

Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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• PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please forward items for the newsletter
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catholicvhg@bigpond.com)
(*All items for the newsletter must be received
no later than Wednesday evening*)

• PARISH TREASURER

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MASS CENTRES AND TIMES

• ST JOAN OF ARC

30 Seaview Road, Victor Harbor

MASS TIMES

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 11.00am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 11.00am - 11.30am

Saturday 5.30pm - 5.50pm

• ST JOHN THE APOSTLE

10-14 Gardiner Street, Goolwa

MASS TIMES

Sunday 9.00am

RECONCILIATION

Sunday 8.30am - 8.50am

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159
Cathy May (Goolwa - 0401 584 237)
Parish Office (Victor Harbor 8552 1084)



FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of
Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots:
on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a
spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit
of counsel and power, a spirit of
knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)
He does not judge by appearances, he
gives no verdict on hearsay, but
judges the wretched with integrity,
and with equity gives a verdict for the
poor of the land.
His word is a rod that strikes the
ruthless, his sentences bring death to
the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his
waist, faithfulness the belt about his
hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb, the
panther lies down with the kid, calf
and lion cub feed together, with a little
boy to lead them.

The cow and the bear make friends,
their young lie down together.

The lion eats straw like the ox.
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;
into the viper's lair the young child
puts his hand.

They do no hurt, no harm, on all my
holy mountain, for the country is
filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse shall stand
as signal to the peoples.

It will be sought out by the nations
and its home will be glorious.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

*Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.*

SECOND READING

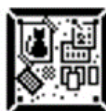
Romans 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago
in the scriptures was meant to teach us
something about hope from the
examples scripture gives of how
people who did not give up were
helped by God. And may he who helps
us when we refuse to give up, help
you all to be tolerant with each other,
following the example of Christ Jesus,
so that united in mind and voice you
may give glory to the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for
you to treat each other in the same
friendly way as Christ treated you.

The reason Christ became the servant
of circumcised Jews was not only so
that God could faithfully carry out the
promises made to the patriarchs, it
was also to get the pagans to give
glory to God for his mercy, as
scripture says in one place:

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

Barbara Bond, John Wallace,
Father John Langtry, Michelle L
Adrian and Margaret Langtry,
Brian Smallacombe,
Bailey Smallacombe, Margie Lloyd,
Russell Crichton, Bill Longworth,
Daniel Holliday, Mark & Lola Kelly,
Mary Davis, Claire Hamish,
Joan Pillion, Angelo Fantasia,
Dr. Will Tucker, Jane Lloyd,
Joseph Barry Kearsley,
West Family
ANNIVERSARIES
Andrew Cunningham

RECENTLY DECEASED

David Wark, Eileen Oates,
Mary Slattery

PARISH COLLECTION 30th November & 1st December

1st (Presbytery) \$1,029.50
2nd (Parish) \$1,2078.00

VICTOR MORNING TEA

15th & 22nd December
A. Williss, P. Clingan
29th Dec & 5th January 2020
A. Temme & M. Chalmers

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

14th & 21st December
G. Woodhead & H. Sampson
28th Dec & 4th Jan
W.&J. Baker & T. Lewis

VICTOR MEET & GREET

December Saturdays
M. Farmer, D. McLaughlan

December Sundays

M. Fracek, D. Taylor

ST JOAN'S CHOIR :

Practice time is 10.30am each

GOOLWA MORNING TEA

December

E. DeVries, D. McMahon, Ludy,
C. May, G. Silvester

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

December

K. & A. Fawknor

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2019 PRAYER INTENTIONS: DECEMBER.

Universal : The Future of the Very Young.

That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.



EXPLORING THE GOSPEL WITH

LECTIO DIVINA Is held each Sunday night at 6pm in the Annex.

CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY

We meet for Lectio Divina (Scripture Reflection) and meditation on Monday afternoons at 4.30 for 2019. Please contact Anne Weygood for details. 0429 653 844.

TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE

You are invited to our Taizé prayer service on the third Wednesday of each month. after the 9.30 Mass at Goolwa. The next service is December 18th.

