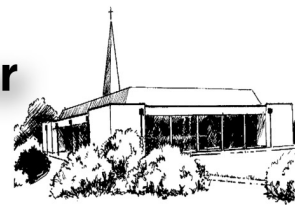




Welcome to Catholic Community of Victor Harbor and Goolwa

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



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

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Facsimile: 8552 3439
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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

PRIEST ADMINISTRATOR
Fr Charles Gauci (phone 8382 1717)

PRIEST
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 UNIT

Sally Wellington (Manager)
Phone: 8210 8268



FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together, with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand.

They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

SECOND READING

Romans 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Bulletin Board

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Julie Bradley, Barbara Bond,
Mark Kelly, Father John Langtry,
Leo Langtry, Paul Cullen, Frank
Refchange, Pat Proctor, Kevin
Walz, Rosemary Powell, Patricia
Sloan, Susan Anderson, Doris
Donald, Kathleen Tiltman, Sue
Butler, Pat Rodgers, Peter Turner,
Judith Murphy, John Slagter, Bob
Davis, Margaret Milte, Donald
Telford.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Leo Ryan

PARISH COLLECTION

26th & 27th November

1st (Presbytery) \$1,100.60

2nd (Parish) \$1,492.90

VICTOR MORNING TEA ROSTER

December 11th & 18th

J. & W. Baker

December 25th Christmas Day

No morning tea

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

December 2nd - 9th

M. Davis, F. Harris

December 16th—23rd

B. Munday, R. Kuske

VICTOR MEET & GREET

December Saturdays

L. & M Peake & M. Farmer

December Sundays

H. Sampson, F. Harris

ST. JOAN'S CHOIR

Practice time is at 10.30am each

Friday in the Church

GOOLWA MORNING TEA

ROSTER

December

E. De Vries, D. McMahon, Loudi

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

December

K. & A. Fawknor

ST. JOHN'S CHOIR

Practice is held at 3.00 p.m. every
Tuesday. For details contact
Athalea 8555 2165

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2016 PRAYER

INTENTIONS - End of Child-Soldiers: *that
the scandal of Child-Soldiers may be eliminat-
ed the world over.*

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY

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

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL

Deepen your understanding of the Sunday
Gospel at 7.00pm – 8.00pm each Sunday in
the Annex, Victor Harbor. All welcome.

CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY

We meet for Lectio Divina (Scripture
Reflection) and meditation on Monday
evenings for 2016. Anyone is welcome.
Please contact Anne Weygood for details
0429 653 844.

ST. JOAN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP

**Please note this group will be in recess
until Tuesday 7th February, 2017.**

ALTAR ROSTER — HELP NEEDED

One volunteer has had to retire due to ill
health. We are in urgent need of a
replacement. Please contact :
Mary Ferguson 8552 5747 or 0434 877 863

THANK YOU BARBEQUE

Our parish wishes to thank our volunteers and
we invite you to a "thank you" BBQ at Goolwa
Sunday 11th December at 12.30pm. We hope
you can be there to celebrate. Please bring
salad and drinks, meat provided.

RSVP: Goolwa: A. Fawknor: 8552 6074,

A. Turner: 8555 2824 by 7th December.

**Please note the Victor Harbor function will
be refreshments after Mass this Sunday.**

All Welcome

CATHOLIC CHURCH INSURANCE RAFFLE

A Christmas Hamper valued at over RRP
\$150.00 has been donated by CCI to be raf-
fled for the benefit of our parish.
Tickets \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 available in
both churches this Sunday.

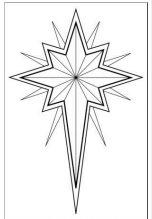
NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Watson, Staines, Ross, Whiston, Stout, Clay-
ton, Cleary, Tomlinson, Shepherd, Reeves,
Faulkner, Hollinshead, Faulkner, Dunnkliff.

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

Victor Harbor :

Sat 24th December - 7.00pm
Sun. 25th December -10.00am
Sat. 31st December - 6.00pm
Sun. 1st January - 11.00am



Goolwa

Sat. 24th December - 5.30pm
Sun. 25th December - 8.30am
Sun. 1st January - 9.00am

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Children are invited to take part in the Nativity
Story at Christmas Eve Mass. Please contact
Mrs Katie Hills (Goolwa) and Rachela
Caiaipich (Victor Harbor)

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

St Vincent de Paul Society has volunteers
who work to restore hope and
to help rebuild lives of
thousands of individuals and
families each year.



VINNIE'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Our annual Christmas Appeal raises funds
that enable our volunteers to provide this
essential assistance, 365 days a year.
Boxes will be provided in both churches to
receive donations of gifts and non-perishable
foods.

ST. JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB CHRISTMAS TEA

The Annual St. Joan's Christmas tea was held
last Friday night and was a great success.
Everyone had a wonderful time especially
Father Vinh and Colleen Pearsons who both
celebrated their birthday on that day,
25th November. Happy birthday and may you
both have many, many more.



Pictured above, Colleen and Father Vinh
cutting their birthday cake



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Feast Day 8th December.



The feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrates God's choice of Mary to be the mother of Jesus.

God preserved Mary from the stain of original sin from the moment of her conception.

