

Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A
FIRST 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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(*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 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of
Amoz, concerning Judah and
Jerusalem.

In the days to come the
mountain of the Temple of
the Lord shall tower above
the mountains and be lifted
higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to
it, peoples without number
will come to it; and they will
say:

‘Come, let us go up to the
mountain of the Lord, to
the Temple of the God of
Jacob that he may teach us
his ways so that we may
walk in his paths; since the
Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from
Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the
nations and adjudicate between
many peoples; these will hammer
their swords into ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.
Nation will not lift sword against
nation, there will be no more
training for war.
O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9

*Let us go rejoicing to the house
of the Lord.*

SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

You know ‘the time’ has come: you
must wake up now: our salvation is
even nearer than it was when we
were converted. The night is almost
over, it will be daylight soon – let us
give up all the things we prefer to do
under cover of the dark; let us arm
ourselves and appear in the light. Let
us live decently as people do in the
daytime: no drunken orgies, no
promiscuity or licentiousness, and
no wrangling or jealousy. Let your
armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘As it was
in Noah’s day, so will it be when the
Son of Man comes. For in those days
before the Flood people were eating,
drinking, taking wives, taking
husbands, right up to the day Noah
went into the ark, and they suspected
nothing till the Flood came and
swept all away.

It will be like this when the Son of
Man comes. Then of two men in the
fields one is taken, one left; of two
women at the millstone grinding, one
is taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not
know the day when your master is
coming. You may be quite sure of
this that if the householder had
known at what time of the night the
burglar would come, he would have
stayed awake and would not have
allowed anyone to break through the
wall of his house.

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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

Dorothy Higgins,
Andrew Cunningham

RECENTLY DECEASED

Angelo Falco, David Wark,
Eileen Oates

**PARISH COLLECTION
23rd & 24th November**

1st (Presbytery) \$1,079.20
2nd (Parish) \$1,518.20

**VICTOR MORNING TEA
1st & 8th December**

L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden
15th & 22nd December
A. Williss, P. Clingan

**VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER
7th December**

R. Reid & B. Murray
14th & 21st December
G. Woodhead & H. Sampson

**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. Fawkner

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.

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

KSC CHRISTMAS WINE RAFFLE will

open next Sunday at both Mass centres. \$10 a ticket for 1 doz. red wine, and what a great time of the year to be the lucky winner. Good luck.

PASTORAL CARE MEETING The next

meeting at Victor Harbor is on Saturday 14th December at 4.30pm in the Annex

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS.

Boxes available in the foyers of both Churches for non-perishable goods. Thank you.



IAN REID'S ashes will be interred on Sunday 8th December after the 11am Mass.

WELCOME to Tony Agius who has joined the Parish Financial Council as the Occupational, Health and Safety Officer.

SACRAMENT OF ANNOINTING will be celebrated at the end of Mass on the weekend of **7th & 8th** December.

ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB CHRISTMAS TEA



Come and enjoy a Christmas meal on Friday

December 6th at 5.30pm for 6pm in the Annex.

Cost: \$15 per person, BYO drinks and your own glass. Bring a \$5.00

wrapped gift, male for male, female

for female. **R.S.V.P.**

Colleen Pearsons 8552 2645/

0405 634 744 or Pat Clingan

0410 593 617

THE LUTHERAN ADVENT TEA with singing and quizzes will be held at St John's Goolwa on Sunday 1st December at 6pm. RSVP to Pauline Bence on 0409 570 122.

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

HIGHLIGHTS FROM PPC MEETING 27th Nov

Plaque for Athalea Negotiations between Paul Kennelly and James Stewart have begun.

Centenary preparations are well in hand. Meredith has been sending reports to *The Times* and updating foyer notice boards with general progress reports. Meredith is also organising a display in the library for before and after the Centenary.

History book will be out early in December. Contains history from St John's as well as St Joan's

Leadlight Windows: Mark reported that the drawings are finished. Ray, Meredith and Fran helping to sort out glass.

Messy Church: Father attended this at St John's on Sunday 12 Children 20 Adults. Short prayer service. Activities, Meal. Definitely meeting a need.

Father's birthday Father was appreciative of support shown by Parish on his birthday. He sees it as a vote of confidence in his ministry in the parish..



RESPONSORIAL PSALM 1st Sunday of Advent

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
Let us go to God's house.
And now our feet are standing
Within your gates, O Jerusalem.

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of
judgement
of the house of David.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls
in your palaces, peace!

For love of my brethren and friends
I say: 'Peace upon you!'
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good.



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER (1506-1552) Feast Day 3rd December



Francis Xavier was ordained a priest in Venice in 1537 after working with Ignatius of Loyola's Society of Jesus for 3 years. After ordination

Xavier travelled for 10 years to Lisbon, the East Indies and Goa in India, always helping the ill and impoverished. He ministered in Malaysia and then Japan, where he died. His remains are enshrined in the Church of Good Jesus in Goa. *Franciscan Media*

Lord I am here; what do you want me to do. Send me anywhere you like.
St Francis

CHRISTMAS LETTER

There are 130 letters to our parishioners who do not join us often for Mass. I have divided them in to 27 groups. Please volunteer to deliver these letters to their homes during the next two weeks. *Father Vinh*

THE ADVENT WREATH First Sunday HOPE

The first candle, which is purple, symbolises *hope*. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah. What are we hoping for this Christmas?

