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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR C

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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 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

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

God’s grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS

John Hassick, Julie Bradley,
Barbara Bond, Tony Sheehan,
Vicki Sullivan, Carmel Page,
Catherine Higgins, Mark Kelly,
Peter Turner, Gail Menner,
Robert Leydon, Simon Slagter,
Father John Langtrety, Janet
Marchant.

ANNIVERSARIES

Ossie Coughlan, George & Guilla
Mezzino, Lily Morelli, Nora &
Peree Mattshoss, Mary & Bernard
Pattenden, Helen Mawdsley,
Kathie Voght. Kevin McMahon,
Dennis McMahon,
W. Joras-Lafsky,

RECENTLY DECEASED

Patricia Bucket, Geoffrey Aesche,
Franziska Baltais, Theresia Van
Enckevort, Mary Longworth,
Mary Darr, Norma Reed.

PARISH COLLECTION

26th/27th Dec

1st (Presbytery) \$ 1,598.00
2nd (Parish) \$ 1,786.00

VICTOR MORNING TEA ROSTER

January 10th - 17th

W. & J. Baker

January 24th-31st

A. & E Temme

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

January 15th – 22nd

R. Reid, B. Murray

January 29th - Feb 5th.

G. Woodhead, H. Sampson

VICTOR MEET & GREET

January Saturdays

L. & M. Peake

January Sundays

L. & M. Fracek

ST. JOAN'S CHOIR

Practice time is at 10.30am each
Friday in the Church.

GOOLWA MORNING TEA ROSTER

January D. Lee, I. Vander Kamp,
Anke, G. Johns, G. Seah

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

January A. Turner, J. Mcinnes

ST. JOHN'S SINGING GROU

Practices are held in the Church
every Tuesday at 3.30pm. All
welcome.

MARY CATHERINE DARR FUNERAL

Mary died during the week. Her funeral
Mass will be on Monday 11th January at
11.00am at St. Joan's Church. Please con-
tinue to pray for Mary and her husband,
Peter. You are invited to celebrate Mary's
life.

NORMA REED FUNERAL

Norma died peacefully on Wednesday
evening. Her funeral service will be held on
Wednesday 13th January at 2.00pm at St.
Joan's Church. All welcome.



MEETING NOTICE!

ST. JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB SPECIAL MEETING FOR GALA DAY

On Tuesday, 12th January, at 1.30pm in
St. Joan's annex. **Parishioners please
come along to this meeting** and help us
make the Gala Day a great success.

GROCERY RAFFLE FOR GALA DAY

Please bring to the above meeting
grocery or similar items to be included
in the "TWO BASKET " Raffle.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS LIST

There are many names on the Special
Intentions list that have been there for
some time. In future names will be
removed from the list after 4 weeks unless
the Parish Office is advised otherwise.
If you wish to retain a name on the list,
please advise the Office accordingly.

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY

Groups meet fortnightly on Thursday nights
(mixed) 7-9 pm 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

Next meeting will be Wednesday 13th Jan-
uary. If you would like to join us please
contact: Anne Weygood 0429 653 844.

THE ROSARY AT ST. JOAN'S

The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before
each Mass at St. Joan's, Victor Harbor -
all welcome.

ST. JOAN OF ARC RENOVATION APPEAL

Your continuing support is still welcome.

**Progressive total as at 3rd. January:
\$70,311.76**

KSC 45 CLUB ANNUAL BARBEQUE

The KSC 45 Club will hold
its annual BBQ on Sunday
24th January at 4.15pm at
St. John's Goolwa. The
day will begin with a trivia
quiz followed by the meal.

We ask you to bring a salad
and provide your own drinks.

We would love to see a good roll up of
those supporting the Knights in this fund
raiser.



SANDPIPER MONTHLY MASS

The monthly Mass at Sandpiper Aged Care
facility has been cancelled as there is only
one Catholic in residence at the present
time asking for Church support. The
situation will be reviewed from time to time.
Many thanks to Father Vinh for being our
celebrant and parishioners who supported
the Mass.

ST. JOAN'S MAINTENANCE GROUP AND MEN'S MORNING TEA



Work starts at 9.30am
on Wednesday 13th
January. Morning tea
at 10.30am in the An-
nex for all men of the
parish. Some recent
projects have been the

laying of quarry rubble around the Vinnies
Shed; provision of a cupboard for Hymn
Books; shelf for Mary Mackillop's statue;
removal of courtyard tree; courtyard garden
bench repainted and a reserved parking
sign mounted in courtyard area.

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Please note our friendship club is in recess
until Tuesday 2nd February from 2.00pm
to 4.00pm.. We look forward to meeting
you then, in the Annex at St. Joan's Victor
Harbor.

INTERCHURCH PRAYER SERVICE

will be held at Goolwa on Sunday 10th
January at the Church of Christ at 5pm
All the Christian Churches will be repre-
sented and we hope many of our
Parishioners will be able to get there.

