



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT -
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

Ezekiel 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 129

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. R.
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. R.
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. R.
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. R.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 11:25, 26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

John 11:1-45 (abridged)

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair.

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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

Graham Blacket, 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.

ANNIVERSARIES

Peter Harris, John Mezzino, Kath & Tim Kennelly

RECENTLY DECEASED

John Tregeagle

PARISH COLLECTION

14th & 15th March

1st (Presbytery) \$939.75
2nd (Parish) \$1077.05

VICTOR MORNING TEA

22nd March

W. & J. Baker

29th March

F. Hanna

VICTOR MEET & GREET

March Saturdays

E. O'Connell

March Sundays

R. Reid & E. Dabinett

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

March

A. Turner

MORNING TEA

March

A. Turner, P. Stone, P. Lowe

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 MARCH

For disarmament and peace: Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Receiving Holy Communion with the host and precious blood (chalice)

It is common to receive the host on your hand. Communion with the host on your tongue is possible but it is not encouraged.

Please never kneel when you receive the host on your tongue.

Intinction (dipping) of the host into the chalice is not allowed.

Receiving Holy Communion with the chalice is encouraged. It is your choice.

Safeguarding Essential Training. It is part of a requirement to be a parish volunteer to do the Safeguarding Essential Training. Please contact

Andy Nicholls 0475 893 521 to do a face-to-face training

OR contact Caroline Putriana on 8218236 to get a link to do it online.

Working with Children check (WWCC). It is part of the requirement to be a parish volunteer. Please contact Pat Clingan to get WWCC.

Please bring your IDs to get 100 points.

SUPPORT LENTEN PROJECT COMPASSION



Manaini's story, Fiji

In remote northern Fiji, life has been a struggle for 44-year-old Manaini.

The family lived from what they grew, but meals were plain and often lacked nutrition. Store food was too expensive.

With the support from Caritas Australia's partner, FRIEND, Manaini learnt food

processing and gardening skills, improving nutrition and creating new income opportunities to support her children's education.

1. You can donate through Project Compassion *donation boxes and envelopes* available in the porch or directly by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

2. Support our 10 stalwart walkers as they share in spirit the Long Walk for Water taken every day by many of our brothers and sisters.

\$131 raised to date towards our \$250 goal.

Boxes in our church foyers for your donation.

<https://www.projectcompassion.org.au/fundraisers/victorharborgoolwacatholicparish>

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FORESTS PROTECT OUR TREES



Solar Powered: They run on a wireless energy source 93 million miles away with near-perfect efficiency.

Self-Healing & Replicating: They repair their own armour (bark) and create 3D-printed copies of themselves via seeds.

Carbon Sequestration: They pull carbon directly from the air to clear our fossil fuel pollution.

As we approach Holy Week we remember that it was on a tree that Jesus accomplished our redemption.

Parishioners from St Joan's please join us after 11am Mass as we plant our two grevilleas. Earthcare Group

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FISH AND CHIP NIGHT

The first Social Club event for 2026 is our very popular Fish n Chip night on Friday 27th March @ 6pm. Cost is \$20pp.

Come along and have a great night.

BYO drinks & a glass.

Call or txt Colleen on 0405 634 744 or Pat on 0410 593 617.

FINAL NUMBERS AND PAYMENT DUE ON SUNDAY 22ND MARCH

EASTER MINISTRIES Victor Harbor

Roster sheets for Easter ministries for are now in the porch.

Please consider volunteering for these essential roles .

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD DIALOGUE WEEK

My deep gratitude to all those who participated in Dialogue Week, sharing your vision of how our parish and the wider church in South Australia can best be structured to live out our call to spread the good news of Jesus to our world. Thanks to the many groups who gave of their time to participate in discussions and discernment and those parishioners who filled out the questionnaire on how they meet Jesus and try to live out his mission in their daily lives. Very moving and inspiring answers. The faith is alive and well in Victor/Goolwa parish. (If you didn't get a questionnaire there are copies in the porches and boxes for replies and for any suggestions you want to include.)

I hope after Easter to visit the groups that missed out this time.

And to each of you, please feel free to talk to me at any time about anything you would like to raise about your experience of the Church and ideas for change. Or send me an email at fran.hanna@bigpond.com.



