

VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

OUR VISION:

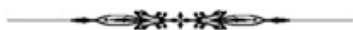
**To build a faith community
centred on the loving relationship
of Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
expressed in personal lives and
communal parish activities.**

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

Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said:
‘Speak to the whole community of the
sons of Israel and say to them:

“Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

“You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.”

how useless they are; or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Jn 2:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘You have learnt how it was said: *Eye for eye and tooth for tooth*. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

‘You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven.

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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,
Peter Harris, Josephine Proctor,
Rita Sullivan, Charlie Nicolson,
Paula Collinson, Jane Lloyd,
Eileen McCoey, 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

Peter McInnes, Tony Hudson

RECENTLY DECEASED

Rita Britza (née Wallace)

PARISH COLLECTION

11th & 12th February 2023

1st (Presbytery) \$900.40
2nd Parish \$1376.25
Appeal \$899.10

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

24th February & 3rd March
W. & J. Baker & F. Hanna
10th & 17th March
M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

VICTOR MORNING TEA

19th February
F. Hanna & A. Temme
26th February
W. & J. Baker

VICTOR MEET & GREET

February Saturday
M. Farmer & E. O'Connell

February Sunday

L. Sunman & R. Reid

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

February

C. Rivers

MORNING TEA

February

T. Curtis, E. Bourne, B. Hallion

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday
Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2023 PRAYER INTENTIONS



February:

For Parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

ASH WEDNESDAY February 22nd



The ashes are put on our foreheads in the sign of the Cross with the words:

Repent, change your hearts and believe the Good News of God's love.

This year we might reflect and ask ourselves the question:

What is God inviting me to change this Lent?

It may be something that I don't *want* to change or acknowledge. I don't think I *can* change it. But that's where talking to God can make the difference. **I am not doing this alone; I am doing it with God.** Creighton University Online Ministry

MASS TIMES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Goolwa: 9.30am

Victor: 5.30pm

TIMES FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Goolwa: 3.30pm

Victor: 5.30pm

SHROVE TUESDAY REFLECTION



A small group will **celebrate Shrove Tuesday** at Di Shearer's home in Port Elliot late afternoon and

early evening on **Tuesday, February 21st**. There are a couple of places still open for that celebration especially if you are from Goolwa. Please reserve your spot with Di (0448 536 835).

The celebration will continue with **Lenten Conversations for all** following the Prayer booklet supplied by the Archdiocese. Stay alert and enter the season of Lent with a sense of our Vision and Mission as a Parish within the wider body of Christ.

PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY

18th & 19th February

For all Future Generations



Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people

around the world, to tackle poverty, food insecurity, lack of education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow
For All Future Generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



Friday March 3rd

Goolwa: 2pm

Uniting Church

1 Collingwood Street.

Victor: 2pm

Adare Uniting Church

The Drive, McCracken

The World Day of Prayer is a **global ecumenical movement led by Christian women** who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. It is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March.

The movement aims to bring together people of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

This year the service centres around Taiwan, the earthquake prone island country between Japan and the Philippines and only 180km from the coast of China. The service is based on women whose Christian faith has inspired them, hence *'I have heard about your faith.'*

Come along and pray with members of other Churches in our area.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR.A

The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
All my being bless His Holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all His blessings.

It is the Lord who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and
compassion.

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

As far as the East is from the West
so far does He remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear Him.



SAINT POLYCARP OF SMYRNA

Feast Day 23rd February

(d. c.155)



St. Polycarp of Smyrna, was converted to Christianity by St. John the Evangelist. He was a disciple of the apostles and friend of St. Ignatius of Antioch.

He was ordained bishop of Smyrna (now Izmir, Turkey) and was about eighty-six when the Roman pro-consul urged him to renounce Christ and save his life.

St. Polycarp said,

"For eighty-six years I have served Him and He has never wronged me. How can I renounce the King who has saved me?"

He suffered martyrdom in 155 by burning at the stake in the amphitheatre of Smyrna. - Catholic Culture

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE



DEATH OF DENIS MCNAMARA

A long-time parishioner Denis McNamara passed away last Friday in the Southern Cross home, McCracken Views.
May he rest in peace.

SPRINGTIME AT ST JOHN'S?

Our summer days seem to have had a touch of winter this season! But there is hope! Two weeks ago, at St John's, there was a touch of spring in the air!



