



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

Second Sunday of Advent -
Year B

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

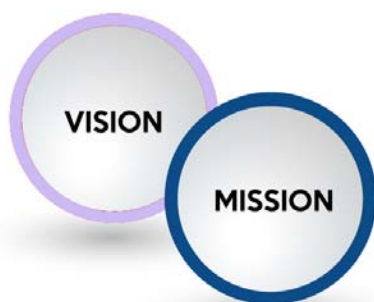
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

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 40:1-5, 9-11

‘Console my people, console them’ says your God.

‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for her crimes.’

A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God.’

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:9-14

*Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation.*

SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, ‘a day’ can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Perpare the way of the Lord, make
straight his paths: all people shall
see the salvation of God.*

Alleluia!

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Bulletin Board

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2020 PRAYER

INTENTIONS: DECEMBER

Prayer intention for evangelisation-

For a life of prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.



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

PASTORAL CARE GROUP

VICTOR HARBOR

The next meeting will be held on Saturday 12th December in the annex at 4.30pm.

ST JOAN'S MORNING TEA AFTER 11AM

MASS is now CANCELLED until further notice.

GOODBYE AND THANKS

Maria Von Holst and Peter and Helen Sampson who left Victor this week for Adelaide wanted to convey their thanks to our Parish Community for their good wishes and the friendship and support they experienced during their time here. They would love to see you if you come up to Adelaide.

Addresses and phone numbers are as follows:

Maria Von Holst

"St. Georges Court"

Unit 17/2 Murray Ave.

Magill SA 5072.

Phone: 0427 528 309

Peter and Helen Sampson

Unit 12, 22 Tod St.

Glenelg North 5045

Phone: 0427 795 503

FREE GAS HEATER

There is a gas heater in working condition available to anyone who wants it. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested. Phone 8552 1084

NEW COVID RESTRICTIONS

As of 1st December, 2020 it is mandatory for all public activities with a COVID-Safe plan to display their QR code which is displayed in the porch. The app can be downloaded for free, mySA GOV. It makes record keeping and contact tracing safe and easy. For those with a mobile phone: you will open your phone and camera, place it over the code and it will show at the bottom of your screen **"tap in to go to"** **"checkin.covid-19.sa.gov.org"** in your browser" this will open up the page to complete your name and mobile details. You can still write your details on the paper recording in the church if you don't have a mobile phone.

St Joan's capacity— Church - 34 people

Annex— 35 people Porch 6 people

St John's Church - 88 people

BOOKINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASSES

Due to the rapid change of Covid-19 regulations, you can now book to attend **next weekend Mass** by requesting your attendance after this weekend's Mass. The sheets will be in the porches of both Churches. If you miss out then you can book during the week through Pat Clingan on 0410 593 617 or Ray Klecko on 0438 364 870 (Victor Harbor) - Paul Kennelly on 0402 852 825 or John Dunthorne on 0437 515 144 (Goolwa). We are only doing the bookings one week in advance. We will inform you about Christmas Masses later. **Please follow the Encounter and the Parish web page.**

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Red wine raffle (15 bottles quality wine) available this week at 6pm Mass at Victor and 9am Mass at Goolwa. Just 35 tickets at \$10 each.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

We can help by bringing donations of non-perishable food to place in the Christmas boxes provided in the Annex and porches at both Churches. Thank you!!!

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Ludi Carle – Wednesday 2nd December (Apologies Ludi, we should have had you in last week!) Janet Murray Wednesday 9th December Birthday blessings to you both!!



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 Sajn, Brenna Schneideman, Peter Harris, Rhiannon Healey, Bette Higgins, Shane Johnson, Kevin O'Shaughnessy

ANNIVERSARIES

Andrew Cunningham, Frank Scriva

PARISH COLLECTION 28th & 29th November

(Presbytery) \$769.00
2nd (Parish) \$1,454.80

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

12th & 19th December

M. Davis & F. Harris

MORNING TEA

No morning tea until further notice

VICTOR MEET & GREET

December Saturdays

M. Farmer & D. McLaughlin

December Sundays

W. & J. Baker

ST JOAN'S CHOIR:

Practice time is 10.30am each Friday

GOOLWA MEET & GREET December

K. & A. Fawcner

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

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



RESPONSORIAL PSALM 2nd Sunday of Advent Yr. B

Lord, let us see Your kindness, and grant us Your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for His people.

His help is near for those who fear Him
and His glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before Him
and peace shall follow His steps



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Feast day 8th December



Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from

the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Blessed Pope Pius IX proclaimed on December 8, 1854: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin." —

Catechism of the Catholic Church



THE ADVENT WREATH Second Sunday FAITH



The second candle represents **faith**. It is called the "**Bethlehem Candle**" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

"Prepare the way of the Lord."
Will Jesus find His way into our hearts this Christmas?