ST JOAN'S PASTORAL CARE MEETING

The next meeting Is on Saturday 14th December at 4.30pm in the Annex

ST JOHN'S SOCIAL CLUB

The last meeting for the year will be held on 12th December at St. Johns at 1.30 pm. After the meeting we will have a few Christmas drinks and nibbles. All welcome.

CENTENARY CALENDARS ON SALE AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES.

Buy yours today. \$10.00 each !!

VINNIES' CHRISTMAS CARDS

are on sale in the foyer after Mass.
A pack of 10 cards costs \$5.00

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR ROSTER

There will be rosters in the porch at V.H. to write your availability for Christmas & New Year Masses. Any problems please see Mary Ferguson or telephone 8552 5747.



CHILDREN, PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS!!

MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS CRIB

Templates of the Christmas Crib are available after Mass for you to colour and construct your own crib.

HAVE YOUR CHRISTMAS CRIB BLESSED

If you would like to have your home Christmas Crib blessed and It is not too bulky bring it along to Mass on the weekend of the Fourth Sunday of Advent 22/23rd December and Father will bless it after Mass.

THE GOOLWA PAGEANT

will be held on Sunday 15th December. The InterChurch Group will be arranging a float to celebrate the birth of Christ.

CAROLS ON THE LAWN will be held on 22nd December at Church of Christ, corner of Porter St. and Wildman St. Goolwa From 7.30 pm. All welcome

MESSY CHURCH

The first meeting of Messy church at St. Johns was a big success attendance wise. Fifteen children attended with about 30 adults. Fr. Vinh attended with 2 other ministers from Christian Church's in Goolwa.

ST VINCENT de PAUL HAMPERS

Victor/Goolwa Vinnies sincerely thank all parish-ioners for their generous food donations over the last few weeks. The hampers will be much appreciated by our special Companion families.

Donations of non-perishable goods still needed and welcome up until Monday 16th.

If anyone can spare some time on **Tuesday morning 17th**

(half an hour or so) after 9am Mass for packing the hampers, it would be much appreciated by John, Wendy and our Hamper Team (Tea/ coffee/biscuits supplied for helpers!) **Thank you.**



SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

will be celebrated at the end of each Mass this weekend, **7th & 8th** December. Please prepare yourself to receive the grace of forgiveness and strength to endure our illnesses.



Anointing the sick

Bulletin Board



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

2nd Sunday of Advent

Justice shall flourish in His time, and fullness of peace for ever.

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.

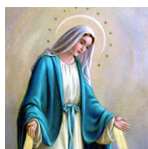
For He shall save the poor when they
cry
and the needy who are helpless
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor.

May His name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in Him,
all nations bless His name.



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Feast day 9th 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. 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*

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES DECEMBER 3RD

"It is necessary, to take care of and accompany people with disabilities in every condition of life, also making use of current technologies, so that they can actively and with dignity participate in both civil and ecclesial communities."
Pope Francis

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.



AN ADVENT PRAYER OVER MY TO-DO LIST

I sit here with my list, Lord, and I know I need help finding a balance. I am so looking forward to Christmas Day, with the family here, the company, the wonderful celebration. But, Lord, there is SO much to do! When will it all get done? How will I maintain any semblance of inner peace in this "peaceful" season? Help me rediscover the joy of simplicity, Lord. Help me to remember what I am celebrating. Help me to find it in my heart to call out, "Come, Lord Jesus."

SAINT LUCY

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Feast Day 13th December

St. Lucy, of a noble Greek family, was born and died in Sicily, where she was martyred. Impressed by her mother's miraculous cure at St. Agatha's shrine, Lucy made a vow of virginity and distributed her wealth to the poor. This so angered the unworthy youth to whom she had been unwillingly betrothed that he denounced her to the Governor of Sicily. After many attempts to kill her she was executed by the sword. Her name is mentioned in the First Eucharistic Prayer. *Catholic Culture, Franciscan Media*



KSC NEWS

Our November meeting was followed by a Christmas get-together with members' wives joining in with festive drinks and nibbles Thanks to all the ladies who did the catering. Thanks to Fran Hanna who completed our last session on the Plenary council. At this meeting the Knights donated \$250 to St. Vincent De Paul Society. There will be no meeting of the Knights in December.

