



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

SIXTH 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 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 65:1-7,16,20

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: "How tremendous your deeds!" (R)

2. "Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name." Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. (R)
3. He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dryshod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. (R)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul: Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love for me. (R)

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died

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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,
Kevin and Cath Howard.

ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis Edward Kennelly

PARISH COLLECTION

May 2nd & 3rd

1st (Presbytery) \$1067.00
2nd (Parish) \$1089.30
Project Compassion \$3034.00
Long Walk for Water \$ 718.00

VICTOR MORNING TEA

10th May

F. Hanna & V. Coffey

17th May

E. Dabinett & Y. Rogers

VICTOR MEET & GREET

May Saturdays

M. Tuckey

May Sundays

R. Reid & C. Allen

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

May

P. Kennelly

MORNING TEA

May

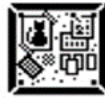
A. Turner, A. Murrie

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**



Bulletin Board

A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Lord we pray for mothers everywhere.



Thank you for our mothers who mirrored your love and care for us. They **gave us life and sustenance** and for that gift we are forever grateful.

We pray for **mothers everywhere, including** those who struggle in their role and those who are no longer with us.



And in this month of May, Mary's month, we remember the woman who accepted the role of Mother of God. May she inspire and encourage all mothers and especially care for all women experiencing violence in their relationships.

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
4. Mary most Holy.
From your hands holy
Are heavens blessing
Hear us now calling.



I am the Way

DIRECTIONS – MY GIFT TO YOU

When you consider the ways of the world, what it teaches you and how you are tempted, be aware that My teachings and wishes are different. I have given you a way. I will give you the grace to follow this way, if you ask. I will not force you.

Be ready to consider the words I give to you through others.

You will see a pattern and, with your wisdom, will follow My way.

This will lead you to Me. I will guide you with My words and direction.

I give this to you as a gift from Me.

I will show you what path to follow since you cannot always clearly determine what the path is that I wish you to follow. I will do this for you when you ask for My guidance. There are many directions that you can choose to follow. I will provide you with the gifts that you will need to fulfill the plan I have for you.

Be My child; help Me give peace and joy to those who want the gifts that I am eager to share. When you do this for Me, you will experience the peace and fulfillment that is unlike the poems and writings of human dreams.

My peace will allow you to understand what awaits you.

SHARED BY OUR SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP

WHICH MEETS AT 5.00PM EACH SUNDAY IN THE ANNEX.

ALL WELCOME Contact person: Carol Sutherland 0418 856 799



CONGRATULATIONS

to Richard and Rosene Edwards
on their 60th Wedding Anniversary.



SECOND KEY THEME OF THE SYNOD

How can Parishes become more welcoming and inclusive, where everyone feels they belong, where people's gifts are recognised, where participation in

Church life is encouraged, and there is shared leadership between clergy and laity, supporting prayer in families and individuals and nurturing a culture of vocations.

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



VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

Next weekend the Vinnies is launching its Winter Appeal. The focus is 'Homelessness is just one sudden crisis away'.

7,408 people are experiencing homelessness in South Australia. In our local community, by giving a hand-up to those seeking help,, we respond with emotional support and practical assistance by giving vouchers to people to buy food from the mobile Foodbank that visits Victor Harbor on Fridays; and from local supermarkets.



Vinnies Winter Appeal envelopes will be available in the porches of our churches after Mass next weekend.

Would you like to join Vinnies?

Vinnies next meeting is Thursday 21st May in St Joan's Annex, Victor Harbor after 9.00a.m.Mass. Our small Vinnies Conference team would welcome new Members! If you would like to learn more about Vinnies please attend the meeting and/or speak with a Vinnies Member after Mass.

DONATIONS TO PROJECT COMPASSION

Merv Mallett our treasurer has finalised our Project Compassion Giving. Our donations amounted to \$3034 with an additional \$718 given for the Long Walk for Water. A total of \$3752. Thank you all for your generosity.

PPC – MARCH MEETING Items discussed:



Safeguarding Audit, Synod Report, Sister Parish Comoro Reports. The Parish Associate information will continue to be discussed from time to time, when the need is determined.

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. Telephone 0435 085 040. Anne Fawkner for the PPC.

MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS

Meet on next Wednesday 13th May from 9.30 – 10.30 followed by morning tea. All welcome.

THIS 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

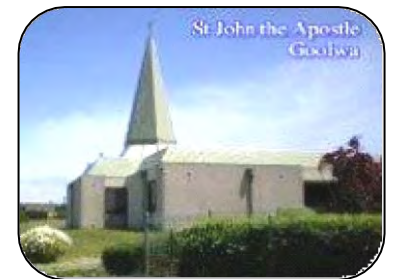
GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R1 E. Bourne

R2 Michael Riddle

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh
- Chalice 1: M. Freeborn
- Chalice 2 : S. Muller



NEXT WEEK: 16th and 17th May VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 C. Sutherland

R.2 C. Allen

EMHC - Host: J. Jeffery
- Chalice 1: E. O'Connell
- Chalice 2: Fr Vinh

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 K. Dudley

R. 2 V. Coffey

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh
- Chalice 1: L. Sunman
- Chalice 2: P. O'Brien

Goolwa 9am

Commentator: M. Freeborn

R.1 M. Mulvihill

R.2 R. Lee

EMHC - Host: M. Ryan
- Chalice 1: Fr Vinh
- Chalice 2: A. Turner

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RAMINDJERI land

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(All items for the newsletter by Wed)
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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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for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:23
Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 14:15-21
Jesus said to his disciples:
‘If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.’

LOVE IN THE QUIET CHOICES

A Year 9 student stayed back after the bell, not because she wanted to, but because a teacher asked her to help pack away a room that had been used for an all-day event. Chairs, leftover papers, half-empty coffee cups. It was the kind of task no one notices until it is not done.

She worked quietly, half annoyed, half resigned. She expected a quick “thanks” and to be sent on her way. Instead, she noticed something written on a small card taped near the white-board. If you love me, keep my commandments.

She frowned. “Is that for class?” The teacher paused, then nodded. “It is for life, really. Not just class.” She waited for more, but he did not launch into an explanation. He just kept stacking chairs.

After a moment he added, “It is easy to say we care about people, or faith, or

community. But it only becomes real when it shows up in what we actually do when it is inconvenient.”

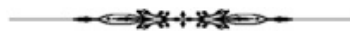
She looked around the room again, suddenly aware of how ordinary it all felt. Nothing dramatic. Just small acts that needed doing.

Later that week, she heard the same words again at Mass. They sounded different this time. Less like something to agree with, more like something to live.

On the way out, she noticed an older parishioner quietly picking up discarded bulletins that others had walked past. No announcement. No attention.

And she understood, in a simple way she did not fully have words for yet, that love in this community was not loud. It was what people chose to do when no one was watching.

GPBS eNews



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(11 - 17 May)

- **Monday, 11:** Monday 6th week Easter (Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4)
- **Tuesday, 12:** Tuesday 6th week Easter (Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11)
- **Wednesday, 13:** Wednesday 6th week Easter (Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15)
- **Thursday, 14:** St Matthias (Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17)
- **Friday, 15:** Friday 6th week Easter (Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23)
- **Saturday, 16:** Saturday 6th week Easter (Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28)
- **Sunday 17:** The ASCENSION of the LORD (Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20)



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.