



Welcome to Catholic Community of Victor Harbor and Goolwa

(Part of the Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Cluster of Catholic Parishes)



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

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VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Charles Gauci (involved in another ministry in 2017)

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Fr Vinh Tran (phone 8552 1084 - in emergency - mob 0429 098 802)

PARISH MANAGER

Mr Kevin Rucioch (mob 0499 005 714)

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - ph 8552 1084, fax 8552 3439 or catholicvhg@bigpond.com)
(*All items for the newsletter must be received no later than Wednesday evening*)

PARISH TREASURER

Mrs Margaret Meade

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

(*1st Sunday of the month - Family Mass*)

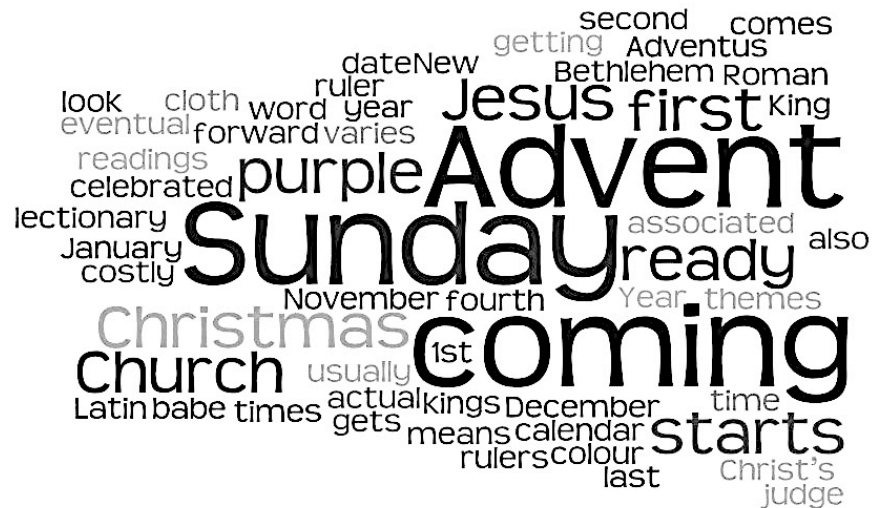
RECONCILIATION

Sunday 8.30am - 8.50am

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

Child Safe contacts - Kevin Rucioch (0499 005 714) or Ian Reid (8552 4329)



FIRST READING

Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, 'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down! – at your Presence the mountains would melt.

No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL

Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and

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Bulletin Board

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Julie Bradley, Barbara Bond,
Father John Langtry, Rosemary
Powell, Susan Anderson, Peter
Turner, Mary & Bob Davis, Donald
Telford, Rosemary Scholefield,
Angelo Falco, Vicki Sullivan,
Valerie Londrigan, David Wark,
Shirley & Ray Harrison,
Daniel Holliday, Tania Capogreco,
Maggie Smith, Bob Healey,
Duncan Kaye, Jennifer Luistro,
Helen Haylock, John Wallace,
Adrian Langtry, Judith Murphy,
Jenny Winchester.

ANNIVERSARIES

Helen Mawdsley

RECENTLY DECEASED

Lyall Marchant, John Hardy,
Syd West, Paul Van Toorenburg,
Len de Brenni

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2017 PRAYER

INTENTIONS: DECEMBER - The Elderly :
That the elderly, sustained by families and
Christian communities, may apply their wis-
dom and experience to spreading the faith
and forming the new generations.

REFLECTIONS FOR ADVENT

Instead of the regular Gospel Exploration on
Sunday nights, there will be reflections during
the four Sundays of Advent. All welcome to
come and meet at 7.00 pm in the annex.

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY

Groups meet fortnightly on Thursday nights
(mixed). 7.00pm-9.00pm and Wednesday
(women) 1.30pm-3.30pm. Phone Rob &
Jocelyne Randabel-Williamson for more
information. 0402 341 071.

CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY

We meet for Lectio Divina (Scripture
Reflection) and meditation on Monday
evenings for 2017. Anyone is welcome.
Please contact Anne Weygood for details.
0429 653 844.

INTERCHURCH SERVICE

The next combined Christian Church Service
will be held on Wednesday 6th December at
6.00pm in the Anglican Hall, Goolwa.

PARISH CHRISTMAS LETTER

Our Parish Christmas letter is ready to be
distributed to those who are not often at Mass
each weekend. If you are interested to help
the distribution to those who live near your
home, please leave a message at the Parish
office. Each person will have 10 -15 letters to
deliver.

