



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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• PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please forward items for the newsletter
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(*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
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FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul
delights.

I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the
nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the
streets.

He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice; he
will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on
earth, for the islands are awaiting his
law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve
the cause of right; I have taken you
by the hand and formed you; I have
appointed you as covenant of the
people and light of the nations, to
open the eyes of the blind, to free
captives from prison, and those who
live in darkness from the dungeon.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*The Lord will bless his people with
peace.*

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-38

Peter addressed Cornelius and his

household: 'The truth I have now
come to realise' he said 'is that God
does not have favourites, but that
anybody of any nationality who fears
God and does what is right is
acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the
people of Israel, and it was to them
that the good news of peace was
brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus
Christ is Lord of all men. You must
have heard about the recent
happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of
Nazareth and how he began in
Galilee, after John had been
preaching baptism. God had anointed
him with the Holy Spirit and with
power, and because God was with
him, Jesus went about doing good
and curing all who had fallen into the
power of the devil.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The heavens were opened and the
Father's voice was heard: this is my
beloved Son, hear him.*

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to the
Jordan to be baptised by John. John
tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who
need baptism from you' he said 'and
yet you come to me!' (Continued page 4)



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, 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, Lyn McCabe.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Monsignor Jim O'Loughlin, Father S. McGearty, P. Burns, M. Lloyd.

PARISH COLLECTION
4th & 5th January

1st (Presbytery) \$1478
2nd (Parish) \$1897

VICTOR MORNING TEA
12th & 19th January

J & W. Baker
26th Jan & 2nd Feb
P. & H. Sampson

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER
11th & 18th January

W. & J. Baker
25th Jan & 1st Feb.
G. Woodhead & H. Sampson

VICTOR MEET & GREET
January Saturdays

M. Farmer & D. McLaughlin

January Sundays
D. Taylor & R. Reid

ST JOAN'S CHOIR :
Practice time is 10.30am each Friday

GOOLWA MORNING TEA
No morning tea for January

GOOLWA MEET & GREET
January A. Turner

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2020 PRAYER INTENTIONS: JANUARY
Evangelisation:
Promotion of World Peace



We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

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.

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY
Groups meet fortnightly on Thursday nights 7.00pm-9.00pm and Monday afternoons 2.00-4.00pm. Phone Rob & Jocelyne Randabel-Williamson on 0402 341 071.

TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE GOOLWA

You are invited to our prayer service on this **Wednesday 15th January** at St John's, Goolwa, 10.15 am with morning tea to follow.



KSC 45 CLUB
2020 Series is NOW OPEN and we ask that you once again participate by contacting Robert Lee in Goolwa or any member of the Knights in Victor Harbor. New members are welcome

KSC TRIBUTE TO PHIL BURNS
Our local branch is in deep grief and shock at the passing of our much respected secretary and treasurer Phil Burns. He has been an outstanding contributor to our local branch as well as at state level. We will miss his presence at our meetings greatly as he has been a leader for us for over 10 years now. Phil had resigned as secretary this year and his position has been taken by Mike O'Halloran. But he intended to continue as treasurer, and that is a position we will attempt to fill at our next meeting. Our deepest condolences go to Phil's wife Sue, and all his family.

The next meeting of the Knights will be held at Goolwa at 4.00pm on 16th January. At this time when solidarity is needed we hope for a very good attendance.

CENTENARY NEWS

LAUNCH OF OUR LIVING HISTORY BOOKLET THIS WEEKEND

This weekend we are launching our living history booklet. The booklet contains interviews of about 50 parishioners who share their lives and what their faith means to them. There is an introduction by Ray Klecko, Chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council and also articles that recount the life of St Joan of Arc, the history of St Joan's and St John's, the story of our pipe organ and Father Vinh's vision for our future. Thanks to Jocelyne and Rob Randabel-Williamson and the history team for their hard work. This is a very meaningful documentation of our parish life and **great value at only \$5.**

CENTENARY CALENDARS ON SALE AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES. A WONDERFUL MEMENTO OF OUR CURRENT PARISHIONERS AND PARISH GROUPS as well as birthdays throughout the year. Don't miss out. Buy yours today. \$10.00 each !!

BUSHFIRE PRAYER

Creator God. You breathe life into all things and make them holy, and we thank you.

Our land, our people, our fauna are suffering and we pray for rain. Please soak our land.



We pray for those who are enduring unimaginable injury and loss through fire. Bless them with deep comfort, consolation and hope. We pray for our heroic fire fighters. Cover them with your protection and bless them and their families.

We pray for our leaders. Inspire them with courage and wisdom needed for this time. Your people look to you with trusting hearts and the certainty of your love. With deep gratitude and longing, we ask you to hear our prayer. Amen.

BUSHFIRE DONATIONS

Father Philip Marshall has let us know that we can donate for the fire victims re Vinnie's website: www.vinnies.org.au/SABushfireAppeal or contact the St Vincent de Paul Office on 08 8113 8700. We have also sent away for envelopes for this Appeal. They will appear in the pews in the coming weeks. Thank you everyone.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court.

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.

The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.



SAINT ANTHONY, Abbott (b.(c)250 – d.356)

Feast Day 17th January

Anthony "the Great", the "Father of Monks", ranks with those saints whose life exercised a profound influence upon succeeding generations. He was born in Middle Egypt. One day while in church he heard the words of the Gospel: "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have, and give it to the poor" (Matt. 19:21) He sold his property, gave the proceeds to the poor, and went into the desert (about 270). St. Anthony lived in solitude for about twenty years. He died in 356 on Mount Kolzin by the Red Sea, 105 years old. A year later his friend, bishop and confessor St. Athanasius, wrote his biography.



