



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

PENTECOST SUNDAY

- 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 2:1-11*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34

*Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.*

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of
your faithful, and kindle in them the
fire of your love.*

Alleluia!

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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, Richard Eisenkoeck,
Rose Munro

RECENTLY DECEASED

Gerard McGrath

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



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

KSC LUNCHEON

THURSDAY JUNE 15th
AT GOOLWA CHURCH HALL
12 NOON FOR 12.30 START

Our guest speaker this year is Ray Klecko one of our Parish Managers. Ray has worked in Catholic Education for many years and with his keen sense of humour we are sure to hear a few interesting stories. Tickets will be \$20 each and will include a chicken lunch with salad and a chance to win one of several prizes we will have available.

We would ask all to pay by Sunday, June 11th. A great time for all in the parish to come together and enjoy each other's company, and at the same time give support to the Knights to keep helping the many worthy causes we support.

Bookings: Ring Paul on 0402 852 825.

MUSICAL REQUEST FROM COMORO

Don't forget your music books for Comoro. There is a box in the porch for you to place the books.

REMEMBERING THE SICK

God of all goodness, look with mercy on all who suffer any kind of infirmity, sickness or injury, that they may be comforted. Let your hand of healing and protection be upon them. When they are fearful, ease their fear and anxieties. When they are afraid, give them strength and courage.

GOOLWA INTERCONNECT CHURCH REPORT

Meeting held May 18th at St. John's .
Catholic reps: Vivi and Paul.

MESSY CHURCH Families change around in attendance. What happens when the kids grow out of this style of ministry? Uniting Church and Church of Christ youth groups to pass on their details to fill the gap.

SCHOOL CHAPLAINS Both chaplains at Goolwa PS and Goolwa HS very happy about support from school and students. Photos of our chaplains and their works are placed on our church notice board.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE. Well organised and attended with 50 odd people supporting the morning.

ANGLICAN CHURCH has a new priest starting in a few weeks. He will cover the South Coast with support from 3 priests retired in the area.

LUTHERAN CHURCH will shortly celebrate 20 years since moving into and sharing the Catholic Church. A lunch will be held at Oasis Restaurant, Belvidere on July 2nd.

UNITING CHURCH Since Covid still having online services as well as a live service Sunday morning. Their Friday service for the traditional worshipers will soon be celebrating 30 years since it was formed.

CHURCH OF CHRIST All good with consistent attendance and a small youth ministry running.

VIVE CHURCH (services held in Goolwa HS). Since the new minister has arrived so much has attendance improved that two services are held. Most though are from outside our area.

Vivi Scriva gave a complete report on all our own happenings in the past few months.
Our thanks to Vivi and Paul.

HAPPY HOLIDAY FATHER VINH!

Have a safe trip and an enjoyable and renewing time with your family.



While Father Vinh is away
Father Francis will

celebrate our Weekend Masses. During the week there will be Communion Services at the usual Mass times.

HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY TO ROBERT COX !!

PRAY FOR
THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

PARISH COLLECTION

13th & 14th May

1st (Presbytery)	\$604.50
2nd (Parish)	\$1,288.75
Special Collection	\$347.20

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

2nd & 9th June

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

VICTOR MORNING TEA

28th May

W. & J. Baker

4th June

L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden

VICTOR MEET & GREET

June Saturdays

M. Farmer & H. Anderson

June Sundays

W. & J. Baker

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

June

S. & R. Lee

Morning Tea

P. Kennelly, M. O'Halloran,
Jo Ryan

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday

Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199



RESPONSORIAL PSALM PENTECOST SUNDAY YR.A

**Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches.

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in His works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to Him.
I find my joy in the Lord.



The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church Feast Day 29th May

St. Paul VI, at the conclusion of the Third Session of the Second Vatican Council in 1964, declared the Blessed Virgin Mary as "Mother of the Church," that is to say of all Christian people, the faithful as well as the pastors, who call her the most loving Mother.

VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Feast Day 31st May

This feast goes back only to the 13th or 14th century and was established throughout the Church to pray for unity. The present date was set in 1969, to follow the Annunciation of the Lord and precede the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist. Luke, speaking for the Church, gives a prayerful rendition of the scene. Elizabeth's praise of Mary as "the mother of my Lord" can be viewed as the earliest Church's devotion to Mary. As with all authentic devotion to Mary, Elizabeth's (the Church's) words first praise God for what God has done to Mary. Only secondly does she praise Mary for trusting God's words. Then comes the *Magnificat* (Luke 1:46-55) when Mary traces all her greatness to God.

