



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

The Epiphany of the Lord
Year B

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

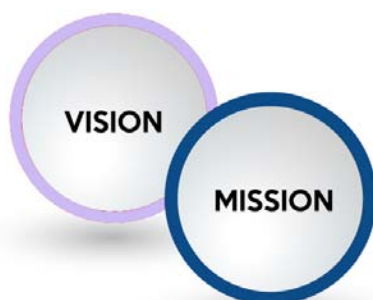
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

IT IS OUR MISSION TO:

- Endeavour to develop relevant and prayerful Eucharistic celebrations.
- Foster the experience of a personal relationship with God.
- Provide faith formation opportunities for parishioners.
- Care for each other and the environment, particularly the sick, lonely, aged and disabled within our Parish.
- Care for our environment towards a sustainable future.

WE WILL:

- Reach out to those in need in the local community.
- Be committed to Catholic Social Justice principles.
- Pray and work together with Christian Churches and all people of goodwill.
- Protect and engage with young people in our local area.
- Strengthen bonds with indigenous people in our region.



FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears.

The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given

the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

*We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

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Bulletin Board

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

Barbara Bond, John Wallace,
Margaret Langtry,
Brian Smallacombe,
Bailey Smallacombe,
Russell Crichton, Bill Longworth,
Daniel Holliday, Mark & Lola Kelly,
Claire Hamish, Joan Pillion,
Angelo Fantasia, Jane Lloyd,
West Family, Kathleen Tiltman,
Joseph Barry Kearsley,
Lyn McCabe, Emily McCarthy,
Josephine Proctor,
Chloe Randabel, Charlie Nicolson,
Miriam Kaye, Bill Sloan, Ella Sajin,
Brenna Schneideman, Peter Harris,
Rhiannon Healey, Bette Higgins,
Shane Johnson, Barry Wilks,
Paula Collinson.

ANNIVERSARIES

Jim Clingan.

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2021 PRAYER INTENTIONS: JANUARY



Intention for Evangelization - Human fraternity. May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL WITH LECTIO DIVINA is held each Sunday night at 5pm in the Annex.

CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY

We meet for Lectio Divina (Scripture Reflection) and meditation on Monday afternoons at 4.30pm. Please contact Anne Weygood for details. 0429 653 844

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY

Groups meet fortnightly on Mondays 2.00-4.00pm. Phone Rob & Jocelyne Randabel Williamson 0402 341 071

NEW COVID RESTRICTIONS AS OF MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER

**St Joan's capacity— Church - 68 people
Annex— 70 people Porch 12 people
St John's Church - 176 people**

PLEASE USE YOUR QR CHECK IN

GOOLWA GARDEN CLEAN UP.

The next clean up will be held on Tuesday 5th January from 9.30 am. Please do not come if you think the weather is too hot during these warm months ahead.

KSC BBQ will be held after 9 am Mass in Goolwa throughout January if volunteers are available and the weather is not too warm.



KSC 45 CLUB

The Knights of the Southern Cross thank all who participated in the 45 Club throughout 2020. Your involvement has enabled the Knights to provide much needed assistance to the various organisations to which we contribute. **We now invite you to participate in the 2021 Series of the 45 Club the first draw of which will be on January 30.** Please be sure not to miss the opportunity to contribute. Ring Robert on 0409 945 019 or contact any member of the Knights.

ST JOAN'S CENTENARY YEAR COMES TO AN END



What a year it has been!!!
So many projects, so much preparation, all to be brought to an early close by the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Our leadlight windows - the Rose Window and our two windows on either side of St Joan of Arc, were successfully completed, powerful reminders of our faith and our spiritual connection to the land around us.

Inclusive sharing between our communities of Goolwa and Victor Harbor was one of our aims throughout the Centenary year with photos and birthdays in the 2020 Calendar and oral stories featured in the Living History Book.

Our Memorial Vines are flourishing under Father Vinh's tender care and it was good to be able to bless them recently.

We were most thankful that we were able to have our Centenary Mass and luncheon on the day before the lockdown started. We felt St Joan was definitely at work here. A highlight of that day was the Governor's presence and his speech to us.

Fathers Peter Sheedy, Phillip Marshall and Monsignor Rob Egar along with dignitaries from our community and members of the Mercy order also attended. Our luncheon was most successful and old ties were renewed and new ones formed.

As we set out on the next 100 years we know to expect the unexpected and like St Joan put ourselves in God's hands.
he Centenary Committee

VINNIES THANK YOU

Vinnies Victor/Goolwa Conference sincerely thanks those who contributed in any way to the success of our 2020 Christmas hamper project.

67 hampers including age-appropriate toys have been given to Companions who have expressed their appreciation. We thank you for your generosity of spirit, time and donations! The Vinnies wish everyone a happy and blessed New Year.



PARISH COLLECTION 26th & 27th December

(Presbytery) \$1846.75
2nd (Parish) \$1096.75

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

2nd January

G. Woodhead, W. & J. Baker

8th & 15th January

P. Mezzino & E. O'Shaughnessy

MORNING TEA

No morning tea until further notice

VICTOR MEET & GREET

January Saturdays

M. Farmer & D. McLaughlin

January Sundays

W. & J. Baker

ST JOAN'S CHOIR:

Practice time is 10.30am each Friday

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

January

A. Turner

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2.00pm Wednesday.
Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give Your judgement to the king,
to a king's son Your justice,
that he may judge Your people in justice
and Your poor in right judgement.

In His days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay Him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring Him gifts.

Before Him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve Him

For He shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Today the Church celebrates the



Solemnity of the Epiphany.

"The Lord and ruler is coming;
kingship is his, and govern-
ment and power." With these
words, the Church proclaims

that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfil-
ment all the purposes of Advent. Epipha-
ny, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of
the Advent-Christmas season.

