



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

Fourth Sunday of Advent -
Year B

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

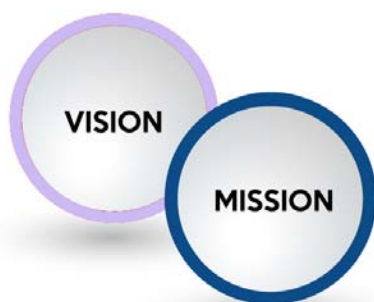
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

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

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest

from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever.'"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 88:2-5, 27, 29

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Romans 16:25-27

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen. *(Continued page 4)*



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

ST JOAN'S MORNING TEA AFTER 11AM

MASS is now CANCELLED until further notice.

SAFETY OFFICER

A vacancy currently exists on the Finance Committee for a **Safety Officer**. This is a **voluntary role**, which is well supported by the OHS Manager for the Adelaide Archdiocese. The Safety Officer is a person who is familiar with the church facilities and is the "eyes and ears" of the church in relation to ensuring safety. The role involves Membership of the Finance meetings. Risk Management and Hazard Identification as necessary. Annual site inspections and reporting.

For further information, please contact Helen Taylor 0448 473 310.

BIRTHDAYS



Helen Harris Monday 21st Dec
Chris Fitzpatrick Tuesday 22nd Dec
Anita Willis Wednesday 23rd Dec
Robin Reid Thursday 24th Dec
Jesus, Saviour, Friday 25th Dec

And in case we miss you next week
Geoff Chalmers Monday 28th Dec
Tony Siciliano Monday 28th Dec
Briony Curtis Wednesday 30th Dec
Have the best birthday ever!!!

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, William Yates.

PARISH COLLECTION 12th & 13th December

(Presbytery) \$786.00
2nd (Parish) \$1,326.10

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

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. Fawkner

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

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

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

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. This is **NOT** a guaranteed seat. 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. **Please follow the Encounter and the Parish web page**

SA ABORTION DEBATE

The abortion bill which allows for abortions up to full term with the consent of two doctors has been passed in the Upper House. The bill is likely to be debated in the House of Assembly in February.

Catholics are being urged to contact their local MPs, who will have a conscience vote in the Lower House.

As well we are asked to continue to pray for God's help particularly at this time when we celebrate the birth of Jesus. *Southern Cross*

KNIGHTS OF SOUTHERN CROSS

The winner of the wine raffle was John Dunthorne. Thank you to all who came to the readings and Christmas Carols, read and sung by members of our community and the Lutheran group. St John's choir excelled. Video available at goolwaconnect.onlinechurch and on You-tube.

CHRISTMAS DAY APPEAL FOR THE ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY

The collection for this appeal will be taken up at all Christmas Masses.

CHRISTMAS MASS ON CHANNEL 44

A short carols service and the midnight Mass will be aired from St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Channel 44 on Friday, 25th December at 11am. We hope this will bring joy to those who will not be able to attend services in person. Please share the news with family and friends or anyone you know would regularly tune into Mass on Channel 44.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM 4th Sunday of Advent, Yr. B

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of Your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim
Your truth.
Of this I am sure, that Your love lasts for
ever,
that Your truth is firmly established as the
heavens.

'I have made a covenant with my chosen
one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish Your dynasty for ever
and set up Your throne through all ages.'

He will say to me: 'You are my Father
my God, the rock who saves me.'
I will keep my love for Him always;
for Him my covenant shall endure.



YEAR OF ST JOSEPH HIDDEN WORKER

Pope Francis on 8th Dec. decreed a
special year dedicated to St. Joseph for the
global Catholic Church.



In the papal letter,
titled *PatriCorde* ("With
a Father's Heart"), Pope
Francis compares

Joseph, Jesus' foster father, to the many
unheralded essential workers keeping
society afloat in times of social distancing
and remote work.

"Each of us can discover in Joseph — the
man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet
and hidden presence — an intercessor, a
support and a guide in times of trouble,"
writes the Pope. "Saint Joseph reminds us
that those who appear hidden or in the
shadows can play an incomparable role in
the history of salvation." new letter de-
scribes Joseph as a father who was be-
loved, tender, obedient to God, accepting,
"creatively courageous," a hard-worker in
the shadows."

CathNews

CENTENARY VINES

Ten vines were planted to celebrate the
100th anniversary of St Joan's Church.
Please come as we bless them immedi-
ately after 11.00am Mass this Sunday.

