



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

FOURTH 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.



**EYES TO SEE**

### FIRST READING

*1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13*

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him: God does not see as man sees: man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 22*

*The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.*

### SECOND READING

*Ephesians 5:8-14*

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Jn 8:12*

*Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

### GOSPEL *Shorter form John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38*

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth.

He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

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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 McCoey,  
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**

Tony Hudson, Kevin Higgins

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Peter Harris, Josie Proctor  
Kevin Hannagan.

**PARISH COLLECTION**

**11th & 12th March 2023**

1st (Presbytery) \$884.65  
2nd Parish \$1339.60

**VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER**

**17th March**

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

**24th & 31st March**

W. & J. Baker & F, Hanna

**VICTOR MORNING TEA**

**March 19th**

F. Hanna & A Temme

**26th March**

W. & J. Baker

**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



# Bulletin Board

**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.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**



Thu lost his leg after stepping on a land mine in Vietnam. With the support of the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development, Thu can now earn extra income and care for his wife as she

recovers from a stroke.

**You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.**

**EASTER MASSES – VICTOR HARBOR**

Sheets are in the porch at Victor Harbor for Mass Ministries over Easter. Please place your name on the sheet if you are available to assist at these special celebrations.

**NEW MASS ROSTER - VICTOR APRIL- AUGUST 2023**

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](mailto:csutherland@internode.on.net)

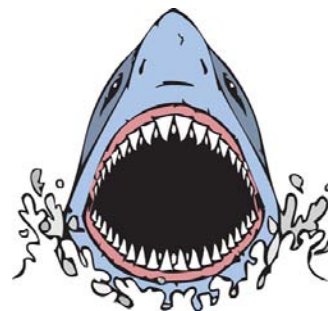
**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

**TO JO AND TERRY ANDREWS**



**WHO RECENTLY CELEBRATED THEIR 80TH BIRTHDAYS!! WELL DONE AND MAY THERE BE MANY MORE YEARS TO COME!!**

**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.***

***It must be made in cash. Thank you***

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FORESTS March 21st**

*Healthy forests for healthy people*



When we drink a glass of water, write in a notebook, take medicine for a fever or build a house, we do

not always make the connection with forests. And yet, these and many other aspects of our lives are linked to forests in one way or another.

Forests give us so much to our health. They purify the water, clean the air, capture carbon to fight climate change, provide food and life-saving medicines, and improve our well-being. It's up to us to safeguard these precious natural resources.

*Creator of all, help us to value the goodness that comes to us from healthy forests.*

*Help us safeguard the life and health of the trees that surround us.*

**NEXT VINNIES' MEETING**

will be held on Thursday 23rd March at 9.30am at Victor.  
*Please note change of date.*  
New members welcome



**NEXT Parish Pastoral Council MEETING**



is on Thursday  
**March 23rd, 4pm**  
at Goolwa.



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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Fourth Sunday of Lent, Yr A

***The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.***

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where He gives me repose.  
Near restful waters He leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;  
He is true to His name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook  
and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall  
follow me all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.



## SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Feast Day 20th 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. 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*

## PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE



## ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

25th March



The feast of the  
Annunciation's central  
focus is the incarnation:  
God has become one

of us. Mary has an important role in God's  
plan. From all eternity, God destined her  
to be the mother of Jesus and closely  
related to him in the redemption of the  
world. It is a God-given role, God's grace  
from beginning to end. Mary became the  
eminent figure she is, only by God's  
grace: she is the empty space where God  
could act. Mary is the virgin-mother who is  
united with her son in carrying out the will  
of God (*Franciscan Media* "And Mary  
said: Behold the handmaid of the Lord: be  
it done to me according to Thy word. And  
the angel departed from her." Luke 1:38

**Lord give us the courage to say "Yes"  
to what you ask of us as Mary did.**

## HARMONY DAY

21st MARCH

"Lord God, our Father, you created  
human beings, man and woman, in your  
image and likeness,  
and ***you willed the  
diversity of peoples  
within the unity of the  
human family.***



