



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD -
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 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom of Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in

white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 46:2-3, 6-9

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. (R)
- 2 God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise! Sing praise to our king, sing praise! (R)
- 3 God is king of all the earth, sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. (R)

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you,

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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

RECENTLY DECEASED

William James Sloan

PARISH COLLECTION

May 9th & 10th

1st (Presbytery) \$869.00

2nd (Parish) \$800.85

VICTOR MORNING TEA

17th May

E. Dabinett & Y. Rogers

24th May

F. Hanna & M. Cunningham

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



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, QUEEN OF PEACE PRAY FOR US



MARY OUR MOTHER by John Burlan

1. Mary our Mother you answered God's call.
We come to praise you today
Mother of Jesus with Joseph you cared for Him.
We come to praise you today

Chorus: Mother of Jesus be with us every day. We want to stay close to you always. You are our Mother. We are your children. Guide us in every way each day. Guide us in every way.

2. Mary our Mother you live in Heaven.
We come to praise you today.
Mother of Jesus a hope for all people.
We come to praise you today.

3. Mary our Mother you lead us to Jesus.
We come to praise you today.
Mother of Jesus Mother to everyone.
We come to praise you today

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE RESULTS

GOOLWA

1st prize Maire and Joe Ryan \$100 Meal Voucher

2nd Prize Steve Muller 2 bottles of wine

3rd Prize Di and John McMahon 1 bottle of wine

VICTOR

1st Prize Fran Hanna \$100 Meal Voucher

2nd Prize Richard Ferry 2 bottles of wine

3rd Prize Cooper **1 bottle of wine

**Please ring Des Wallace on 0414 486 140 to collect your prize.



- **The Knights** wish to thank all members of the parish who supported the raffle. After taking out prize money for meal vouchers \$685 was raised which will go a long way to support our \$1,000 donation to Vinnies Winter Appeal.

- **45 Club** Fran Hanna won first prize of \$150 and Mike O'Halloran won 2nd prize of \$50 in our first major draw for the year. Many thanks to all who participated in the first series of the 45 Club. The profit made will go to Vinnies Winter appeal. Next series begins in early June.

- **Our April BBQ** raised \$71.25 with special thanks for donations received.

Members Anniversaries for May - Michael Bilson

Next meeting of the Knights Wed 20th May at Goolwa at 3pm.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

will be held on Wednesday 20th May at 1.00 pm in the Annex at Victor Harbor.

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.

CAR POOLING AVAILABLE FOR ANYONE FROM VICTOR TO ATTEND

at 9.30 next Thursday 21st. See Pat Clingan if you are interested and also see Pat if you would like to contribute to such a worthy cause.

RSVP this Sunday. Vivi Scriva 0439 430 486



VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

This weekend Winter Appeal envelopes will be available in the porch /foyer at both churches.



Any donation however small is appreciated!

Your support of the Vinnies Winter Appeal will ensure that people in need can turn to Vinnies for help.

All money donated enables Vinnies to give local people in need a hand up.

On behalf of the Vinnies, we are grateful for your support.

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Thank you for caring!

INVITATION TO A VINNIES MEETING

Are you interested in joining the Vinnies? You are most welcome to attend our next meeting on Thursday 21st May in St Joan's Annex, Victor Harbor after 9.00a.m. Mass.

THE THIRD THEME FOR THE SYNOD is



The Mission of Catholic Education and being Church together

Of the 56,300 students in Catholic Schools in South Australia only 37% are baptised Catholics

with 16% from other Christian faiths, the remainder mostly designated by their parents as non-religious. How can a positive relationship be built with the local parish? What is the mission of the Catholic School?

NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS WEEK 2026 (18-24th May)

Theme: "Your Year to Volunteer."

Our parish flourishes because of volunteers who generously share their time and talents.

A big thanks to all of you.



THIS 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 P. O'Brien

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1: L. Sunman

- Chalice 2: P. Clingan

Goolwa 9am

Commentator: M. Freeborn

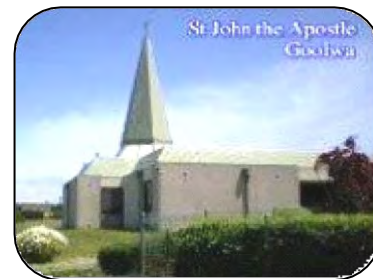
R.1 M. Mulvihill

R.2 R. Lee

EMHC - Host: M. Ryan

- Chalice 1: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 2: A. Turner



NEXT WEEK: 23rd and 24th May

Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 J. Jeffery

R.2 C. Huppatz

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1: A. Fawkner

- Chalice 2: T. White

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 L. Sunman

R. 2 A. Rose

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1: P. Clingan

- Chalice 2: E. Dabinett

Goolwa 9am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 M. Mulvihill

R.2 A. Cowley

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1: J. Ryan

- Chalice 2: S. Muller

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• **PARISH PRIEST**

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• **PARISH MANAGER**

Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)

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• **PARISH ENCOUNTER**

Please forward items for the news-letter to the Parish Office - 8552 1084,

catholicvhg@bigpond.com

(All items for the newsletter by Wed)

• **PARISH TREASURER**

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)

Email: parish_treasure@bigpond.com

• **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.

• **Andy Nicholls**

(VH/G contact - 0475 893 521 or

andrewnicholls6@gmail.com

• Integrity and Safeguarding Dept
(8210 8150 - select Option 2)

• CSHW SA (Work, Health and Safety) please contact Jim Dabinett
(0460 033 529)



"THERE HE IS ON THE PHONE COMPLAINING ABOUT GOVERNMENT SPYING AND THEN HE GOES AND HAS A MICROCHIP PUT IN ME."

what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come.

He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 28:19,20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

"WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE."

A young teacher once asked an elderly parish volunteer how she had managed to stay involved in the Church for over fifty years. The teacher expected an answer about faith, prayer or commitment. Instead, the woman smiled and said, "Because someone noticed me."

She explained that when she was a teenager, her family had moved to a new town. Everything felt unfamiliar. On her first Sunday at Mass, she sat quietly at the back, hoping nobody would speak to her. After Mass, an older man walked over, introduced himself and simply said, "We're glad

you're here." "That was it," she said. "Just one sentence. But it changed everything."

She began helping in the parish, later volunteering at the local Catholic school, and eventually became someone who welcomed others the same way she had once been welcomed.

The teacher thought about that story all week. Then one afternoon at school, she noticed a student sitting alone near the playground fence. Normally, she would have kept walking to her next duty, already thinking about the emails waiting for her. Instead, she stopped, sat beside the student and said, "I'm glad you're here today."

Years later, that student would remember almost nothing about that particular school day. But they would remember that moment.

The Ascension reminds us that Jesus sends ordinary people into the world to carry hope, kindness and belonging to others. Often, we imagine this mission requires grand gestures or extraordinary faith. But sometimes the mission begins with noticing someone, welcoming them or reminding them that they matter.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(18 - 24 May)

- **Monday, 11:** Monday 7th week Easter (Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33)
- **Tuesday, 19:** Tuesday 7th week Easter (Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11)
- **Wednesday, 20:** Wednesday 7th week Easter (Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11-19)
- **Thursday, 21:** Thursday 7th week Easter (Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26)
- **Friday, 22:** Friday 7th week Easter (Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19)
- **Saturday, 23:** Saturday 7th week Easter (Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25)
- **Sunday 24:** PENTECOST SUNDAY (Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23)

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.