



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

**PALM 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.



## **GOSPEL**

*(Read at the procession before Mass)*

### **Matthew 21:1-11**

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately'. This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

'Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Behold, your king is coming to you,  
humble and mounted on an ass, and  
on a colt, the foal of an ass'.

The disciples went and did as Jesus directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest!'

And when he entered Jerusalem all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee'.

## **FIRST READING**

*Is 50:4-7*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*My God, my God, why have you  
abandoned me?*

1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads "He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.
2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and feet. I can count every one of my bones.
3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me!
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Reverent him, Israel's sons.

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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, Laurie Kirkbride.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Peter Harris, John Mezzino, Kath & Tim Kennelly

## RECENTLY DECEASED

John Tregeagle

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## PARISH COLLECTION

### 21st & 22nd March

1st (Presbytery) \$ 885.75

2nd (Parish) \$ 964.75

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## VICTOR MORNING TEA

### 29<sup>th</sup> March

F. Hanna & J. Davidge

### 5<sup>th</sup> April

Easter Sunday. No morning tea.

## VICTOR MEET & GREET

### April Saturdays

C. Huppatz

### April Sundays

R. Reid & F. Harris

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## GOOLWA MEET & GREET

### April

M. O'Halloran

## MORNING TEA

### April

J. Dunthorne, J. McMahon, C. Grimmer

## ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.

Claire Williams 0429 008 199

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



# Bulletin Board



## 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.

## CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO JOAN SMALL



who will be received into our Catholic Church on Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 9am Mass at Goolwa. She will also celebrate her Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Please continue to pray

and support Joan in this significant step of her Faith Journey.

You are also invited to a special morning tea after Mass to celebrate this joyful communal celebration.

## CALLING ALL VICTOR PARISHIONERS!

Please put your name down as a Commentator, a Reader or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion for Holy Week Ceremonies.



DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS ON EASTER SUNDAY MORNING AT 2.00 AM.  
TURN BACK YOUR CLOCKS ONE HOUR!!  
YOU HAVE AN EXTRA HOUR TO SLEEP IN!!

## TIME TO RETURN YOUR BOXES AND ENVELOPES FOR PROJECT COMPASSION PLEASE PUT THEM ON THE COLLECTION PLATE

You can still donate directly by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://www.projectcompassion.org.au/project-compassion) and/or you can donate to our 10 brave walkers until Easter Sunday **\$484 raised to date. Let's see if we can make that \$500.**

**Boxes in our church foyers for your donation  
or you can give directly to walkers or online.**

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

## SUNRISE EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

at Goolwa Aquatic Club from 6.15am and in Victor at Kent Reserve at 6.30am. Bring your own chairs.



Don't forget Daylight Saving will have started at 2.00am so check the time carefully.

## SEEKING A TREASURER

Are you good with figures? Our Comoro Working Group is looking for a new treasurer. You will be joining a dedicated team of 7 parishioners, asked to attend a maximum of seven planning meetings during the year and keep track of our finances. It would be great to have someone from Goolwa to join our team. You will be supporting a very important mission, making an essential contribution to our Sister Parish relationship. Ring Mark Leaney on 0412 607 891.

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## HOLY WEEK and EASTER TIMES

### • Victor Harbor (St Joan of Arc)

Holy Thursday - 7.30pm  
Good Friday Passion - 2.00pm  
Holy Saturday - 8.00pm  
Easter Sunday (5 April) - 11.00am

### • Goolwa (St John the Apostle)

Holy Thursday - 6.00pm  
Good Friday Stations - 10.00am  
Good Friday Passion - 4.00pm  
Holy Saturday - 6.00pm  
Easter Sunday (5 April) - 9.00am

## ETHICAL EASTER EGGS



As Easter is fast approaching, ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious against Trafficking of Humans) is calling for everyone to consider the ethical dimensions of their

purchases and make sure your Easter chocolate is slavery free. Look for chocolate with one of these logos: or go to their website:

<https://acrath.org.au/take-action/slavery-free-easter/>

## GOOD FRIDAY HOLY PLACES APPEAL



The Annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

*This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local*

*Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. This donation is very much needed today.*

## 45 Club winner No 39 Bernie Halyon 21/3/26

## REPORT TO THE PARISH OF FIRST MEETING of SYNOD DELEGATES

On Saturday 14th March the 70 delegates of the Synod met for a day of Retreat conducted by Jesuit brother Ian Cribb SJ who helped guide the Global Synod in Rome last year. We were arranged in 10 round tables with 7 delegates on each. My table had a school principal, a school teacher, Fr Marin the Vicar General, a young woman representing the African Community in Adelaide, a lecturer at the Adelaide Catholic University and a woman parishioner who is a migrant. A very varied group but all equal participants in the sessions. The Archbishop was likewise a participant at one of the tables.