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APPEAL FOR ROSARY BEADS

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Rosary bead collection. It is much appreciated. Further donations gratefully accepted.
Post to P. Dowd 123 Victoria St
Victor Harbor 5211

SAINT HILARY (310 – 367)

Feast Day 13th January

St. Hilary of Poitiers was one of the great champions of the Catholic belief in the divinity of Christ. By his preaching, his treatise on the Trinity, his part in the Councils, his daring opposition to the Emperor Constantius, he showed himself a courageous apostle of the truth. He could not tolerate that the specious plea of safeguarding peace and unity should be allowed to dim the light of Gospel teaching. Bl. Pius IX proclaimed him a doctor of the Church. –
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GOOLWA INTERCHUCH NEWS:

A young woman with church connections who has a job in Goolwa is seeking temporary accommodation in Goolwa while seeking permanent residency. Willing to pay board or rent. If you may be able to help please ring Mary Hawkes on 0407 234 643.

FUNERAL OF MARGIE LLOYD

Thank you to all who helped in any way with the funeral of Margie Lloyd. It was very much appreciated by her family and friends.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"YOU ARE MY BELOVED CHILD IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED"

The truth, even though I may not feel it right now, is that I am the chosen child of God, precious in God's eyes, called the Beloved from all eternity and held safe in an everlasting embrace.
Henri Nouwen, Dutch Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian.



DOING OUR PART to be a WELCOMING COMMUNITY

Over the holidays when we have more visitors than usual, please watch out for those who are looking for a seat. Often there is plenty of room if we all move along our pew. If you can see a seat further along point it out. We all know the feeling of arriving in a new church and feeling out of place.

Just a simple "Have I met you before" can open up a conversation where you are able to welcome a visitor or new parishioner. And a smile and a sharing of a hymn book can do wonders. So let each of us do our part do be a welcoming community.

This Week : 11th & 12th January

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 L. Blacket

R.2 C. Sutherland

E.M. M. Farmer, E. O'Shaughnessy

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : P. O'Brien

R.1. S. Duong

R.2 T. Hounslow

E.M R. Kuske, A. Rose,
L. Sunman, J. Baker, A. Weygood

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: M. O'Halloran

R1 D. McMahon

R2 J. McMahon

E.M. T. Siciliano, D. Huppertz,
D. West, C. May, S. Muller



Next Week : 18th & 19th January

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: F. Hanna

R.1 W. Baker

R.2 L. Blacket

E.M. J. Baker, E. O'Connell

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : P. O'Brien

R.1. A. Willis

R.2 J. Randabel-Williamson

E.M P. Clingan, M. Von Holst,
M. Ferguson, K. Howard,
M. Cunningham

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R1 J. McInnes

R2 K. O'Shea

E.M. A. Turner, A. Fawcner,
K. Fawcner, L. Healey, R. Austin

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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But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Jordan River runs the length of Israel, from north of the Sea of Galilee to the Dead Sea in the south, and is the lifeblood of the land.
- The exact site of the baptism of Jesus by John is unknown, but the traditional site is at el-Maghtas, about ten and a half kilometres north of the point where the river enters the Dead Sea.
- The word baptism comes from a Greek word meaning 'to plunge'.
- The first Christians were baptised by being plunged into running streams or rivers, following the practice of John. Later, large fonts were built in churches, and baptism of the faithful, usually adults, was by full immersion.

EXPLORING THE WORD

This text introduces Jesus in the first public moment of his adult life. It is significant that the public mission of Jesus begins with his baptism. He has made decisions about his future action, which begins with a long and arduous journey spanning the length of Israel from Galilee to the deep south. This is not a random act. Jesus makes that journey with a single purpose: 'to be baptised by John.' In light of Matthew's presentation of Jesus as the fulfillment and perfection of all that is good in Israel, the conversation between these two figures is fascinating. The Baptist

recognises Jesus' greater role in God's plan. He has played the part of the Old Testament prophet in preparing the way. Now that the main player has appeared on the stage, is it not fitting that the Baptist bows out of the action? But Jesus is aware of a bigger picture and insists that things remain as they are 'for the time being' so that the demands of righteousness can be satisfied. Both Jesus and John show an openness to accept God's plan, and in reward, God himself enters the story with words of affirmation and love for the Chosen One. Heaven and earth have met in the person of Jesus.

LIVING THE WORD

Like Jesus, every Christian enters the waters of baptism, or have them poured over them. The symbolism, especially apparent in the practice of full immersion, is that of the tomb. The person enters into the depths and darkness of the tomb and rises to a new life in Christ, symbolised by the white garment worn at baptism. This symbolism also recalls our physical birth from the waters of the womb. In baptism, we are reborn into the life of faith.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(13 - 19 January)

- **Monday, 13:** Weekday Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28)
- **Tuesday, 14:** Weekday Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39)
- **Wednesday, 15:** Weekday Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45)
- **Thursday, 16:** Weekday Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45)
- **Friday, 17:** St Anthony (1 Sam 8:4-7, 10-22; Mk 2:1-12)
- **Saturday, 18:** Weekday Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Mk 2:13-17)
- **Sunday 19:** 2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34)

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).