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

During this month of all souls we pray for all
members of our order in the Southern
Fleurieu Branch who have passed away. May
perpetual light shine on them Lord, and
eternal rest be granted to them.

- ◆ 10th December Goolwa Pageant.
Please speak to Paul if you can help
with members' mobility

The final 45 Club draw took place last week-
end. The Knights of the Southern Cross thank
all participants for their contributions which
have enabled us to assist the several organi-
sations which we support. The next draw will
be in February and I will be taking names in
the New Year.

PARISH PRIEST APPOINTMENT

Archbishop Wilson has announced the appoint-
ment of Fr. Vinh as our parish priest effective
from January 20/21st 2018. **Congratulations
Father Vinh !!** A farewell for Fr. Charles will
be held in January - details to follow.

ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB CHRISTMAS TEA

This will be held on Friday
8th December 5.30pm for
6pm. \$10 each. BYO
drinks. Bring \$5.00 gift,
wrapped for male or female.
All welcome.



RSVP: Colleen Pearsons 8552 2645 or Pat
Clingan 0410 593 617 by Monday 4th Dec.

"NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS"

An ecumenical service of carols and readings
will be held at St. Joan's on Friday 15th Decem-
ber at 7.00pm. You are invited to take part in
this special celebration with other Christian
churches.

"MY BIRTHDAY - THANK YOU"

The best part of my birthday celebrations was to
bring the parish together. Thank you to each
one of you who helped me to celebrate my
"60th", with 75 birthday cards and best wishes.
Most of you were "naughty" by giving me gifts
and cash. However the "red fruit juice" is
acceptable. Thank you - Fr. Vinh.

NEW SETUP OF OUR PARISH WEBSITE

Thank you to Gael Maloney (our website man-
ager) who has updated our parish website with
an attractive and modernised look. It now in-
cludes a children's page where we upload their
work, such as their colouring in pages. Please
visit at <www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au>.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2017.

Your donation will enable your
local St Vincent de Paul Confer-
ence to immediately assist the
needy members of our communi-
ties. Please support this appeal
because **NOBODY SHOULD GO HUNGRY AT
CHRISTMAS**



PICTURES OF YOUR DECEASED FAMILY

Thank you to all who put pictures of your
deceased family on the banners in our
Sanctuaries. Could you please remove them
as we move to the Advent Season

BRING & SHARE TABLE

We are starting a new Bring and Share Table in
the foyer at St Joan's to complement our table
in the Annex. The Goolwa table continues to
flourish.

PARISH COLLECTION 25th & 26th November

1st (Presbytery)	\$1147.60
2nd (Parish)	\$1513.20

VICTOR MORNING TEA ROSTER

3rd December
J. & R. Randabel-Williamson
10th & 17th December
R. & I Reid

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER December 8th

B. Munday & R. Kuske
15th & 22nd December
M. Farmer, C. Pearsons

VICTOR MEET & GREET December Saturdays

M. Farmer
December Sundays
M. Fracek & J. Baker

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

GOOLWA MORNING TEA ROSTER

December
E. DeVries, D. McMahon, Loudi,
C. May

GOOLWA MEET & GREET December

K. & A. Fawkner

ST JOHN'S CHOIR: Practice
Tuesdays 2.30pm . Contact
Athalea 8555 2165



PSALM FOR 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

Lord, make us turn to You; let us see Your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from Your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up Your might,
O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine Your right hand has planted.

May Your hand be on the man You
have chosen,
the man You have given Your
strength.

And we shall never forsake You again:
give us life that we may call upon Your
name.

Lord, make us turn to You: let us see Your face and we shall be saved.

ST NICHOLAS

Feast Day 6th December

St Nicholas (270-343) is popularly known as Santa Claus, but he was an actual Bishop from Turkey. Although his family was wealthy, he was kind and generous. Once he secretly threw bags of gold into a poor man's house, helping the daughters to get married. This is why children still wait for St Nicholas' secret gifts today. St Nicholas loved Jesus very much and was a faithful servant of God.

ST JOHN DAMASCENE

Feast Day 4th December (676 -749)

John spent most of his life in the monastery of Saint Sabas, near Jerusalem, and all of his life under Muslim rule, indeed, protected by it.

John defended the Church's understanding of the veneration of images and explained the faith of the Church in several other controversies. For over 30 years, he combined a life of prayer with these defences and his other writings. His holiness expressed itself in putting his literary and preaching talents at the service of the Lord.

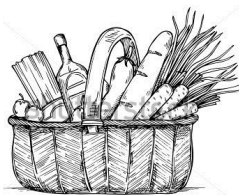
(Excerpt:franciscanmedia)

ST VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Vinnies volunteers along the South Coast work to re-store hope and help re-build the lives of very many families and individuals.