THE ADVENT WREATH PEACE CANDLE

On the fourth Sunday of Advent, we light the
final purple candle to
mark the last week
of prayer and pen-
ance as we wait for
the birth of our Sav-
iour. *This final can-
dle, the "Angel's
Candle," symbolises
peace. It reminds us*
of the message of the angels: *"Peace on
Earth, Good Will to All."*



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 celebra-
tion. 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 celebrat-
ing. Help me to find it in my heart to call out,
"Come, Lord Jesus."

CHRISTMAS MASS ROSTER

GOOLWA: 24th December 4.30pm

Commentator: M. O'Halloran

R1 G. Byrne,

R2 J. McMahon

E.M. L. Healey, C. May, T. Siciliano

GOOLWA: 24th December 6.00pm

Commentator: V. Scriva

R1 A. Fawkner

R2 K. Fawkner

E.M. M. Glazewski, J. McInnes, M. Riddle

GOOLWA 25th December 8.30am

Commentator: P. Kennelly

R1 E. Bourne

R2 R. Lee

E.M. D. Huppertz, S. Muller, T. Siciliano

VICTOR HARBOR: 24th Dec. 7.30pm

Commentator: F. Hanna

R1 J. Tregeagle

R2 T. Hounslow

E.M. E. O'Shaughnessy, J. Jeffrey

VICTOR HARBOR: 25th December 10am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R1 T. Hounslow

R2 A. Rose

E.M. E. O'Connell, M. Taylor

This Week : 19th & 20th Dec

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 M. Farmer

R.2 L. Blacket

E.M. S. Duong

C.R. M. Tuckey

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R1. P. Chigwidden

R2 W. Baker

E.M. M. Cunningham

C.R. P. Chigwidden, M. Taylor

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: M. O'Halloran

R1 Marie Riddle

R2 Michael Riddle

E.M. C. Williams



Next Week : 26th & 27th Dec

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 S. Duong

R.2 L. Blacket

E.M. E. O'Shaughnessy

C.R. F. Hanna

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R1. A. Williss

R2 L. Sunman

E.M. J. Baker

C.R.

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: A. Fawkner

R1 E. Bourne

R2 K. O'Shea

E.M. M. Glazewski

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

(Current from 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 MANAGERS

Mr Ray Klecko (0438 364 870)
Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)
Email: Parish_manager@bigpond.com

• 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 ACCLAMATION

Lk 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High.

The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

DID YOU KNOW?

- This scene from the Gospel of Luke, where such a momentous exchange takes place, is known as the Annunciation, meaning the announcement of the conception of Jesus.
- From the time of the Exile in Babylon, Israel had longed for the Messiah to come. He was to be the anointed one of God and the prophets foretold that he would come from the House of David and be born in David's home town of Bethlehem.

- According to Luke's Gospel, Mary and Joseph live in Nazareth in the north and travel to Bethlehem to be counted in the census because Joseph is of David's line and must return to his 'home' country.

EXPLORING THE WORD

Annunciation stories are a regular literary form. There are a number of such stories in the Hebrew Scriptures; for example, the births of Isaac, Samson and Samuel and, of course, Luke has already recorded the annunciation of John the Baptist. The purpose of the annunciation story is to let the reader know what role the person whose birth is announced will play in salvation history. In this sense they are a device rather than a strictly historical narration, although clearly based on ancient memory.

In the annunciation of the birth of Jesus, however, there are elements which surpass all other annunciation stories. The emphasis is on the creative action of the Holy Spirit, Mary's cooperation with God's will, and it establishes Jesus' transcendental origins. The role that the child to be born is to play in salvation history is defined in terms of Davidic Messiahship and in this last Sunday of Advent we stand on the brink of the fulfilment of the promise made to Mary of messianic hope for the world. The tension of the waiting of Advent is almost over.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(21 - 27 December)

- **Monday, 21:** Mon 4th week Advent (Song 2:8-14, Lk 1:39-45)
- **Tuesday, 22:** Tues 4th week Advent (1 Sam 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56)
- **Wednesday, 23:** Wed 4th week Advent (Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66)
- **Thursday, 24:** Evening Mass of Christmas (2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Lk 1:67-79)
- **Friday, 25:** The NATIVITY of the LORD (Christmas Masses)
- **Saturday, 26:** St Stephen (Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22)
- **Sunday 27:** The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40)

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).