts of joy and victory  
in the tents of the just.

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad.



## SAINT ANSELM Feast Day 21st April (1033-1109)

St. Anselm was born in Aosta, Italy, and died in Canterbury, England. St. Anselm's services to the Church are principally the following: First, as Archbishop of Canterbury he defended the rights and liberties of the Church against the encroachments of the English kings, who plundered the Church's lands, impeded the Archbishop's communications with the Holy See, and claimed the right to invest prelates with ring and crosier, symbols of the Church's spiritual jurisdiction. Second, as a philosopher and theologian he developed a method of reasoning which prepared the way for the great thinkers of the Middle Ages. Third, he had a great devotion to Our Lady and was the first to establish the feast of the Immaculate Conception in the West.  
*Catholic Culture*

## PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE



## THANK YOU, FATHER VINH

The PPC along with all parishioners, gives thanks to Fr. Vinh who conducted all nine services in the parish over Easter. It would be easy and understandable if he had allocated lay services to each community but I am sure he knows we like a priestly presence at this most sacred time of our calendar year.  
We are extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated parish priest and wish him well in his future trip to Vietnam.

Also many thanks to all who gave extra time to make our Easter Week a prayerful event. A special mention to those on the Altar Roster for Easter and the wonderful work of the St John's choir who played and sang at all Easter ceremonies. Thank you to Father and the iPad players who provided the music at St Joan's. And a special thank you for the beautiful flowers provided by a parishioner for St John's.

## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!

### CHILD SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

### BRIEFINGS - 11th May - Willunga

### A briefing must be attended every 3 years by all volunteers

otherwise you are not able to continue your volunteering work in the parish.

### *Our last briefing was here in Victor in 2021.*

If you have a certificate for that briefing you do not need to attend a 2023 briefing.

There will not be a briefing at Victor/Goolwa this year so those who did not attend that briefing in 2021 will need to go to Willunga as per info below. Thank you.

**Willunga Parish at the  
Aldinga Community Hall  
DATE: 11th May  
TIME: 10.30AM –  
1200PM.**

Please put the date in your diary and advise Ray Klecko if you intend to come.  
You can contact Ray on  
0438 364 870 if you have any concerns.  
Shared transport will be arranged.



## FAMILY REUNION

Reunion of two of Goolwa's oldest families  
The Atkins and Byrnes Sunday 23rd April at  
the Goolwa Bowls Club RSVP  
Mike Gilmour mgilmour92@gmail.com  
or 0416 185 153

## THIS WEEK 15th April & 16th April

### VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

**Commentator:** L. Blacket

**R.1** C. Sutherland

**R.2** J. Jeffrey

**EMHC** M. Farmer

### Sunday 11am

**Commentator:** R. Klecko

**R. 1** T. Hounslow

**R. 2** P. Clingan

**EMHC** P. O'Brien

### GOOLWA 9.00am

**Commentator:** Marie Riddle

**R. 1** E. Bourne

**R. 2** L. Healey

**EMHC** M. Ryan



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**R.2** L. Blacket

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### Sunday 11am

**Commentator:** P.O'Brien

**R. 1** K. Dudley

**R. 2** F. Hanna

**EMHC** P. Clingan

### GOOLWA 9.00am

**Commentator:** V. Scriva

**R. 1** M. Mulvihill

**R. 2** C. May

**EMHC** S. Muller

## VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA

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RAMINDJERI land

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### PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

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#### • PARISH MANAGERS

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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](mailto:catholicvhg@bigpond.com)

(All items for the newsletter by  
Wednesday evening)

#### • PARISH TREASURER

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)

Email: [parish\\_treasure@bigpond.com](mailto: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 13/04/23)

- 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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were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

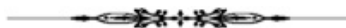
'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



### THE IMPERISHABLE INHERITANCE

(John 20: 19 - 31)

Thomas' challenge to his friends was graphic and harsh. If Jesus had indeed returned, he wanted to see the marks of his crucifixion. And Thomas got his wish, though he certainly hadn't counted on it.

Many bear the marks of crucifixion as they make their way through the

world. The abused child, the jaded adult, the dying elder all show signs of the suffering they endure. We can, like Thomas, reach out and finger these wounds in others if we doubt their existence. But more useful is the healing touch Jesus demonstrated on so many occasions in his ministry. We may not have a miraculous gift for healing, but we do have within our grasp the capacity to kiss; hold a hand; spend some time; speak a word of kindness. The sheer amount of suffering in the world can overwhelm us and lead to inaction. But a Christian has a clear calling to the signs of suffering in others. With the cross as our inheritance, we know even wounds can be glorified.

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### FEARS AND DOUBTS

When doubting Thomas touched Jesus, he swiftly became aware of Jesus' identity and the reality of his Resurrection. Jesus loved Thomas, despite Thomas' pressing doubt, but praised those who believe without seeing him. Jesus is referring to us, the people of the Church who would never see or touch his wounds, but would believe in his life, death, and Resurrection. Doubt is part of a living faith. Sometimes we have to pray through them until Jesus offers us his peace. Do you know anyone who might be experiencing it right now? Keep praying for the peace of Christ, and seek and offer support.

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(17 - 23 April)

- **Monday, 17:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> week Easter (Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8)
- **Tuesday, 18:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> week Easter (Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7-15)
- **Wednesday, 19:** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> week Easter (Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21)
- **Thursday, 20:** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> week Easter (Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36)
- **Friday, 21:** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> week Easter (Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15)
- **Saturday, 22:** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> week Easter (Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21)
- **Sunday 23:** Third Sunday of Easter (Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pet 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35)

### 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.