



# Welcome to Catholic Community of Victor Harbor and Goolwa

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



**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A**

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## **VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE**

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## **PARISH TEAM CONTACTS**

### **PRIEST ADMINISTRATOR**

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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](mailto: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

(1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month - Family Mass)

#### **RECONCILIATION**

Sunday 8.30am - 8.50am

## **CHILD PROTECTION UNIT**

Sally Wellington (Manager)

Phone: 8210 8268



## **FIRST READING**

*Isaiah 35:1-6, 10*

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts,  
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy in their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Ps 145:6-10*

*Lord, come and save us.*

## **SECOND READING**

*James 5:7-10*

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the

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be opened.



gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!*

## **GOSPEL**

*Matthew 11:2-11*

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No?

Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in

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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, Rosemary Scholefield

## ANNIVERSARIES

Eileen Foxwell

## PARISH COLLECTION

### 3rd & 4th December

1st (Presbytery) \$1,409.00

2nd (Parish) \$1,449.10

## VICTOR MORNING TEA ROSTER

### December 18th

J. & W. Baker

### December 25th Christmas Day No morning tea

## VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

### 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.**

## 2nd FORM OF RECONCILIATION

As we seriously prepare ourselves for the  
coming of Jesus, you are invited to the 2nd  
Form of Reconciliation on Thursday 15th De-  
cember at 6pm in Victor Harbor.

## 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.

## ST. JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th  
December at 1.30pm in the Annex.  
All welcome.

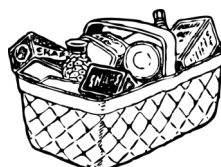
## ST. JOAN'S MAINTENANCE GROUP AND MORNING TEA

Work starts at 9.30am on Wednesday 14th  
December followed by morning tea in the  
Annex. All men welcome.

## ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS HAMPER

Boxes have been placed  
in both Churches to  
receive non-perishable  
foods.

Your donations are being  
gratefully accepted and  
hampers will be packed and distributed on  
Thursday 15th December.



## 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 8555 2764 (Goolwa) and  
Rachela Caiapich (Victor Harbor)

## KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS NEWS

The long awaited launch of the Knights'  
History on the South Coast will be held after  
the 9am Mass at Goolwa on Sunday Decem-  
ber 11th . This is a splendid book about all  
who have contributed to the branch, its activi-  
ties, and the priests of the parish in the 28  
year history of K S C on the South Coast.  
Full credit to Mike O'Halloran, Robert Lee and  
Frank Refchange for the amount of time and  
effort they have put into the production, as  
well as Ros Rowett who took care of the lay  
out and printing. Copies will be available  
for \$15 each.

The branch will be holding a Christmas get  
together for members and their spouses on  
Thursday December 15th at St. Joan's from  
4pm. Please bring finger food and nibbles.  
Drinks will be supplied. All parishioners are  
welcome to join us for our celebration.

At our last meeting the Knights offered to  
place extra chairs out in both Mass  
centres for times like Christmas and Easter,  
as well as funerals or other events that  
attract larger crowds. If you are organising  
any of the above please contact  
Kevin Rucioch at St. Joan's or Paul Kennelly  
at Goolwa.

## THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS

The lunch at St. Joan's, last Sunday, to thank  
the volunteers was a great success. A lovely  
social occasion. Father Charles thanked the  
volunteers for all their help with Parish  
activities.



### PSALM FOR 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### Alleluia !

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever, who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is He who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan.

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign forever, Zion's God from age to age.

#### Alleluia !

### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

#### Feast Day 12<sup>th</sup> December

In 1910 Our Lady of Guadalupe was declared Patroness of Latin America, and in 1945 Pope Pius XII declared her to be the Empress of all the Americas. She appeared to an Indian convert named Juan Diego on December 9, 1531. She left a marvellous portrait of herself on the mantle of Juan Diego. This miraculous image has proved to be ageless, and is kept in the shrine built in her honour, the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



### 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT "GAUDETE SUNDAY"



One of the candles surrounding the Christ Candle in the Advent wreath is rose coloured, for Gaudete Sunday or Joy Sunday, the beginning of the third week in Advent.

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### CATHEDRALS AND EARTHQUAKES

Christchurch N.Z. - "Quake City"



#### *The Cathedral as it was*

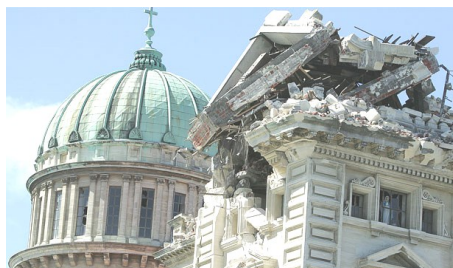
The September 2010 and February 2011 Earthquakes devastated Christchurch, with the ruined Anglican Christchurch Cathedral recognised world wide as the symbol of the city's fate. Lesser known is that the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament was also destroyed. It was built in 1905 in a renaissance style with twin bell towers and a prominent main dome. It is unlikely that either cathedral can be rebuilt from the highly unstable remains.

Our intention was to attend Mass in the cathedral, until we saw the photos of its ruins in the "Quake City Exhibition!" However, the good news was that the co-cathedral was within walking distance of our motel.

A statue of Our Lady inside the cathedral survived, but rotated 180 degrees to finish up facing the City Centre.

Other churches were also destroyed. On the site of the demolished Presbyterian Church, now stands the "185 empty chairs" memorial for the lives lost in the 2011 quake. Each chair represents an individual, such as an office chair or a child's car capsule. Incidentally, a week after we left Christchurch, it experienced yet another strong earthquake.

*Helen and Peter Sampson.*



*Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament as it is today.*

### This 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



### Next Week : 17th & 18th December

#### VICTOR HARBOR 6pm

**Commentator:** B. Munday

**R.1** C. Sutherland

**R.2** A. Willis

**E.M.** S. Duong, E. O'Shaughnessy

#### VICTOR HARBOR 11am

**Commentator:** V. Coffey

**R.1** R. Reid

**R.2** P. O'Brien

**E.M.** M. Cunningham, M. Ferguson, M. Lloyd, J. Baker, A. Rose

#### GOOLWA 9.00am

**Commentator:** M. O'Halloran

**R.1** J. McMahon

**R.2** D. McMahon

**E.M.** D. Huppertz, B. Longworth, J. Ryan, M. Ryan, 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 (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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palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says:

'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you.

'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

## BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This Sunday is so named because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John's arrest in chapter 14:3-12. In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But

salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.

## 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-jesssachse](http://www.youcaring.com/NETsponsorship2017-jesssachse) or contact Fr Charles. *Fr Charles Gauci*

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS (12 - 18 December)

- **Monday, 12:** Monday, 3rd week of Advent (Num 24:2-7, 15-17; Mt 21:23-27)
- **Tuesday 13:** St Lucy (Zeph 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32)
- **Wednesday 14:** St John of the Cross (Is 45:6-8, 18, 21-26; Lk 7:19-23)
- **Thursday 15:** Thursday, 3rd week of Advent (Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30)
- **Friday 16:** Friday, 3rd week of Advent (Is 56:1-3, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36)
- **Saturday 17:** Saturday, 3rd week of Advent (Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17)
- **Sunday 18:** FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24)