Coming to church on Tuesday morning, volunteers came with a spring in their step! Marilyn Freeborn, Anne Turner, John Dunthorne and Paul Kennelly were giving a hearty spring clean to the store room.

All the excess unused items from the room were taken to the Council Salvage (to be put to wonderful use) leaving room for safer storage and access.

The gardening team followed with a springtime clean sweep through the grounds! It looks so good. Thank you Tony Siciliano, Tony Curtis, Chris Lovell, Eugene Bourne and Henryk Glazewski. Thank you all for bringing joy with a touch of spring!

And thank you also to those who work quietly in the background of our parish - in St John's and St Joan's - and those who support us with their prayers.

PARISH CENSUS

Please fill in your details on the insert in this week's Encounter.



THIS WEEK 18th & 19th Feb.

VICTOR HARBOR

Saturday 6.00pm

Commentator : J. Ryan

R.1 C. Huppertz

R.2 B. Bullen

E.M. M. Farmer

Sunday 11.00am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 T. Hounslow

R. 2 A. Willis

E.M. P. Clingan

GOOLWA

Sunday 9.00am

Commentator: D. Huppertz

R. 1 Marie Riddle

R. 2 Michael Riddle

E.M. R. Austin



NEXT WEEK 25th & 26th Feb.

VICTOR HARBOR

Saturday 6.00pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 J. Jeffery

R.2 L. Blacket

E.M. E. O'Connell

Sunday 11.00am

Commentator: T. Hounslow

R. 1 R. Klecko

R. 2 P. O'Brien

E.M. M. Taylor

GOOLWA

Sunday 9.00am

Commentator: V. Scriva

R. 1 P. Kennelly

R. 2 C. May

E.M. S. Muller

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA

NGARRINDJERI and

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)

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 16/02/23)

- 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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for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

DO NO HARM

One of the more famous embodiments of the message behind today's gospel reading is Mahatma Gandhi's non-violent resistance. Working from the words of Jesus, Gandhi once said, "An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind". Not only did Gandhi pioneer the idea that mass social change could materialise through non-violent means, but would fast if violent actions occurred against the British by his own people.

Today's gospel promotes these two ideas: non-violent resistance and loving our enemy. If these concepts seem counterintuitive, it is because they are. Biologically we are wired to react aggressively toward threats to protect against ourselves. Non-violent resistance and loving our enemies are conscious actions that challenge the way life is lived by most people.

Jesus and Gandhi were not only enlightened minds, but they were also strong leaders who manifested what they preached through their actions. As a practitioner of ahimsa, an Indian term meaning "to do no harm," Gandhi swore to speak the truth and advocated that others do the same. Gandhi gave up any hint of materialism and lived his life in a self-sufficient community. Jesus, too, was famous for immersing himself in the lives of sinners, the poor, the suffering. It is not enough simply to preach. It is only through action that true change can come about.

PERFECTION 101

(Matthew 5: 38 - 48)

Full disclosure: I have never done this, offered myself to an enemy for a second round. The very idea of turning the other cheek is totally appalling. When Jesus says offer no resistance to one who is evil, I say: Lord, you've got to be kidding. Of

course, I'm going to resist evil. I'm going to run from the near occasion of the bad guys the moment I see them on the horizon. Jesus wants me to surrender my coat along with my shirt, and work twice as long for someone who's already taking advantage of me. The capstone of the whole teaching is the most ludicrous: love your enemy. Is Jesus pulling our leg?

It's obvious from reading the gospels that Jesus has a sense of humour. But he doesn't simply clown around. Jesus says all of these preposterous things to bring us along to the bottom line on this way of thinking: Be perfect, as God is perfect. Because God does turn the other cheek, doesn't resist us even when we're evil, gives and gives, and loves us deeply. Maybe we won't do these things. But thank heaven God will.

Ponder: Clean up a mess you didn't make. Turn out a light somebody else left on. Ask a blessing on someone you don't like. Put up with someone who won't stop talking. Practice holiness. "When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the energies of prayer, for then you are working out of your true selves, your God-created selves".

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(20 February - 26 March)

- **Monday, 20:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29)
- **Tuesday, 21:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37)
- **Wednesday, 22:** Ash Wednesday (Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)
- **Thursday, 23:** Thursday, after Ash Wed (Deut 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25)
- **Friday, 24:** Friday, after Ash Wed (Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15)
- **Saturday, 25:** Saturday, after Ash Wed (Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32)
- **Sunday 26:** FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11)

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.