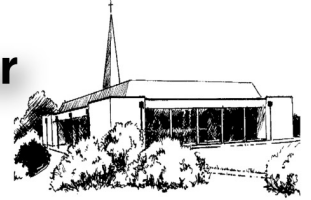




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(Part of the Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Cluster of Catholic Parishes)



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR B

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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 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears.

The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy

apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

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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, Peter
 Bohnsack, Josephine Proctor,
 Krys Milne, Louise Elliott.

ANNIVERSARIES

Patricia Rogers

PARISH COLLECTION 30th & 31st December

1st (Presbytery) \$2,024.00
 2nd (Parish) \$1,893.00

VICTOR MORNING TEA ROSTER

14th January
 W. & J. Baker
 21st & 28th January
 A. & E. Temme

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER
13th & 20th January
 G. Woodhead, H. Sampson
27th January & 3rd February
 W. & J. Baker & T. Lewis

VICTOR MEET & GREET
January Saturdays
 M. Farmer, V. Wyl
January Sundays
 J. & R. Randabel-Williamson

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

GOOLWA MORNING TEA ROSTER

January
 Anke, G. Seah

GOOLWA MEET & GREET
January

A. Turner, D. Jurgens

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

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2018 PRAYER INTENTIONS:

JANUARY - Religious Minorities in Asia

That Christians, and other
 religious minorities in Asian
 countries, may be able to
 practise their faith in full
 freedom.



EXPLORING THE GOS PEL

This group will be in recess until after the
 Epiphany. It will resume on Sunday 14th
 January 2018 in the annex at 7.00pm.
 All welcome

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 2018. Anyone is welcome.
 Please contact Anne Weygood for details.
 0429 653 844.

VOLUNTEER COUNTERS

The rosters are available from the Sacristy

BRING AND SHARE TABLE

We have some extra sunflower seeds for
 anyone who missed out last time. It would be
 appreciated if you could send any photos of
 your sunflower journey to Fr Vinh at
 <catholicvhg@bigpond.com>

FARWELL FR. CHARLES - THANK YOU

Congratulations to Fr. Charles on his new
 appointment.

However, it is with
 feelings of sadness
 that Fr. Charles is
 leaving us. We give
 thanks to God for his
 ministries among us
 over the last five
 years. He has laid the
 pastoral foundation
 upon which Fr. Vinh continues to build.



We acknowledge his generosity and
 dedication to his work in our cluster parishes.
 May God continue to bless him in the
 Cathedral Parishes. May the Lord grant him
 health and wisdom in his new ministries at the
 Cathedral.

DOMINICAN OLD SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION INC

All Dominican Old scholars
 and their families are warmly
 invited to attend the Annual
 Garden Party to be held at
 Sophia on Sunday 21st
 January at 2.00pm



An important mid year
 General Meeting will be held
 prior to the Afternoon Tea at 1.30pm.

Enjoy a delicious Afternoon Tea and an
 opportunity to renew friendships and catch up
 with the Sisters. Encourage all your school
 friends to attend the first of the social functions
 for 2018!

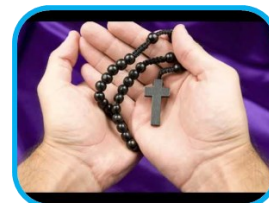
A Trading Table will be held and all donations
 will be much appreciated.

Further details contact Antoinette
 Lindquist 82769380 or 0414763418

THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER

WHY PRAY THE ROSARY?

The rosary is a format that cultivates mental
 peace and interior space for meditation on these
 moments in the life of Christ that encapsulate
 the mystery of the
 Incarnation, the
 person of Christ, and
 the beautiful relation-
 ship that has been
 built between our
 God and his creation.



So, although the prayers of the rosary are
 Marian, the devotion is very Christocentric and
 nourishes our interior and spiritual life in a way
 that non-meditative prayer does not.
We don't have to pray the rosary all at once.
 Sure, some people might sit down and quietly
 pray a whole rosary in one sitting. But we can
 also choose to divide it up, saying just a decade
 or two at a time at different points throughout
 the day: on the way to work, in between
 errands, in between meetings, while folding
 laundry or doing dishes. Many holy men and
 women and even popes have prayed the rosary
 this way and have found it manageable and
 fruitful for their busy lives. *Excerpt:*

(Franciscanmedia)

**ROSARY - A reminder that the Rosary is
 prayed before every Mass at St Joan's and
 St John's.**



PSALM FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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 earth's bounds.

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay Him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring Him gifts.

Before Him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve Him.

For He shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.



ST HILARY, Doctor of the Church. Feast Day 13th January (4th Century)



Saint Hilary, is the doctor of Christ's divinity, as bishop, he brilliantly defended the sacred humanity of Jesus.

He protected the church and its members by defeating Arianism which denied the divinity of Christ.

