



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT -
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*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.

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



FIRST READING

Exodus 3:1-8,13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' he answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said, 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the

miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11

The Lord is kind and merciful.

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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, Claire Hamish, Barry Wilks, Brian Smallacombe, Bob Willis, Bailey Smallacombe, Ann Tee, Peter Harris, Josephine Proctor, Charlie Nicolson, Bette Higgins, Paula Collinson, June Lloyd, Eileen McCoe, Carmen Kernahan, Margaret & Len Peake, Ron Harris, Neil Cumming, Clancy Retallick, Bob Jeffery.

ANNIVERSARIES

Ian Ferguson, Kevin Higgins, Graham Nicolson, Tim & Kath Kennelly

RECENTLY DECEASED

Tony Hudson, Pat Liddy

PARISH COLLECTION

12th & 13th March

1st (Presbytery) \$871.35
2nd (Parish) \$1249.85

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

25th March

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons
1st & 8th April
W. & J. Baker & M. Cunningham

VICTOR MORNING TEA

20th March

A. Temme, M. Chalmers
27th March
F. Hanna & M. Mattsson

VICTOR MEET & GREET

March Saturdays

M. Farmer & M. Tuckey

March Sundays

R. Reid & F. Harris

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

March

K. & A. Fawcner

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday

Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS MARCH: FOR A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO BIOETHICAL CHALLENGES

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges: may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.



EMERGENCY FLOOD APPEAL

The Diocese of Lismore has launched its 2022 Flood Appeal. You can find more details at <lismorediocese.org>

The St Vincent de Paul Society has launched emergency flood appeals to assist residents in Queensland and New South Wales with their immediate needs as well as longer-term recovery.

Jack de Groot, Vinnies NSW CEO, said that making a financial donation to the **Vinnies NSW Flood Appeal** was the most effective way to support people right now.

Donations to the **Vinnies Queensland Flood Appeal** will allow Vinnies' volunteer members to provide flood-impacted families with emergency food, clothing and material aid to keep them going through this extraordinarily difficult time.

https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find_Help/Flood_appeal/

ETHICAL EASTER EGGS

As Easter is fast approaching, ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious against Trafficking of Humans) is calling for everyone to consider the ethical dimensions of their purchases and make sure your Easter chocolate is slavery free. Look for Fair Trade chocolates or go to their website:

<https://acrath.org.au/take-action/slavery-free-easter/>

ANNEX CARPET STRETCHING

24th MARCH

The carpet stretching will take place on next Thursday 24th March commencing between 2.00pm and 2.30pm. Volunteers are needed for about 2 hours from 1.30pm to move the furniture around the room and replace it after the job is finished. No furniture has to be removed from the room.

OUR PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 29th and 30th October

You may have missed this important announcement in last week's Encounter



The Diocesan Assembly last November challenged parishes to a prayerful review of their parish life and mission. Our PPC has taken up this challenge and organised our own Annual General Assembly in October of this year.

The PPC has taken the initiative of extending an invitation to Archbishop O'Regan to be with us on those two days for our weekend Masses and to be our guest speaker for the Assembly on the Sunday afternoon and the Archbishop has accepted.

Our congratulations and thanks to the PPC on this initiative.

So put these dates in your diary. More information will be published as the Assembly approaches.

Holy Spirit guide us as we search for the way forward.

ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB

FISH'N' CHIPS NIGHT

St Joan's Social Club will hold a fish'n'chips night on Friday 8th April at 6pm in the Annex. Cost \$15 per person. BYO glass & drinks. Contact Pat Clingan 0410 593 617 or Colleen Pearsons 0405 634 744.



**PLEASE REPLY BY MONDAY
4TH APRIL PHONE OR TXT.**

LENTEN CHALLENGE

"Repent and believe the Good News"

the priest says as he blesses us with Ashes at the beginning of Lent. This can be translated as **Turn around and believe that God really loves you.**

It is a call to understand more clearly that the only lasting hope, the only complete healing, for any of us, whether we feel broken by sadness or illness, or injured by abuse, injustice, betrayal or ingratitude, whether we are contented or healthy, lies in welcoming the love of God who alone can give us what we could never achieve or acquire for ourselves.

Lord, I surrender my whole life to you, the past, the present, and the future. In sickness and in health, in life and in death, I put my trust in Your love.

Catholic Bishops, Ireland



RESPONSORIAL PSALM 3rd SUNDAY of LENT, YR.C

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 He 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 does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known His ways to Moses
and His deeds to Israel's sons.

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the
earth
so strong is His love for those who fear
Him.



ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD 25th March

The feast of the
Annunciation was first
celebrated in the fourth or
fifth century. Its 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 fulfils Isaiah 7:14. She is
united with her son in carrying out the will of
God (Psalm 40:8-9; Hebrews 10:7-9;))
Franciscan Media Luke 1:38 "And Mary
said: Behold the handmaid of the Lord: be it
done to me according to Thy word. And the
angel departed from her." (NRSV)



PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE



PROJECT COMPASSION

For All Future Generations



Third Sunday of Lent

Janice 44, is a proud Wagilag woman,
a traditional dancer, living in a remote
community in the Northern Territory.
As elders grow older and pass away, she
knows she must share her knowledge
with the younger generation. **However,**
the community faces multiple
challenges, including a lack of jobs,
limited educational opportunities, and
socio-economic which can lead to young
people becoming disconnected from
culture.

With your help, Caritas Australia
supports Djilpin Arts Aboriginal
Corporation, which operates a centre
for traditional and contemporary
Aboriginal arts and culture, providing
employment and generating income
for local communities. You can donate
through Project Compassion donation
boxes and envelopes available from your
Parish, by visiting <lent.caritas.org.au> or
by calling 1800 024 413.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HAPPINESS 20TH MARCH

The General Assembly of the United
Nations proclaimed 20th March the
International Day of Happiness in 2012,
recognizing **the relevance of happiness**
and well-being as universal goals and
aspirations in the lives of human
beings around the world and the
importance of their recognition in public
policy objectives. It also recognized the
need for a more inclusive, equitable and
balanced approach to economic growth
that promotes sustainable development,
poverty eradication, happiness and the
well-being of all peoples. *Wikipedia*

***"Lord, I ask that you lead us
to peace and happiness.
Lead us away from hate
and toward love.***

***From war, give us peace.
Lead us from death to eternal life.
When we suffer despair and fear,
lead us to hope and trust.
Lead us away from falsehood and
toward your truth.***

***Allow peace to fill our hearts, our lives
and our worlds. Amen."***

Happierhuman.com

This Week: 19th & 20th March

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00 pm

Commentator: F. Hanna

R1. J. Jeffery
R. 2 C. Huppertz
E.M. E. O'Connell

VICTOR HARBOR Sunday 11.00 am

Commentator: T. Hounslow

R.1 R. Klecko
R. 2 A. Rose
E.M. P. Clingan

GOOLWA Sunday 9.00 am

Commentator: A. Fawkner

R. 1 K. Fawkner
R. 2 J. McMahon
E.M. A. Turner



Next Week: 26th & 27th March

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00 pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R1. B. Bullen
R. 2 L. Blacket
E.M. C. Sutherland

VICTOR HARBOR Sunday 11.00 am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R.1 A. Williss
R. 2 L. Sunman
E.M. M. Taylor

GOOLWA Sunday 9.00 am

Commentator: V. Scriva

R. 1 Marie Riddle
R. 2 Michael Riddle
E.M. M. Glazewski

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 16/3/22)

- As of March 12 there are no density limits for places of worship. Churches may return to full capacity.
- QR codes and/or handwritten logs are essential.
- Please keep in mind the importance of social distancing and good hygiene practices.
- Wearing of masks is mandatory. (A medical certificate must be produced on request, if claiming an exemption.)
- Attendees at indoor religious services may sing during worship, if they wear masks while doing so.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are encouraged not to attend.
- 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

Mr Ray Klecko (0438 364 870)
Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)
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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)

• CSHW SA (Safety, Health & Welfare)
Parish (Cathy May 0401 584 237)

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SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 4:17

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man

replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

CHANCE ENCOUNTERS

Those ubiquitous Post-It notes you use every day – to make a page, write a quick note to yourself, or place on a co-worker's desk – were a mistake. The 3M Company was trying to come up with a new kind of glue mixture and instead they created a glue that didn't really stick. How absurd! Such blunder! ... What a scathingly brilliant idea! You can almost hear the creators saying, "Just give us one more chance. We know his isn't quite right. But maybe we can make it work".

So, too, Jesus, as our advocate, says to God, just give this poor soul one more chance. Yes, there have been mistakes, but some good may come out of him or her yet.

Today's gospel is about second chances. We all need them – at our jobs, in families, with friends, in communities. Who among us is without sin? Not one of us. What distinguishes one sinner from another? Jesus tells us it's the level of repentance.

Ask for the second, third, fourth chance you need to be productive and fruitful. Let people know you are trying. Seek help. Don't succumb to despair. See your mistakes as golden opportunities to become that much better. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(21 - 27 March)

- **Monday, 21:** Monday, 3rd week Lent (2 Kg 5:1-15; Lk 4:24-30)
- **Tuesday, 22:** Tuesday, 3rd week Lent (Dan 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35)
- **Wednesday, 23:** Wednesday, 3rd week Lent (Deut 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19)
- **Thursday, 24:** Thursday, 3rd week Lent (Jer 7:23-32; Lk 11:14-23)
- **Friday, 25:** The Annunciation of the Lord (Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Saturday, 26:** Saturday, 3rd week Lent (Hosea 5:15-6:6; Lk 18:9-14)
- **Sunday, 27:** FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32)

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.