RETREAT REPORT



One of the fruits of Dialogue Week was the Retreat we had in the Annex on last Friday morning presented by the Gospel Reflection Group which meets regularly at 5.00 each Sunday in the Annex and conducts its own two day retreat each year

at Sevenhill. The group felt it wanted to share a way to come closer to Jesus and to build up our parish life. We were guided by Carol Sutherland, Toni White and Father Vinh in a reflection and sharing on the meeting between the Samaritan Woman and Jesus at the well. As well as a chance to deepen our prayer life we also got to know the twentyone parishioners, including several very welcome parishioners from Goolwa, who took part. Hopefully this retreat can be repeated during the year.

INTERMENT OF ASHES AT OUR PARISH MEMORIAL GARDENS

The latest version of the interment of ashes procedure is on our parish notice boards. For more information, please contact our Parish Manager, Pat Clingan.

THIS WEEK 21st & 22nd March VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy
R.1 L. Blacket
R.2 C. Sutherland
EMHC - Host : J. Jeffery
- Chalice 1 : E. O'Connell
- Chalice 2 : Fr Vinh

Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 K. Dudley
R. 2 V. Coffey
EMHC - Host : Fr. Vinh
- Chalice 1 : L. Sunman
- Chalice 2 : P. O'Brien

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R1 P. Kennedy
R2 A. Cowley
EMHC - Host : Fr Vinh
- Chalice 1 : S. Muller
- Chalice 2. : M. Freeborn



NEXT WEEK: 28th & 29th March VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 C. Allen
R.2 C. Huppertz
EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh
- Chalice 1 : A. Fawcner
- 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: A. Fawcner

R1 L. Hayward
R2 M. Freeborn
EMHC - Host : M. Ryan
- Chalice 1 : Fr Vinh
- Chalice 2. : J. Ryan

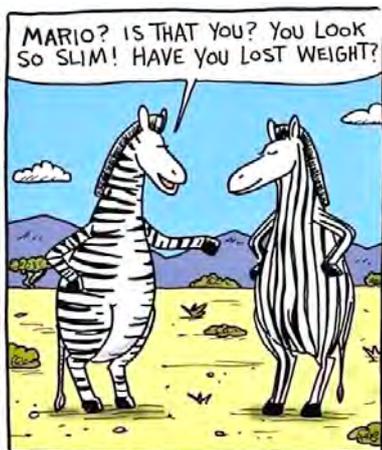
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RAMINDJERI land

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Telephone: 8552 1084 (*Please leave a
message if the Office is unattended -
we will get back to you asap*)
Email: catholicvhg@bigpond.com
Web: www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au

PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

- **PARISH PRIEST**
Fr Vinh-Quang Tran (8552 1084;
in an emergency - 0429 098 802)
Email: Vinh2511@bigpond.com
- **PARISH MANAGER**
Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)
(Monday & Thursday: 10am - 12 noon)
Email: Parish_manager@bigpond.com
- **PARISH ENCOUNTER**
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**
Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)
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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.
 - Andy Nicholls
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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)



The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already.

When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

KIDS' CORNER

*Jesus cried out in a loud voice,
"Lazarus, come out!" (John 11: 43)*

A lot of people think they know better than Jesus. In this week's Gospel, his own disciples ask if he's sure he wants to go up to Jerusalem. Martha and Mary even scold Jesus a little, saying that if only he'd arrived earlier, their brother would be okay. And when Jesus orders them to open the tomb, Martha warns him it will be pretty stinky – like Jesus doesn't already know that! What everyone seems to forget is that Jesus trusts his Father's plan, and he follows it.

God has a beautiful plan for each of us. He tells us to come out of the darkness and into the light – and trust his love for us.

Jesus, guide me into your light.
GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(23 - 29 March)

- **Monday, 23:** Mon, 5th week Lent (Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11)
- **Tuesday, 24:** Tues, 5th week Lent (Num 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30)
- **Wednesday, 25:** The Annunciation of the Lord (Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Thursday, 26:** Thur, 5th week Lent (Gen 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59)
- **Friday, 27:** Fri, 5th week Lent (Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42)
- **Saturday, 28:** Sat, 5th week Lent (Ezek 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56)
- **Sunday 29:** PALM SUNDAY (Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66)

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.