Pius Parsch – Catholic Culture

NEW YEAR'S DAY

On New Year's Day

we focus on the

**Solemnity of Mary
the Mother of God.**

It is also **World Peace
Day.**

Pope Francis' encourages us to care.
Caring is very much at the heart of Mary's
life. We pray to her for peace based on
mutual care.

*"May we never yield to the temptation to
disregard others, especially those in great-
est need, and to look the other way;
instead, may we strive daily, in concrete
and practical ways, to form a community
composed of brothers and sisters who
accept and care for one another."*

Pope Francis



WHAT GIFT CAN I BRING?



The wise men (Magi)
brought precious gifts
to give the Infant
King. What gift can I
bring? The greatest

gift anyone can give to another is the gift of
oneself. Let us give to God the gift of our-
selves today and each day – one day at a
time.

We may not feel that we have much to offer
but the God who loves us so much will
rejoice in our gift.

Prayer of St Ignatius

*Take, Lord, and receive,
my entire liberty, my memory,
my understanding and my whole will.*

All that I am and all that I have

You have given me.

*I give it back to You to be disposed of ac-
cording to Your will.*

*Give me only Your love and Your grace;
with these I shall be rich enough.*

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE PLENARY COUNCIL?



Plenary Council
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

The first session of the Plenary Council was postponed until October 2021

because of Covid-19 restrictions.

Covid-19 restrictions have led to another
change. **It was due to be held in Adelaide**
but Plenary Council president Archbishop
Timothy Costelloe SDB said while Covid-19
travel restrictions might be lifted by the time
of the first assembly, ongoing social distanc-
ing requirements and questions around
flight schedules and costs were concerns.

So the Plenary Council will now be a multi-modal event with some sessions being held in small groups and others online.

"The first assembly will inevitably take on a
somewhat different flavour because of the
multi-modal format, but **the key principles of
prayer, of discernment and of renewal in
Christ remain central,**" the Archbishop
said.

"It is important to remember that the Plenary
Council is a years-long journey and that
there will be a second assembly in Sydney
in July 2022."

This Week : 2nd & 3rd January

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 B. Bullen

R.2 J. Ryan

E.M. E. O'Connell

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R1. P. Chigwidden

R2 S. Duong

E.M. P. O'Brien

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: D. Huppertz

R1 H. Harris

R2 L. Healey

E.M. A. Turner,



Next Week : 9th & 10th January

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 M. Farmer

R.2 C. Sutherland

E.M. M. Farmer

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator: W. Baker

R1. R. Klecko

R2 T. Hounslow

E.M. M. Ferguson

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: A. Fawkner

R1 C. May

R2 M. Mulvihill

E.M. S. Muller

MASS TIMES

- **Victor Harbor** - Weekends - Saturday 6.00pm; Sunday 11.00am. Weekdays - Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.00am
- **Goolwa** - Weekend - Sunday 9.00am. Weekday - Wednesday 9.30am

COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(Updated 14 December)

- Attendees at Mass must maintain social distancing of 1:2 sqm.
- Funerals are capped at 200 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- Weddings are capped at 200 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- No beverage or food consumption (ie cup of tea after Mass)
- Singing as a congregation is to be avoided.
- There should be no physical contact outside one's family or household group. There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- Every gathering must record contact details - either with the QR code for smart phones, or the handwritten log - both located at the entrance to the Church.
- Hand sanitizer is to be available at church entrance
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are encouraged not to attend.
- The obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage.

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• PARISH PRIEST

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• PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - ph 8552 1084 or catholicvhg@bigpond.com (All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening)

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And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The word 'epiphany' means 'manifestation' or 'showing'.
- The gifts brought by the Magi (probably astrologers from Persia) reveal many things about Jesus. The gold signifies his kingship, the frankincense, his priestly role, and the myrrh suggests the spices and ointment with which his body is anointed and wrapped at his death which brought salvation.
- You will note from the text that the number of Magi is not mentioned. A later tradition developed that there were three, probably based on the three gifts, and later still they were given names!
- In some countries and cultures gifts are given on this feast rather than on Christmas Day.

EXPLORING THE WORD

This is a wonderful story about who recognises Jesus and who does not. The Magi are from the East; they are not members of the chosen people of

God, and yet they recognise the signs of a momentous birth and set out to find the child. The king of the Jews, Herod, as well as the chief priests and scribes, the very people who should be looking for the Messiah, have not seen the signs. The positive and joyful response of the gentile Magi is contrasted with the opposite reaction from those who should have known better. The Magi fall in homage to a small child in an inconspicuous house. They have recognised the divine in the ordinary and bow before him as they would a king. In Matthew's community, many were struggling with the fact that the Jews reject the proclamation of the gospel while the gentiles accept it and come to faith in Christ.

SHARING THE TRADITION

This feast of the Epiphany originated in the Eastern Church and took hold in Rome some time during the fourth century. The main focus given to the feast was that of celebrating the coming to faith of the gentiles. Over time, the Magi of the gospel became the three kings of folklore and eventually even developed names: Balthasar, Melchior and Caspar. These three are often depicted as Asian, African and European, representing the three known continents of the time. What is important in this later development is that it retains the original meaning: that Christ came to all nations and is the salvation of all people who recognise him.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(04 - 10 January)

- **Monday, 4:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25)
- **Tuesday, 5:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44)
- **Wednesday, 6:** Weekday, Christmas Time (1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52)
- **Thursday, 7:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1 Jn 4:19 - 5:4; Lk 4:14-22)
- **Friday, 8:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16)
- **Saturday, 9:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30)
- **Sunday 10:** BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Is 55:1-11; 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11)

PASTORAL CARE

If you need a Priest for anointing of the sick or last rites contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).