Thus, Mary was the first to receive the benefit of the redemption that her Son would merit for all.

PASTORAL CARE WORKER AT PORT ELLIOT PRIMARY SCHOOL

The School's Ministry Group and the South Coast Schools' Ministry Support Group Inc. are seeking applications for a nine hour per week position, commencing 1st Term 2017. This position exists, to offer chaplaincy services to students, staff and the school community. For more information please contact : The Schools' Ministry Group on 8378 6800 Closing day 28th November 2016

THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent wreath with its four candles symbolises the coming of Christ.

During each Sunday of the Advent season, the lighting of the first candle symbolises expectation, while the second symbolises hope, the third joy and the fourth purity.

The Christ candle is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day reminding Christians that Jesus is the light of the world.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TO THE INFIRM

This ministry is in need of more volunteers to distribute Holy Communion to the Sick and Aged in their homes, hospitals or nursing homes.

Please phone John Baker 0419 046 147 or Father Vinh 8552 1084.



PSALM FOR 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Justice shall flourish in His time, and fullness of peace forever.

O God, give Your judgement to the King, to a King's Son your justice, that He may judge Your people in justice and Your poor in right judgement.

In His days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails: He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to the earth's bounds

For He shall save the people when they cry and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor.

May His name be blessed forever and endure like the sun.

Every tribe shall be blessed in Him, all nations bless His name.

Justice shall flourish in His time, and fullness of peace forever

ST. NICHOLAS

Feast Day 6th December

St. Nicholas or Santa Clause is loved by children all over the world and he is especially well known for Christmas giving.

The true story of Santa Claus begins with Nicholas, who was born during the third century in the village of Patara.

His wealthy parents, who raised him to be a devout Christian, died in an epidemic while Nicholas was still young. Obeying Jesus' words to "sell what you own and give the money to the poor,"

Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He dedicated his life to serving God and was made **Bishop of Myra** while still a young man.

Bishop Nicholas became known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need, his love for children, and his concern for sailors and ships.



This Week : 3rd & 4th December

VICTOR HARBOR 6pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 M. Farmer

R.2 V. Wyld

E.M. B. Munday, P. Harris

VICTOR HARBOR 11am

Commentator: E. Temme

R.1 F. Hanna

R.2 P. Chigwidden

E.M. M. Cunningham, M. Ferguson, M. Lloyd, J. Baker, M. Von Holst.

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: P. Burns

R.1 Children

R.2 Children

E.M. T. Siciliano, J. Slagter, A. Turner, D. West, M. Davis.



Next Week : 10th & 11th December

VICTOR HARBOR 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 B. Munday

R.2 R. Walsh

E.M. D. McLaughlin, R. Kuske

VICTOR HARBOR 11am

Commentator: M. Ferguson

R.1 W. Baker

R.2 V. Coffey

E.M. P. Clingan, K. Rucioch, M. Lloyd, J. Baker, R. Reid

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: P. Kennelly

R.1 C. May

R.2 J. McInnes

E.M. D. Elliott, L. Elliott, A. Fawcner, K. Fawcner, M. Glazewski

REGULAR MASS TIMES IN OUR CLUSTER CHURCHES

ALDINGA

*Mary of Galilee, the First Disciple
cnr Quinliven and Howe 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
4th Sunday (Youth Mass) 6.00pm

NOARLUNGA

*St Luke, the Evangelist,
cnr Honeypot Rd and Goldsmith Dve*
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 9.00am
1st Sunday 11.00am (Spanish Mass)
2nd Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)
Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm
Monday 9.00am
Tuesday (2nd, 4th, 5th week) 9.00am
Tuesday (1st, 3rd week) 9.45am
Wednesday 7.00am, 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 and 4th Sunday 4.00pm

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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It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk3:4,6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with

the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

NET MINISTRIES AUSTRALIA SPONSORSHIP

Jessica Sachse is a young Adelaide woman who has been accepted to serve as a volunteer with NET ministries, from January until November, 2017. NET stands for National Evangelisation Team and is a Catholic peer-to-peer youth ministry organisation that encourages young people to love Jesus and embrace the Church through retreats, youth groups and other forms of ministry.

Jessica will spend the first five weeks being trained in both practical youth ministry tools and Christian living principles, before beginning ten months of ministry that will take teams throughout Australia.

Each of the team members selected have been asked to raise a minimum sponsorship of \$6,400. The money Jessica raises will contribute to costs associated with serving with NET including training, food, accommodation, vehicle maintenance, transportation, etc.

If you can help Jessica with either a one-off or a monthly donation, please visit her fundraising page (for an electronic donation) at www.youcaring.com/NETsponsorship2017-jesssache or contact Fr Charles. *Fr Charles Gauci*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS (5 - 11 December)

- **Monday, 5:** Monday, 2nd week of Advent (Is 35:10-10; Lk 5:17-26)
- **Tuesday 6:** Tuesday, 2nd week of Advent (Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14)
- **Wednesday 7:** St Ambrose (Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30)
- **Thursday 8:** Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Gen 3:9-15,20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Friday 9:** Friday, 2nd week of Advent (Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19)
- **Saturday 10:** Saturday, 2nd week of Advent (Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:10-13)
- **Sunday 11:** THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Is 35:1-6, 10; James 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11)