Franciscan Media

THE GREAT SOUTHLAND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



On this feast of Pentecost, we pray that the fruits of the Holy Spirit, *love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control* will be evident in our lives and in the lives of all Australians as we strive to build a just and caring society.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 27th May - 3rd June Calling us to speak out for Future Generations (Theme)

Lord, open up our hearts so that we may hear the message you teach of a world in which



the wrongs of the past are recognised - a world in which a reconciled people walk and talk together sharing stories; a world in which all burn with the desire to have your peace and justice reign. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Catholic First Nations Prayer.

<https://www.natsicc.org.au/>

You will notice on the back page of the Encounter we now acknowledge the First Nations people on whose land we worship: Ngarrindjeri and Ramindjeri land.

This is in keeping with the decree from the Plenary Council:

That each Catholic school, parish, diocese or organisation will acknowledge in a prominent and appropriate manner the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which their buildings stand.

MASS ATTENDANCE

The last 3 weeks of Mass attendances for the Parish. Our final count will be this weekend.

	Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3
Victor Vigil	45	43	42
Goolwa	53	74	69
Victor Sunday	64	56	67

THIS WEEK 27th & 28th May

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 C. Huppatz
R.2 C. Sutherland

EMHC E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 R. Reid
R. 2 A. Williss

EMHC A. Rose

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: V. Scriva

R. 1 M. Freeborn
R. 2 C. May

EMHC S. Muller



NEXT WEEK 3rd & 4th June

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 M. Mulvihill
R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC J. Jeffery

Sunday 11am

Commentator: T. Hounslow

R. 1 R. Klecko
R. 2 P. O'Brien

EMHC M. Taylor

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: P. Kennelly

R. 1 L. Healey
R. 2 R. Lee

EMHC T. Siciliano

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA

NGARRINDJERI and

RAMINDJERI land

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

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• 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

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• 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 25/05/23)

- 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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GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples 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.'

THE MIRACLE OF LANGUAGE

(John 20: 19 - 23)

God created the world with a word, Scripture tells us. God spoke the word BE, and all that is came into being. In the same way, God spoke divinity into human form when Jesus the Word "became flesh and dwelt among us". Finally, the Spirit of Holiness becomes available to us when Jesus breathes the simple words, "Receive the Holy Spirit".

The gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit are defined by lists of words that school children memorise, but behind those words are powerful realities. Invoking the Spirit of joy, peace, patience, and love will create quite a different world than the one invoked by anger, bitterness, and indifference. Lives are bound together or drawn apart by words spoken or withheld. Stewardship over the power of words is a holy reality.

GPBS eNews

KEEP THE FIRES BURNING

About five years ago a suburban Melbourne parish began marking the Solemnity of Pentecost by keeping a fire burning at the door of the church through the night. Parishioners take turns until dawn, a powerful sign to the community that the spirit lives – not safely confined and contained in a building – but in and among us.

"Keeping the fire" was important to our human ancestors. Without matches,

without a way to start a fire in damp conditions, the flame had to be guarded so that the community would not fall victim to night predators or be left in the cold dark.

Fascinating in itself, fire has come to symbolise the holy. Imagine the bush afire before Moses. In the story of the Christian church, "tongues as of fire" stand for the person of the Holy Spirit: neither visible nor touchable but powerful as fire.

As the long seasons of Lent and Easter come to a close, we teeter on the border of "Ordinary Time," witnesses to the Spirit before the world's darkness. Keep the flame alive! Tend the fire: Use your gifts, ordinary as they may seem. And let it tend you: Give thanks for the fire, the very spirit and breath of God abiding within.

KIDS' CORNER

Today's feast of Pentecost is often called the birthday of the church. And what's a birthday celebration without gifts? God has given you many gifts. Some are meant to help you serve God and others. You might be good at putting things together. Maybe you're a great listener. Maybe you notice when others need help. Whatever you can do, do it to serve the Lord. If you see that your skills are needed, be ready to offer what you have with a happy heart. Don't worry about the things you can't do. Just use the gifts God gave you!

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(29 May - 4 June)

- **Monday, 29:** The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (Gen 3:9-15, 20; Jn 19:25-34)
- **Tuesday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 8 (Sirach 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31)
- **Wednesday, 31:** The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Zeph 3:14-18; Lk 1:39-56)
- **Thursday, 01:** St Justin (Sirach 42:15-25; Mk 10:46-52)
- **Friday, 02:** Weekday, Ord Time 8 (Sirach 44:1, 9-13; Mk 11:11-26)
- **Saturday, 03:** Sts Charles Lwanga (Sirach 51:12-20; Mk 11:27-33)
- **Sunday 04:** The Most Holy TRINITY (Ex 34:4-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18)

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.