



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 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 40:1-5, 9-11

‘Console my people, console them’ says your God.

‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for her crimes.’

A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God.’

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:9-14

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, ‘a day’ can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

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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

Lyle Marchant, John Hardy,
Syd West, Paul Van Toorenborg,
Len de Brenni, Eileen Foxwell

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.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

VICTOR HARBOR:

Christmas Eve Sunday
24th December (Family
Mass) 7pm

Christmas Day Monday
25th Dec. 10am



NEW YEAR: 1st Jan. Monday 8.30am

GOOLWA: Christmas Eve Sunday 24th
December (Family Mass) 5.30pm

Christmas Day Monday 25th Dec. 8.30am

NEW YEAR: 1st Jan. Monday 10am

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS will be sung before
Mass on Christmas Eve in St Joan's.**

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Goolwa : Thursday 14th -7.00pm.

Victor Harbor : Thursday 21st - 7.00pm.

Please come and celebrate God's love for us
before Christmas

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.



"NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS"

We are hosting an ecumenical service of carols
and readings at St.

Joan's on Friday 15th

December at 7.00pm.

Please join with other

Christians from our local

churches and celebrate it to the full. Please

bring a plate to share as we have refreshments
in the Annex.



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.

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>.

THANK YOU

Adrian and Margaret Langtry wish to thank
parishioners for their kindness to us whilst Adri-
an was in hospital recently, especially Fr Vinh,
Carol Sutherland, Maureen Farmer and many
others for hospital visits.

THANK YOU

for the wonderful support, kindness and love
given to me with Lyle's passing and funeral.
My heartfelt thanks to Father Vinh, my family,
friends and St Joan's community. *Janet
Marchant*

PARISH CHRISTMAS LETTER

Thank you to those who distributed our Parish
Christmas letter. All have been delivered within
the week.

GOOLWA PASTORAL CARE

next meeting Thursday 14th December at
1.30pm .

ST JOHN'S SOCIAL CLUB

will hold their next meeting at 2pm following the
above meeting. All welcome

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

1. Saturday 16th December at 10am with
the Christmas tree and decorations in
the Church as well as the Nativity Crib.
2. Saturday 23rd December for moving the
chairs to cater for the large holiday
crowds attending our Masses.

PARISH COLLECTION 2nd & 3rd December

1st (Presbytery)	\$1,052.00
2nd (Parish)	\$1,344.80

VICTOR MORNING TEA ROSTER

10th & 17th December
R. & I Reid

24th & 31st December
M. Cunningham, A. Wright

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 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 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

Lord, let us see Your kindness and grant us Your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for His people.
His help is near for those who fear Him
and His glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before Him
and peace shall follow His steps.

Lord, let us see Your kindness and grant us Your salvation.

ST VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Vinnies volunteers along the South Coast work to restore 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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The next meeting is on Thursday December 14th after 9.00am Mass at Victor Harbor. **NB Not** on Wednesday at Goolwa.

THE ADVENT WREATH

The 2nd Sunday of Advent symbolizes Faith with the "Bethlehem Candle" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. The Bethlehem candle is the candle of peace.

CONGRATULATIONS HELEN SAMPSON

Helen has been working with Meals on Wheels for 40 years. What a great achievement from such a gentle, kind and caring lady. Helen also plays a very caring role in our Parish Pastoral Care Group regularly visiting the McCracken Views Nursing Home.



PUT CHRIST BACK INTO CHRISTMAS

Children, parents and grandparents are invited to pick up, from the porch, copies of the templates and simple instruction for making your own Christmas Nativity scene.



ST JOAN'S MAINTENANCE GROUP AND MORNING TEA

Work begins at 9.30am on Wednesday 13th December followed by morning tea in the Annex. All men welcome.

ST JOHN OF THE CROSS

Feast Day 14th Dec. (1541 -1591)



John is a saint because his life was a heroic effort to live up to his name: "of the Cross."

Ordained a Carmelite priest in 1567 at age 25, John met Teresa of Avila and like her, vowed himself to the primitive Rule of

the Carmelites. As partner with Teresa and in his own right, John engaged in the work of reform, and came to experience the price of reform: increasing opposition, misunderstanding, persecution, imprisonment. He came to know the cross acutely - to experience the dying of Jesus—as he sat month after month in his dark, damp, narrow cell with only his God. (Excerpt: franciscanmedia)

NEW FENCING

Thanks to the lone efforts of Peter Sampson, we now have strong fencing in the St Joan's parking lot. A job well done Peter. Many thanks

BRING & SHARE TABLE

A suggestion for Victor Harbor is to bring along and share Christmas decorations.

MASS ROSTER

This 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.



Next Week : December 16th & 17th

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 J. Randabel-Williamson

R.2 B. Bullen

E.M. D. McLaughlin, R. Kuske

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : E. Temme

R. 1 T. Hounslow

R.2 P. O'Brien

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

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 A. Fawkner

R.2 K. Fawkner

E.M. T. Siciliano, J. Slagter, D. West, C. Williams, P. Burns

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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GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the River Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

DID YOU KNOW?

- John the Baptist is a prominent figure in Mark's Gospel. In Luke's Gospel he is portrayed as a cousin of Jesus, however in the other gospels he seems not to know the identity of Jesus and no family connection is mentioned.
- John's clothing of homespun camel hair tied with a leather thong around the waist is the explicit garb of a prophet.
- God had called the people of Israel out of Egypt and led them across the River Jordan to be a new people. God, through John, is now calling for a new people by passing them through the waters of baptism in the same river.

EXPLORING THE WORD

The prophet Isaiah brought a message of hope and comfort to the people of Israel who were in exile in Babylon. Despite their failings, God is merciful and has promised them a new beginning. John the Baptist appears in the line of that great prophet and again promises Israel the chance of a new

beginning if they repent and turn again towards God.

The emphasis in Mark's portrait of the Baptist is very much that of the subordinate. John's self-effacing manner makes it clear that he is not the one who is promised, but the one who is to prepare the way. The emphasis in John's preaching is on judgment; for Jesus it is the Reign of God and salvation.

SHARING THE TRADITION

Mark's Gospel was the first to be written down, around the year 70AD. It is generally accepted that Mark wrote for an audience in Rome who were undergoing persecution for their faith. It is the shortest of the four gospels and is told in a lively and straightforward style. Mark seeks to explore the identity of Jesus, to describe the responses of various people to him and to invite us to become disciples.

In this opening verse of his gospel, Mark alerts his readers instantly to the identity of the main character. This work is the Good News about Jesus Christ who is Son of God.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(11 - 17 December)

- **Monday, 11:** Monday of 2nd week Advent (Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26)
- **Tuesday, 12:** Tuesday of 2nd week Advent (Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14)
- **Wednesday, 13:** St Lucy (Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30)
- **Thursday, 14:** St John of the Cross (Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15)
- **Friday, 15:** Friday of 2nd week of Advent (Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19)
- **Saturday, 16:** Saturday of 2nd week Advent (Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:10-13)
- **Sunday 17:** Third Sunday of Advent (Is 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thess 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28)

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).