This staunch defender of the divinity of Christ was a gentle and courteous man, devoted to writing some of the greatest theology on the Trinity, and was like his master in being labelled a "disturber of the peace." In a very troubled period in the church, his holiness was lived out in both scholarship and controversy.

(excerpt: franciscanmedia)

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Feast Day 9th January

As the liturgical season of Christmas ends with this feast day, we begin to reflect on a weekly basis on what it means to live the Good News

that Jesus Christ has been revealed as Son of God. Much of our reflection will come from Mark's Gospel.



Today he presents the dramatic scene in the waters of the Jordan River, as Jesus is baptized by John. The Spirit descends on Jesus, and a heavenly voice claims him: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" From the Jordan, Jesus will begin a mission of healing and exorcism. Just as this Spirit hovered over the primeval waters at the dawn of Creation described in the Book of Genesis, so now the Spirit is at work in Jesus - and in each of us, become new creations in Christ through our own Baptisms.

(excerpt: franciscanmedia)

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS: SOME SUGGESTIONS FROM POPE FRANCIS

1. "Take care of your **spiritual life**, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are.
2. "Take care of your **family life**, giving your children and loved ones not just money, but most of all your time, attention and love."
3. "Take care of **your relationships with others**, transforming your faith into life and your words into **good works**, especially on behalf of the needy.
4. "**Be careful how you speak**, purify your tongue of offensive words, vulgarity and worldly decadence.
5. "Heal wounds of the heart with the oil of **forgiveness**, forgiving those who have hurt us and medicating the wounds we have caused others.
6. "**Look after your work**, doing it with enthusiasm, humility, competence, passion and with a spirit that knows how to thank the Lord."

This Week : January 6th & 7th

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: B. Munday

R.1 J. Randabel-Williamson

R.2 M. Farmer

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

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : P. O'Brien

R. 1 F. Hanna

R.2 V. Coffey

E.M. K. Rucioch, P. Clingan, M. Lloyd, R. Reid, V. Salmon

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: K. Fawkner

R.1 M. Freeborn

R.2 L. Healey

E.M. D. Elliott, M. Glazewski, D. Huppertz, B. Longworth



Next Week : January 13th & 14th

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 R. Walsh

R.2 V. Wyld

E.M. D. McLaughlin, S. Duong

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : M. Ferguson

R. 1 W. Baker

R.2 P. O'Brien

E.M. J. Baker, I. Reid, P. Clingan, M. Cunningham, K. Rucioch

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: A. Fawkner

R.1 K. Fawkner

R.2 D. Huppertz

E.M. L. Healey, C. May, J. McInnes, J. McMahan, 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, 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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Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The word 'epiphany' means 'manifestation' or 'showing'.
- The gifts brought by the Magi (probably astrologers from Persia) reveal many things about Jesus. The gold signifies his kingship, the frankincense, his priestly role, and the myrrh suggests the spices and ointment with which his body is anointed and wrapped at his death which brought salvation.
- You will note from the text that the number of Magi is not mentioned. A later tradition developed that there were three, probably based on the three gifts, and later still they were given names!
- In some countries and cultures gifts are given on this feast rather than on Christmas Day.

EXPLORING THE WORD

This is a wonderful story about who recognises Jesus and who does not. The Magi are from the East; they are not members of the chosen people of God, and yet they recognise the signs of a momentous birth and set out to find the child. The king of the Jews,

Herod, as well as the chief priests and scribes, the very people who should be looking for the Messiah, have not seen the signs. The positive and joyful response of the gentile Magi is contrasted with the opposite reaction from those who should have known better. The Magi fall in homage to a small child in an inconspicuous house. They have recognised the divine in the ordinary and bow before him as they would a king. In Matthew's community, many were struggling with the fact that the Jews reject the proclamation of the gospel while the gentiles accept it and come to faith in Christ.

SHARING THE TRADITION

This feast of the Epiphany originated in the Eastern Church and took hold in Rome some time during the fourth century. The main focus given to the feast was that of celebrating the coming to faith of the gentiles. Over time, the Magi of the gospel became the three kings of folklore and eventually even developed names: Balthasar, Melchior and Caspar. These three are often depicted as Asian, African and European, representing the three known continents of the time. What is important in this later development is that it retains the original meaning: that Christ came to all nations and is the salvation of all people who recognise him.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(8 - 14 January)

- **Monday, 8:** The Baptism of the Lord (Is 55:1-11; Mk 1:7-11)
- **Tuesday, 9:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39)
- **Wednesday, 10:** Weekday, Christmas Time (1Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34)
- **Thursday, 11:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45)
- **Friday, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 8:4-7, 10-22; Mk 2:1-12)
- **Saturday, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Mk 2:13-17)
- **Sunday 14:** SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (1Sam 3:3-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42)

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).