



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

FIFTH 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 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

*Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord. O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the

Lord upon the harp with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

2. For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS

(These names will be removed after one month. To keep names on this list please contact Parish Office)

Geoff & Rose Munro,
Tommy & Eileen McCoey,
Mairead & Neil Cummings,
Christine Fitzpatrick, Mary Ferguson,
Pat Mezzino, Pat Chigwidden,
Stephen Chalmers, Lourdes Carle,
Sandy Lee, Tony Mawdsley,
Janet Murray, Claire Galpin,
Rosene Edwards, Vicki Cross,
Gemma Woodhead, Mary Jacobson,
Tanya Francis, Garry Hill, Les Hill,
Geoff Chalmers, Eric Temme.

PARISH COLLECTION

April 25th & 26th

1st (Presbytery) \$1012.00
2nd (Parish) \$906.55

VICTOR MORNING TEA

3rd May

L. Sunman & J. Davidge

10th May

F. Hanna & V. Coffey

VICTOR MEET & GREET

May Saturdays

M. Tuckey

May Sundays

R. Reid & C. Allen

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

May

P. Kennelly

MORNING TEA

May

A. Turner, A. Murrie

M. Burfitt, S. Evett

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.

Claire Williams 0429 008 199

**PRAY FOR THE
PEOPLE OF UKRAINE
and
THE MIDDLE EAST**



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HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY

That everyone might have food: Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

MARY'S MONTH



In this month we honour Mary. She is Jesus' mother. Her 'yes' made it possible for Jesus to share our humanity. She encourages us to say our 'yes', trusting that God is with us even when we do not understand. She is our mother. She continues her role as mother by interceding for us so that we may receive the gifts of eternal salvation. She is at work forever, for whatever we need, whenever we need it. For these reasons and more, Mary deserves honour, not only during the month of May, but always.

MARY MOST HOLY

1. Mary most holy, from your hands falling, are heaven's blessings; hear us calling.
Teach us to pray and work for God's glory Ave Maria, Ave.
2. Help us to witness Christ is still living, service to others, cheerfully giving.
3. Through joy and sorrow, each day's condition, ever, dear Mother, hear our petition.

WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY - 3RD MAY

Almighty God, Strengthen and direct, we pray, the will of all whose work it is **to write** what many read and **to speak** where many listen.

May they be **bold** to confront evil and injustice,

understanding and compassionate of human weakness;

rejecting alike the **half-truth** which deceives and the **slanted word** which corrupts.

May the power which is theirs, for good or ill, always be used with **honesty and courage, with respect and integrity**, so that when all here has been written, said and done, they may, unashamed, meet Thee face to face.

St. Francis de Sales, Patron saint of writers and journalists.

THE FIRST SYNOD SESSION TAKES PLACE ON MAY 29th/30th



Please keep up your prayers

There are 5 themes for the Synod

Each of them has several recommendations.

The first theme is **Becoming Missionary Disciples**

The recommendations focus on **listening and openness** by engaging all voices within and beyond the Church.

They call for **stronger social partnerships**, including disability inclusion and integrating Aboriginal ecological wisdom with Laudato Si' principles.

Renewing interfaith and ecumenical relationships is seen as essential, alongside equipping laypeople for everyday mission.

There is also a strong emphasis on **reaching those on the margins**, especially the poor and those affected by social change.



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BIGGEST MORNING TEA FOR CANCER – DON'T MISS IT!

Thursday 21st May 10-12 noon.

You are invited to a Morning Tea to raise funds for the Cancer Foundation of Australia hosted by the **Combined Churches of Goolwa**

to be held at St John's Catholic Church Gardiner Street, Goolwa

Please bring a plate to share. Tickets \$10.

Lots of raffles and lots of fun and friendship.

Please note this is a cash only event. No credit card facilities available,

RSVP 14th May 2026 Vivi Scriva 0439 430 486



ST JOSEPH, PATRON SAINT OF WORKERS MAY 1st

The work that God entrusts to us — whether paid or volunteer, inside or outside the home, part-time or fulltime, a career or a job — is sacred and worthy of attention and respect. How we labour every day matters, and how we are treated and treat others in our work is an essential concern of Christians.

We pray for those in difficult work and for those who are searching for meaningful work. May St Joseph support and inspire them.



MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE WILL CONTINUE THIS WEEKEND DON'T MISS OUT ON OUR WORTHWHILE PRIZES

1st prize at Goolwa is \$100 gift voucher to dine at Goolwa Hotel.

1st prize at Victor a \$100 voucher for Whalers Restaurant at Encounter Bay.

Tickets are 3 for \$10 or 1 for \$5.

At Victor please see Des Wallace and at Goolwa Paul or John.

All proceeds will go to Vinnies or other care groups on the South Coast.

45 Club winner John and Di McMahon with number 32

This week is the big week.

1st number drawn is worth \$150 and 2nd prize \$50.

Good luck to all our players.

KSC BBQ will be held on Sunday morning after Mass. Due to increased costs the new price structure will be 1 sausage \$3 and 2 sausages \$5.

GOOLWA GARDEN DAY 5th May from 9.30am to 11.30am.

Thank you to the mystery lawnmower who gave our lawns a cut last week

THIS WEEK: 2nd & 3rd May VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 C. Huppatz

R.2 C. Sutherland

EMHC - Host: J. Jeffery

- Chalice 1: T. White

- Chalice 2: Fr Vinh

Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 L. Sunman

R. 2 W. Baker

EMHC - Host: Fr. Vinh

- Chalice 1: K. White

- Chalice 2: P. Clingan

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: V. Scriva

R1 A. Cowley

R2 M. Busby

EMHC - Host: T. Siciliano

- Chalice 1: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 2 : J. Ryan



NEXT WEEK: 9th and 10th May VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: T. White

R.1 M. Mulvihill

R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC - Host: E. O'Shaughnessy

- Chalice 1: A. Fawkner

- Chalice 2: Fr Vinh

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. Clingan

R. 1 T. Hounslow

R. 2 G. Ryan

EMHC - Host: Fr. Vinh

- Chalice 1: K. White

- Chalice 2: A. Rose

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R1 M. Mulvihill

R2 Michael Riddle

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1: M. Freeborn

- Chalice 2 : S. Muller

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(All items for the newsletter by Wed)

• PARISH TREASURER

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• INTEGRITY & SAFEGUARDING

We are a safeguarding Organisation which is committed to the care, well-being and protection of children, young people and adults at risk.

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- Integrity and Safeguarding Dept
(8210 8150 - select Option 2)
- CSHW SA (Work, Health and Safety) please contact Jim Dabinett
(0460 033 529)



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father’s house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.’

Thomas said, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?’ Jesus said:

‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.’

Philip said, ‘Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.’ ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip,’ said Jesus to him ‘and you still do not know me?’

‘To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, “Let us see the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.’

THE MOMENT YOU ALMOST STAYED SILENT

It was a normal afternoon. A group chat lit up, a photo was shared, and within seconds the comments started rolling in. Some were jokes. Some were harsher. One crossed a line. Then another. Most people in the chat saw it happen in real

time. Most said nothing. One student sat there, phone in hand, reading every message. They knew the person in the photo. They also knew that if they spoke up, things could turn on them just as quickly. So, they hesitated. Watched. Scrolled. Paused.

Then they typed something simple. Not dramatic. Not aggressive. Just enough to interrupt the direction things were heading. A few words that shifted the tone. It did not fix everything instantly. But it stopped the spiral. Others began to respond differently. The moment passed, but it stayed with them. Later that evening, they wondered why it had felt so difficult to send that message. It would have been easier to stay silent, to go along with the flow. No risk. No attention. Just another moment lost in the scroll.

That is often how it works. The choice between silence and courage rarely feels like a big, obvious crossroads. It feels small. Almost invisible. A comment. A reaction. A decision not to laugh. A decision to speak.

We like to think that meaning is found in big gestures. But more often, it is found in these quiet moments where something inside us asks a simple question. What kind of person do you want to be right now? Because in the end, it is not the noise of the crowd that defines us. It is the choices we make when it would be easier to stay quiet. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(04 - 10 May)

- **Monday, 04:** Monday 5th week Easter (Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26)
- **Tuesday, 05:** Tuesday 5th week Easter (Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31)
- **Wednesday, 06:** Wednesday 5th week Easter (Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8)
- **Thursday, 07:** Thursday 5th week Easter (Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17)
- **Friday, 08:** Friday 5th week Easter (Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17)
- **Saturday, 09:** Saturday 5th week Easter (Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21)
- **Sunday 10:** Sixth Sunday of Easter (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pet 3:15-18; Jn 4:15-21)

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.