This Week : 7th & 8th Dec

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 M. Farmer

R.2 B. Bullen

E.M. P. Harris, E. O'Shaughnessy

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : R. Klecko

R.1. W. Baker

R.2 P. Chigwidden

E.M P. Clingan, J. Baker,
K. Howard, M. Ferguson, P. O'Brien.

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: P. Kennelly

R1 J. McMahon

R2 D. McMahon

E.M. C. May, D. West, M. Ryan,
J. Ryan, S. Muller.



Next Week : 14h & 15th Dec

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 M. Farmer

R.2 J. Ryan

E.M. E. O'Connell, P. Harris

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : P. O'Brien

R.1. F. Hanna

R.2 S. Duong

E.M P. Clingan, M. Ferguson,
A. Weygood, L. Sunman, M. Von Holst

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R1 P. Burns

R2 J. McInnes

E.M. M. Ryan, D. Elliott, K. O'Shea,
C. Williams, D. Huppatz.

REGULAR MASS TIMES IN OUR CLUSTER CHURCHES

ALDINGA

Mary of Galilee, the First Disciple
cnr Quinliven and How Roads
Saturday 5.30pm
Tuesday 9.15am

GOOLWA

St John the Apostle, 10-14 Gardiner St
Sunday 9.00am
Wednesday 9.30am

KINGSCOTE

Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
cnr Todd and Giles Streets
Sunday 9.30am

NOARLUNGA

St Luke, the Evangelist,
cnr Honeypot Rd and Goldsmith Dve
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 9.00am
1st Sunday 11am (Spanish Mass)
2nd Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)
Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm
Monday 9.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Wednesday 7.30pm
Thursday 8.15am (St Luke's)
Thursday 9.15am (St John's - term time)
Friday 10.00am

NORMANVILLE

St Peter, Cape Jervis Road
1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 10.30am
2nd, 4th Sundays 8.30am
1st Friday
11.50am Adoration, 12.00 noon Mass

PENNESHAW

St Columba, North Terrace
(shared with Anglicans)
1st Sunday 3.15pm

SEAFORD

Seaford Ecumenical Mission,
Grand Bvd
Sunday 10.45am
Wednesday 9.15am

VICTOR HARBOR

St Joan of Arc, 30 Seaview Road
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 11.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Thursday 9.00am
Friday 9.00am
1st Friday Benediction following Mass

WILLUNGA

St Joseph, 12 St Judes Street
1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 8.30am
2nd, 4th Sundays 10.30am
Wednesday 9.00am
Thursday 9.00am
Friday 9.00am

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For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 3:4,6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: All people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

*A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.*

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

DID YOU KNOW?

- Luke's Gospel suggests that John the Baptist and Jesus were cousins,

but there is no hint of this in Matthew.

- John the Baptist was not alone in his criticism and rejection of the soft religious life in the cities of Palestine. There were others, too, who withdrew from what they saw as the corruption of the temple cult and retreated to the desert to live a life of prayer and asceticism. The best known of these groups were the Essenes of the Dead Sea region. It is likely that John was in some way associated with them.
- The Essenes established a community at Qumran on the shores of the Dead Sea. It was this community that left the wonderful legacy of the Dead Sea Scrolls, discovered in the 1940s. These scrolls have proven invaluable to scholars in throwing light on the religious practices of the day.
- Advent is a time in which we too are invited to withdraw a little in prayer and contemplation.

SHARING THE TRADITION

A prophet is one who speaks for God in a particular time and to a particular society. A prophet is not one who sees into the future but rather, looks critically at the present reality and reads the 'signs of the times'.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(09 - 15 December)

- **Monday, 09:** The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Tuesday, 10:** Tues 2nd week Advent (Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14)
- **Wednesday, 11:** Wed 2nd week Advent (Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30)
- **Thursday, 12:** Thur 2nd week Advent (Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15)
- **Friday, 13:** St Lucy (Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19)
- **Saturday, 14:** St John of the Cross (Sirach 48:2-4, 9-11; Mt 17:10-13)
- **Sunday 15:** THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT (Is 35:1-6, 10; James 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11)

PASTORAL CARE

If you (or someone you know) is house-bound, in hospital or in residential care and would appreciate a visit from a Priest or someone from the Parish, please let us know.

Contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).