At times, however, the  
equality of your sons and daughters has  
not been acknowledged, and ***Christians  
have been guilty of attitudes of  
rejection and exclusion, consenting to  
acts of discrimination on the basis of  
racial and ethnic difference.***

Forgive us and grant us the grace to heal  
the wounds still present in your  
community on account of sin, so that we  
will all feel ourselves to be your sons and  
daughters" *St John Paul II*

## USE OF YEAR PLANNER

All Church groups who use the St Joan's  
annex are advised that the new year  
planner for 2023 is located on the notice  
board in the annex. Please indicate dates  
when booking the annex so as not to  
"double book".

## THIS WEEK 18th & 19th March

### VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6.00pm

**Commentator:** J. Ryan

**R.1** C. Huppertz

**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

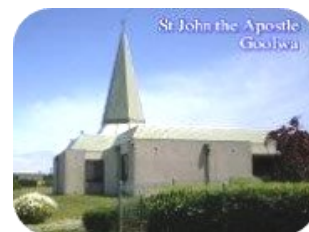
### Sunday 9.00am

**Commentator:** Marie Riddle

**R. 1** J. Ryan

**R. 2** Michael Riddle

**E.M.** M. Ryan



## NEXT WEEK 25th & 26th March

### VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6.00pm

**Commentator:** E. O'Shaughnessy

**R.1** J. Ryan

**R.2** C. Sutherland

**E.M.** M. Farmer

### Sunday 11.00am

**Commentator:** F. Hanna

**R. 1** W. Baker

**R. 2** A. Rose

**E.M.** J. Baker

### GOOLWA

### Sunday 9.00am

**Commentator:** P. Kennelly

**R. 1** M. Mulvihill

**R. 2** R. Lee

**E.M.** T. Siciliano

## VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA

NGARRINDJERI and

RAMINDJERI land

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### PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

#### • PARISH PRIEST

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#### • PARISH MANAGERS

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Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)

Email: [Parish\\_manager@bigpond.com](mailto:Parish_manager@bigpond.com)

#### • 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

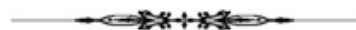
Child Protection Unit (8210 8159)

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 16/03/23)

- 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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His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees.

It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

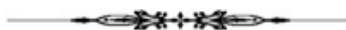
Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

Jesus said:

'It is for judgement that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind.'

Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, 'We are not blind, surely?' Jesus replied:

'Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, "We see," your guilt remains.'



### BEGINNER'S MIND

I was at a friend's house, and his young son was doing a school project on a topic I happen to know something about. I offered my assistance, and at first the son seemed to welcome any help he could get. But every time I tried to tell him

something new he interrupted by saying, "I know, I know". He said it even when it was clear he didn't know quite as much as he thought he did.

Jesus ran into the same attitude with the Pharisees, who were quite upset when Jesus gave a blind man sight. This miracle didn't jibe with what they already "knew" about how God works in the world. And so, rather than learning something new about God - that God longs for our healing and wholeness - they closed their minds and, in effect, kept saying, "I know, I know!" They were sure the man's blindness had been caused by sin, yet they were unwilling to consider that their own spiritual blindness might be a result of their own sin of pride.

Spiritual growth requires that we employ what gurus call "beginner's mind". This is the attitude that is aware of its limitations and open to new truths and surprises. Lent is a good time to cultivate beginner's mind. It's a time to see ourselves and the world not with our own prejudices but as God sees - as worthy of help and healing and love.

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### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(20 - 26 March)

- **Monday, 20:** St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24)
- **Tuesday, 21:** Tue, 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent (Ezek 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-3, 5-16)
- **Wednesday, 22:** Wed, 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent (Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30)
- **Thursday, 23:** Thu, 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent (Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47)
- **Friday, 24:** Fr, 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent (Wis 2:1, 2-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30)
- **Saturday, 25:** The Annunciation of the Lord (Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-52)
- **Sunday 26:** 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 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.