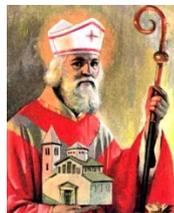


POPE FRANCIS AND HOPE Nagasaki 24th November

We cannot become resigned in the face of evil in any of its forms
"Rather, we are called to be a leaven of Christ's Kingdom wherever we find ourselves: in the family, at work or in society at large," he said. "We are to be a little opening through which the Spirit continues to breathe hope among peoples."

SAINT AMBROSE (340-397)

Feast Day 7th December



He was born at Treves in Gaul, a territory which embraced modern France, Britain, Spain, and part of Africa. After study in Rome he was later governor of Liguria and Aemelia. In 374 while still a

Catechumen he was ordained a priest and consecrated a bishop on 7th December. He resisted interference by secular powers with the rights of the Church, opposed heretics, and was instrumental in St Augustine's conversion. *Catholic Culture*

It is not from your own goods that you give to the beggar; it is a portion of his own that you are restoring to him. The Earth belongs to all. St Ambrose

PLENARY COUNCIL

Would you like to participate in the current

Listen and Discern

phase of the Plenary Council? Sessions of approximately an hour will be held at:



GOOLWA: Wed 4th December

after Mass and at 7pm in the evening.

PLEASE RING OR TEXT FRAN HANNA ON 0415 124 010 IF YOU ARE GOING TO ATTEND THE 7PM SESSION. THANKS.

This Week : 30th Nov & 1st Dec

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 L. Blacket

R.2 M. Farmer

E.M. E. O'Connell, C. Sutherland

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : P. O'Brien

R.1. A. Willis

R.2 T. Hounslow

E.M L. Sunman, P. Clingan, M. Cunningham, M. von Holst, A. Weygood.

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: D. Huppatz

R1 L. Longworth

R2 B. Longworth

E.M. C. Williams, A. Turner, T. Siciliano, M. Glazewski, J. McInnes



Next 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 M. Cunningham, 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.

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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Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

EXPLORING THE WORD

Matthew's Gospel is written for a mostly Jewish audience who had converted to Christianity. Because of this Jewish background, Matthew often uses images and incidents from the Hebrew Scriptures or Old Testament, with which his community is very familiar. For Matthew, Jesus is the fulfilment of the prophecies of old, and the Messiah who has long been awaited. In this text, Jesus twice uses the title 'Son of Man' to describe himself. It is an ambiguous term because it can simply mean a human being but is also used in the Hebrew Scriptures to refer to the one who will be judge and saviour of all.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Advent is a four week season of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. The word 'advent' means coming. Advent takes up this theme in looking forward to the coming of Christ at Christmas, and especially in looking towards the future coming of Christ at the end times.
- The early church believed that the second coming of Christ—the Parousia—was imminent. It could happen at any moment.
- The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the church's liturgical year.
- This is Year A of the liturgical calendar, during which the Lectionary readings come predominantly from the Gospel of Matthew.

SHARING THE TRADITION

The celebration of a feast to honour the birth of Jesus did not emerge in the West until the fourth century. Scholars generally note that by ad 336, such a feast was in place and celebrated in Rome on 25 December. This comparatively late development of a feast to celebrate the birth of Christ may seem surprising to contemporary Christians, for whom

Christmas is so central. However, we must remember that the earliest Christians expected the glorious return of Christ in their own lifetimes. It was only with time and an obvious delay to the Second Coming that such a feast could emerge. Furthermore, time provided the opportunity for a greater and more mature theological reflection on the mysteries of the incarnation and the Second Coming.

Advent, as a period of preparation for the feast of Christmas, developed later still. There is no evidence of such a preparatory time in Rome until well into the sixth century. It was Pope Gregory the Great (ad 590–604) who established a four-week liturgical preparation for Christmas, but the eschatological (end-time) themes of the Second Coming were not established until the Middle Ages.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

Advent has a past, present and future dimension. We look back to the events of Bethlehem when Christ first entered the world; we reflect on Christ's presence today, and we look forward with joy to the future coming of Christ. Today's gospel reminds us that we must be ready for that coming.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(02 - 08 December)

- **Monday, 02:** Monday 1st week Advent (Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11)
- **Tuesday, 03:** St Francis Xavier (Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24)
- **Wednesday, 04:** Wednesday 1st week Advent (Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37)
- **Thursday, 05:** Thursday 1st week Advent (Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27)
- **Friday, 06:** Friday 1st week Advent (Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31)
- **Saturday, 07:** St Ambrose (Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 6-8)
- **Sunday 08:** 2nd SUNDAY of ADVENT (Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12)

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).