The emphasis was on the process (which is called "Conversations in the Spirit" and used in the Global Synod) to be used to examine the recommendations that are being put forward. We learnt that we will all pray and reflect on a proposal then share our reflections for two or three minutes each around the table without interruption. Then after more prayer we will share what we heard others say that made us think – trying to listen to what the spirit is telling us in their sharing. There will be a facilitator who is to listen to our sharing and try to draw our ideas together. A vote from our group will be taken and recorded. The outcome of the total group vote is sent to the Archbishop who will draw up the final Synod document. Please continue your prayers for the Synod.

If anyone would like to read the recommendations being proposed you can find the Key Themes on <https://www.togetherontheway.au/key-themes>

## HOLY THURSDAY

### GOOLWA 6pm

Commentator: A. Fawkner

R.1 A. Cowley

R.2 R. Lee

EMHC Host: Fr Vinh

Chalice 1. Marie Riddle 2. V. Sciva

### VICTOR 7.30pm

Commentator: F. Hanna

R.1

R.2 P. O'Brien

EMCH Host:

Chalice 1 2.

## GOOD FRIDAY

### VICTOR 2.00pm

Commentator:

R.1 K. Dudley

R.2

Passion: V Coffey (N), A. Fawkner

EMHC 1. F. Hanna 2. E. O'Connell  
(no chalice)

### GOOLWA 4.00pm

Commentator: V. Sciva

R.1 E. Bourne

R.2 M. Busby

Passion: J. Ryan, Marie Riddle

EMHC 1. Fr Vinh 2.T. Siciliano

(no chalice)

## HOLY SATURDAY (EASTER VIGIL)

### GOOLWA 6pm

Commentator: Marie Riddle

### 4 Readings

Michael Riddle, A. Cowley,

M. Busby, R. Lee

EMHC Host: Fr Vinh

Chalice 1. M. Freeborn 2. V. Sciva

### VICTOR 8pm

Commentator:

### 4 Readings

4<sup>th</sup> P. O'Brien

EMHC Host: Fr Vinh

Chalice 1. 2. A. Fawkner

## EASTER SUNDAY

### GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R. 1 E. Bourne

R. 2 M. O'Halloran

EMHC A. Turner

Host 1: Fr Vinh

Chalice 1 S. Muller 2. A. Turner

Host 2: T. Siciliano

Chalice 3. Marie Riddle 4. M. Freeborn

### VICTOR 11am

Commentator:

R. 1 K. Dudley

R. 2

EMHC

Host 1:

Chalice 1 2. E. O'Connell

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### PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

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#### • PARISH MANAGER

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#### • PARISH ENCOUNTER

Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - 8552 1084, [catholicvhg@bigpond.com](mailto:catholicvhg@bigpond.com)  
(All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening)

#### • 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.

#### • Andy Nicholls

(VH/G contact - 0475 893 521 or  
[andrewnicholls6@gmail.com](mailto: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)



### SECOND READING

#### *Philippians 2:6-11*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

#### *Phil 2:8-9*

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

### GOSPEL

#### *Matthew 26:14-27:66*

*(Heavily abridged)*

The Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani', that is, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' ...But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom ... Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said, 'In truth this was a son of God'. And many were there watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and looked after him. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

When it was evening there came a rich man of Arimathaea, called Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for

the body of Jesus. Pilate thereupon ordered it to be handed over ...



### STEPPING INTO THE STORY

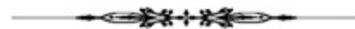
Jesus enters Jerusalem not with power or status, but on a donkey. It is quiet, unexpected, and completely reshapes what people thought a leader should look like.

The crowd is loud and full of excitement. There is energy, celebration, and movement. But underneath it all is a deeper question. Do we really understand who Jesus is, or are we just caught up in the moment?

That question matters for us as a parish community. Life today is busy, noisy, and often overwhelming. It is easy to move quickly from one thing to the next, from one celebration to another, without really stopping to reflect. Even our faith can sometimes become something we attend rather than something we truly live.

Palm Sunday invites us to pause. To notice how Jesus chooses humility over power, presence over performance, and love over recognition. It invites us to ask what we are really celebrating and what place faith has in our everyday lives.

As we begin Holy Week, we are invited to move beyond the noise and step more deeply into the story. Not just to remember it, but to let it shape us. *GPBS eNews*



### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

*(30 March / 05 April)*

- **Monday, 30:** Monday of Holy Week (Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11)
- **Tuesday, 31:** Tuesday of Holy Week (Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38)
- **Wednesday, 01:** Wednesday of Holy Week (Is 50:4-9; Mt 26:14-25)
- **Thursday, 02:** HOLY THURSDAY readings
- **Friday, 03:** GOOD FRIDAY readings
- **Saturday, 04:** HOLY SATURDAY readings
- **Sunday 05:** SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION (Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9)

### 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.