



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

The Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary and Joseph -

A living, vibrant  
faith community

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## VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

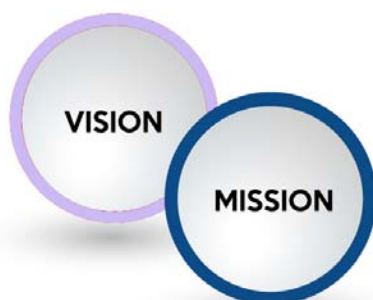
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

### 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

*Genesis 15:1-6;*

*21:1-3*

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great'.

'My Lord,' Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless ...' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir'. And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood'. Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 104:1-6, 8-9*

*The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.*

## SECOND READING

*Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19*

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in



spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Heb 1:1-2*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son.*

*Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*Luke 2:22-40*

"When the day came for them to be

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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

### THANK YOU



I wish to thank you all for your participation in our parish throughout the year. Your co-operation with Covid-19 Pandemic is much appreciated.

I also thank you for your Christmas wishes and gifts. I pray and hope that you have had a blessed and safe Christmas while we continue to celebrate "Emmanuel.... God is with us" Fr. Vinh



## A New Year is God's Gift

In the joyful moments

Thank Him

In the busy moments

Bless Him

In the trying moments

Trust Him

In the quiet moments

Praise Him

## 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

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### CREATION PRAYER

God our Father, you created the world and sent your own Son to live among us, made of the same stuff, breathing the same air, marvelling at sunrise and sunset just as we do.

Help us to participate in the life around and within us as your life, as you living in us and we living in you and in each other,.

God of love and life, restore us to your peace, renew us through your power and teach us to love all that you have created and to care for the earth as your gift and our home.

The Earth Community: In Christ through the Integrity of Creation

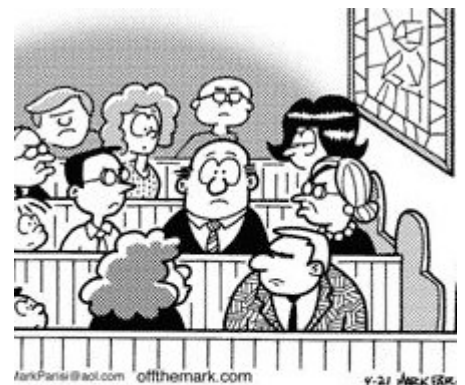


### SA ABORTION DEBATE

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*



### 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, Barry Wilks, Paula Collinson.

### ANNIVERSARIES

Jim Clingan, William Yates.

### PARISH COLLECTION 19th & 20th December

(Presbytery) \$837.15  
2nd (Parish) \$1139.80

### VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 26th December - 2nd January R. Munro, T. Clayton

### MORNING TEA

No morning tea until further notice

**VICTOR MEET & GREET**  
December & January Saturdays  
M. Farmer & D. McLaughlin  
December & January Sundays  
W. & J. Baker

### ST JOAN'S CHOIR:

Practice time is 10.30am each Friday

### GOOLWA MEET & GREET December

K. & A. Fawcner

### January

A. Turner

### ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

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





## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - Yr. B**

***The Lord remembers His covenant for ever.***

Give thanks to the Lord, tell His name,  
make known His deeds among the people.

O sing to Him, sing His praise;  
tell all His wonderful works!

Be proud of His holy name,  
let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.  
Consider the Lord and His strength;  
constantly seek His face.

Remember the wonders He has done,  
His miracles, the judgements He spoke.  
O children of Abraham, His servant,  
O sons of the Jacob He chose.



## THE HOLY FAMILY

**Feast Day 27th December**

Scripture tells us practically nothing about the first years and the boyhood of the Child Jesus. All we know are the facts of the sojourn in Egypt, the return to Nazareth, and the incidents that occurred when the twelve-year-old boy accompanied his parents to Jerusalem. In her liturgy the Church hurries over this period of Christ's life. The general breakdown of the family, however, at the end of the past century and at the beginning of our own, prompted the popes, especially the far-sighted Leo XIII, to promote the observance of this feast with the hope that it might instil into Christian families something of the faithful love and devoted attachment that characterize the family of Nazareth. The primary purpose of the Church in instituting and promoting this feast is to present the Holy Family as the model and exemplar of all Christian families. *Catholic Culture*



## POPE FRANCIS ON FAMILIES

*Dear families, you know very well that the true joy which we experience in the family is not superficial; it does not come from material objects, from the fact that everything seems to be going well.....*  
***True joy comes from a profound harmony between persons, something which we all feel in our hearts and which makes us experience the beauty of togetherness, of mutual support along life's journey.***



***But the basis of this feeling of deep joy is the presence of God, the presence of God in the family and His love, which is welcoming, merciful, and respectful towards all. And above all, a love which is patient: patience is a virtue of God and He teaches us how to cultivate it in family life, how to be patient, and lovingly so, with each other. To be patient among ourselves. A patient love."***

## PRAYER FOR FAMILIES



May our families be protected from harm, misfortune and sadness.

May we enjoy the privilege of spending time together to share joy, celebrate happy occasions and to be there for each other when there is need for comfort.

May good health prevail and may there be ever-present faith in God's mercy and grace.

We thank God for His many blessings and we remember those who are less fortunate than we are.

Help us to open our hearts to their need.



## This 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.** A. Rose, B. Bond

**GOOLWA Sunday 9am**

**Commentator:** A. Fawkner

**R1** E. Bourne  
**R2** K. O'Shea  
**E.M.** M. Glazewski



## Next 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  
**C.R.** M. Tuckey

**VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am**

**Commentator:** R. Klecko

**R1.** P. Chigwidden  
**R2** S. Duong  
**E.M** P. O'Brien  
**C.R.** R. Reid, P. Clingan

**GOOLWA Sunday 9am**

**Commentator:** D. Huppertz

**R1** H. Harris  
**R2** L. Healey  
**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

(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.

## VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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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](mailto:catholicvhg@bigpond.com) (All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening)

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purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord - observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected - and a sword will pierce your own soul too - so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of

Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

## EXPLORING THE WORD

All four characters in today's gospel are devout and observant Jews, faithfully waiting for the fulfilment of the promises made to Israel. But the time of waiting has come to an end. In many ways, Simeon's words are universal, representing the whole of Israel's wait: 'Now Lord, you can let your servant go in peace ... because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all nations.' Likewise, Anna proclaims to all Jerusalem the identity of this child. Both point to Jesus as the visitation of God, not only to those traditionally seen as the people of God but to all the nations. The salvation brought is universal. Mary's 'yes' to God's plan has brought fulfilment of the promise, but still she is left wondering what that will mean in the future.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(28 December - 3 January)

- **Monday, 28:** The Holy Innocents (1 Jn 1:5 - 2:2; Mt 2:13-18)
- **Tuesday, 29:** 5<sup>th</sup> day in the Octave of the Nativity (1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35)
- **Wednesday, 30:** 6<sup>th</sup> day in the Octave of the Nativity (1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40)
- **Thursday, 31:** 7<sup>th</sup> day in the Octave of the Nativity (1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18)
- **Friday, 01:** MARY, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD (1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51) Num 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
- **Saturday, 02:** Sts Basil the Great and Gregory (1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28)
- **Sunday 03:** The EPIPHANY of the LORD (Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12)

## 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).