Assistance covers 365 days a year.

To help with the Christmas Hampers, which will be packed and distributed about a week before Christmas, boxes have been placed in both Churches to receive donations of non-perishable groceries.



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Feast Day 8th December.

In 1854, Pope Pius IX's solemn declaration, "Ineffabilis Deus," clarified with finality the long-held belief of the Church that Mary was conceived free from original sin.

Mary was granted this extraordinary privilege because of her unique role in

history as the Mother of God. That is, she received the gift of salvation in Christ from the very moment of her conception.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a time to celebrate the great joy of God's gift to humanity in Mary, and to recognize with greater clarity, the truth that each and every human being has been created by God to fulfill a particular mission that He and only He can fulfill.

(Excerpt:catholic news agency)



THE ADVENT WREATH

The wreath is the liturgical symbol of Advent.

It is composed of four candles – three purple and one pink. The colour purple is a penitential colour. The Advent candles point to Jesus, the light of the world.

Each Sunday during Advent a purple candle is lit with the exception of the third Sunday of Advent when a pink candle is lit on Gaudete (rejoice) Sunday. The first purple candle is named as "the prophecy candle, or candle of hope."



This Week : December 2nd & 3rd

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: B. Munday

R.1 C. Sutherland

R.2 R. Walsh

E.M. D. McLaughlin, R. Kuske

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : P. O'Brien

R. 1 A. Willis

R.2 L. Sunman

E.M. K. Rucioch, R.& I. Reid, M. Ferguson, A. Weygood

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: M. O' Halloran

R.1 Children

R.2 Children

E.M. L. Healey, B. Longworth, C. May, J. McMahon



Next Week : December 9th & 10th

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 M. Farmer

R.2 V. Wyld

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

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : M. Ferguson

R. 1 A. Weygood

R.2 P. Chigwidden

E.M. K. Rucioch, M. Cunningham, V. Salmon, R. Kuske, K. Howard

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R.1 P. Kennelly

R.2 R. Lee

E.M. S. Muller, K. Milne, M. Ryan, M. O'Halloran, J. Ryan.

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, 3rd Sundays 11am (Spanish Mass)
2nd Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)
Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm
Monday 9.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Tuesday 1st week 9.00am and 9.45am
(later Mass followed by Tuesday Chats)
Wednesday 7.30pm
Thursday 9.00am (St John's School)
Friday 10.00am

NORMANVILLE

St Peter, Cape Jervis Road
1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 10.30am
2nd, 4th Sundays 8.30am
1st Friday 6.00pm

PARNDANA

2nd, 4th Sunday 3.00pm

PENNESHAW

St Columba, North Terrace
(shared with Anglicans)
1st Sunday 2.00pm

SEAFORD

Seaford Ecumenical Mission,
Grand Bvd
Sunday 10.45am
Wednesday 9.00am

VICTOR HARBOR

St Joan of Arc, 30 Seaview Road
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 11.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Thursday 9.00am
Friday (other than 1st) 9.00am
1st Friday 11.30am

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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left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Advent is a four-week season of preparation for Christmas. During this time we reflect on the coming of Christ into human history as a small baby, the coming of Christ at the end of time and the coming of Christ into our own lives each day. Thus Advent has a past, present and future dimension.

- The season of Advent is the beginning of the Church's liturgical year. The Church's liturgical year follows a three-year cycle and we move today into the second of those, Year B. The gospel readings for this year come predominantly from the Gospel of Mark.

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 336 AD 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 early 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 (590–604 AD) who established a four-week liturgical preparation for Christmas but the eschatological (end times) themes of the Second Coming were not established until the Middle Ages.

‘Advent has a two-fold character—as a season of preparation for Christmas when Christ's coming in history is remembered; and as a season when that first coming directs the mind and heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time’ (General Norms of the Liturgical Year).

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(4 - 10 December)

- **Monday, 4:** Monday of 1st week Advent (Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11)
- **Tuesday, 5:** Tuesday of 1st week Advent (Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24)
- **Wednesday, 6:** Wednesday of 1st week Advent (Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37)
- **Thursday, 7:** St Ambrose (Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27)
- **Friday, 8:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Saturday, 9:** Saturday of 1st week Advent (Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 6-8)
- **Sunday 10:** Second Sunday of Advent (Is 40:1-5m 9-11; 2 Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8)

THE YEAR OF YOUTH

Celebrate Youth
The Life You're Living
YEAR of YOUTH 2018

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).