WHICH ONE ARE WE?

From Pope Francis' new encyclical. The heart of "[Fratelli Tutti](#)" (Brothers and Sisters All) is Pope Francis' reflection on the **Good Samaritan**....



He invites us to enter into this Gospel parable. Christ's words to the scholar of the law are readdressed to us: "**Which of the persons do you identify with?...** Which of these characters do you resemble?" We face a fundamental choice. "Here, all our distinctions, labels and masks fall away: it is the moment of truth. **Will we bend down to touch and heal the wounds of others?**" *Fratelli Tutti*

SAINT AMBROSE

Feast Day 7th December (340 – 397)



St. Ambrose (340-397) was born at Treves in Gaul, the territory embracing modern France, Britain, Spain, and part of Africa. He studied in Rome and later became

governor of Liguria and Aemelia with residence at Milan. While supervising the election of a new bishop of Milan in 374, he himself was suddenly acclaimed the bishop. Only a catechumen at the time, he was ordained a priest and consecrated a bishop on December 7. He wrote much on the Scriptures and Fathers, preached a homily every Sunday, resisted the interference of secular powers with the rights of the Church, opposed heretics, and was instrumental in bringing about the conversion of St. Augustine. He composed many hymns, promoted sacred chant, and took a great interest in the Liturgy. *Catholic Culture*

Next Week : 5th & 6th Dec

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 L. Blacket

R.2 M. Farmer

E.M. E. O'Shaughnessy

C.R. E. O'Connell

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R1. P. O'Brien

R2 P Chigwidden

E.M A. Rose

C.R. R. Reid, P. Clingan

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: V. Scriva

R1 G. Byrne

R2 Michael Riddle

E.M. S. Muller



Next Week : 12th & 13th Dec

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 C. Sutherland

R.2 B. Bullen

E.M. E. O'Connell

C.R. J. Murray

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R1. T. Hounslow

R2 J. Randabel-Williamson

E.M P. Clingan

C.R. M. Klecko, T. Hounslow

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R1 J. McMahon

R2 M. Mulvihill

E.M. A. Turner

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

(Effective as at 1 December)

- Attendance for Mass is capped at 100 people, whilst maintaining 1:4 sqm.
- Funerals are capped at 150 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- Weddings are capped at 150 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 MANAGERS

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Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)
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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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GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the River Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

DID YOU KNOW?

- John the Baptist is a prominent figure in Mark's Gospel. In Luke's Gospel he is portrayed as a cousin of Jesus, however in the other gospels he seems not to know the identity of Jesus and no family connection is mentioned.
- John's clothing of homespun camel hair tied with a leather thong around the waist is the explicit garb of a prophet.
- God had called the people of Israel out of Egypt and led them across the River Jordan to be a new people. God, through John, is now calling for a new people by passing them through the waters of baptism in the same river.

EXPLORING THE WORD

The prophet Isaiah brought a message of hope and comfort to the people of Israel who were in exile in Babylon. Despite their failings, God is merciful

and has promised them a new beginning. John the Baptist appears in the line of that great prophet and again promises Israel the chance of a new beginning if they repent and turn again towards God.

The emphasis in Mark's portrait of the Baptist is very much that of the subordinate. John's self-effacing manner makes it clear that he is not the one who is promised, but the one who is to prepare the way. The emphasis in John's preaching is on judgment; for Jesus it is the Reign of God and salvation.

SHARING THE TRADITION

Mark's Gospel was the first to be written down, around the year 70AD. It is generally accepted that Mark wrote for an audience in Rome who were undergoing persecution for their faith. It is the shortest of the four gospels and is told in a lively and straightforward style. Mark seeks to explore the identity of Jesus, to describe the responses of various people to him and to invite us to become disciples.

In this opening verse of his gospel, Mark alerts his readers instantly to the identity of the main character. This work is the Good News about Jesus Christ who is Son of God.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(07 - 13 December)

- **Monday, 07:** St Ambrose (Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26)
- **Tuesday, 08:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Gen 3:9-15, 20; Rph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Wednesday, 09:** Wed of 2nd Week Advent (Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30)
- **Thursday, 10:** Thurs of 2nd Week Advent (Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15)
- **Friday, 11:** Friday of 2nd week of Advent (Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19)
- **Saturday, 12:** Saturday of 2nd week Advent (Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:10-13)
- **Sunday 13:** Third Sunday of Advent (Is 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thess 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28)

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).