Bulletin Board



GALA DAY

St. Joan's Social Club would like the assistance of Parishioners and friends for the upcoming

MAJOR FUNDRAISING EVENT to be held in the annex and surrounds on Saturday 23rd January

This event will include stalls in the annex and car boot sales in the parking area. Please contact Anita Williss 8552 8751 e-mail anita.williss@bigpond.com

All proceeds are for the St. Joan's Renovation Fund.



GOOLWA INTER CHURCH CONNECT

This is a group representing all the seven Christian churches in the Goolwa area. They meet every quarter and since starting, there has been great harmony and respect within the group. It has been decided that each year one of the different denominations will host and lead the meetings. It is our turn in 2016. Bill Longworth will chair the meetings this year and Paul Kennelly will act as secretary. **The first meeting will be 11th February at 7.30pm at St. John's.**

GOOLWA PASTORAL CARE GROUP

The next meeting will be held at 1.15pm Tuesday 2nd February. All welcome

ST. JOHN'S SOCIAL CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Social Club meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd February at 2.00pm

GOOLWA PARISH SOCIAL NIGHT

The Goolwa Parish is planning a social night with a shared tea at 6.00pm on Friday 26th February. Please keep this date free. More details will follow.



PSALM 103

Oh bless the Lord my soul

Lord God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in a robe!
You stretch out the heavens like a tent.

Above the rains you build your dwelling.
You make the clouds your chariot,
you walk on the wings of the wind,
you make the winds your messengers
and flashing fire your servants.

How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
There is the sea, vast and wide,
with its moving swarms past counting,
living things great and small.!

All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up:
you open your hand, they have their fill.

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

Oh bless the Lord my soul

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion

of His baptism in the Jordan.

Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the Trinity intervenes.

(Excerpt: Catholic Culture)

*Have you talked to
God today?*

MASS ROSTER

This Week: 9th & 10th January

VICTOR HARBOR 6pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 W. Baker

R.2 V. Wyld

E.M. J. Baker. P. Harris

VICTOR HARBOR 11am

Commentator: K. Rucioch

R.1 M. Ferguson

R.2 A. Williss

E.M. A. Rose, R. Reid, R. Kuske,
A. Weygood, M. Von Holst

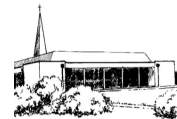
GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: P. Burns

R.1 A. Fawkner,

R.2 K. Fawkner

E.M. A. Fawkner, K. Fawkner,
M. Galzewski, D. Elliott, L. Elliott,



Next Week: 16th & 17th January

VICTOR HARBOR 6pm

Commentator: B. Munday

R.1 V. Wyld

R.2 M. Farmer

E.M. D. McLaughlin,
E. O'Shaughnessy

VICTOR HARBOR 11am

Commentator: K. Howard

R.1 S. Duong

R.2 R. Reid

E.M. K. Rucioch. P. O'Brien,
M. Cunningham, M. Ferguson,
M. Von Holst

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: A. Fawkner

R.1 L. Healey

R.2 J. Harrap

E.M. B. Longworth, C. May,
J. McMahon, M. Meade, S. Muller

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 9.00am
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

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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we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

SHINING STAR OF CHRISTMAS IS NOT A METEOR

A great tragedy of Christmas is that for many, it is a religion of one night, however lovely and shining it may be. The Incarnation of Jesus is reduced to mere sentimentality, tradition or a cultural feast. But Jesus is not a meteor. It is not enough to come to the manger and get stuck there; we must turn from it. And then, accepting what the occupant of the manger means, we must begin to live out that meaning, choosing what may be new directions, challenging previous ways and assumptions, continuing the journey of our life with the knowledge that something has changed. One person has made a huge difference in our life and has

literally changed history.

The theme of Christ's epiphany — of Jesus inaugurating his divine mission on earth — reaches its fulfilment in today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The beautiful text from Evening Prayer on the feast of the Epiphany reads: "Three mysteries mark this holy day: today the star leads the Magi to the infant Christ; today water is changed into wine for the wedding feast; today Christ wills to be baptized by John in the river Jordan to bring us salvation." Each event is accompanied by a theophany, by startling evidence of divine intervention: the star, the water into wine, the voice from heaven and the dove. Today we witness the baptism of the Lord, the one into whom we ourselves are baptized.

Fr Thomas Rosica

MISERICORDIAE VULTUS – THE FACE OF MERCY

In 2016, we will share extracts from the document *Misericordiae Vultus* (The Face of Mercy). The bull of indiction focuses on the theme for the Jubilee Year, namely "Merciful Like the Father". In it, Pope Francis reminds that we are each called to a journey of "spiritual conversion."

"Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy...Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him." (par 1, MV)

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(11 - 17 January)

- **Monday, 11:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20)
- **Tuesday, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28)
- **Wednesday, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39)
- **Thursday, 14:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45)
- **Friday, 15:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 8:4-7, 10-22; Mk 2:1-12)
- **Saturday, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Mk 2:13-17)
- **Sunday, 17:** 2nd Sunday, Ordinary Time (Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11)