



Welcome to Catholic Community of Victor Harbor and Goolwa

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



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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



God has revealed to us
through the Spirit.

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FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:17-37

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come



not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Julie Bradley, Barbara Bond,
Mark Kelly, Father John Langtry,
Frank Refchange, Pat Proctor,
Rosemary Powell, Patricia Sloan,
Susan Anderson, Doris Donald,
Kathleen Tiltman, Sue Butler,
Peter Turner, Judith Murphy, Bob
Davis, Donald Telford, Rosemary
Scholefield, Maureen Vieboom,
Mary Slattery, Angelo Falco,
Dennis McNamara,
Paul & Edward Cullen,

RECENTLY DECEASED

Roma Scarman,
Sister Marie Langtry

PARISH COLLECTION

4th & 5th January

1st (Presbytery) \$1,118.00
2nd (Parish) \$1,476.30

VICTOR MORNING TEA ROSTER

February 12th & 19th

R. & I. Reid

February 26th & March 5th

M. Cunningham, A. Wright

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

February 17th

B. Munday, R. Kuske

February 24th & March 3rd

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

VICTOR MEET & GREET

February Saturdays

L. & M. Peake M. Farmer

February Sundays

J. Baker & F. Harris

ST. JOAN'S CHOIR

Practice time is 10.30 am each
Friday in the Church.

GOOLWA MORNING TEA ROSTER

February

M. Wark, M. Davis, A. Turner,
H. Taylor

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

February J. McInnes, M. Davis

ST. JOHN'S CHOIR

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



Bulletin Board

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2017 PRAYER INTENTIONS: February



Comfort for the Afflicted. That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

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 2017. Anyone is welcome. Please contact Anne Weygood for details 0429 653 844.

KSC MEETING

The first meeting for the year will be held on Thursday 16th February at 4.00pm at St. Joan's V.H.

ST. JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB

will hold their next meeting on Tuesday 14th February at 1.30 pm in the annex. **ALL WELCOME**

WEST PARK

The next service will be on Wednesday 15th February at 10.30am. Please meet at the church after the 9.30am Mass if you wish to attend.

SANDPIPER

The next service will be held in the chapel at 10.30 on Wednesday 15th February

RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE 24 April - 20 May

Parishioners are invited to take part in a retreat in daily life over 4 weeks in this parish from 24th April to 20th May. It will be co-given by a visiting Tertian Jesuit from Ireland and is based on the spiritual exercises developed by the Jesuit founder St. Ignatius of Loyola. More details to follow.



THANK YOU

Thank you to all parishioners, and especially Fr. Vinh, for all the prayers regarding my recent health problems, it is much appreciated. May God bless you all. John Slagter

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS (KSC) - ST. PATRICK'S WEEKEND

KSC in conjunction with South Lakes Golf Club (SLGC) have reinstated St. Patrick's Day Celebrations on weekend 18/19 March 2017.

Dinner at South Lakes Golf Club, Sat 18 March, 7.00pm for 7.30pm, 2 Course Carvery at \$30.00 per head, this includes \$5.00 worth of free raffle tickets. Bookings with Mike O'Halloran (8555 1635) or Paul Kennelly (0402 852 825).

Golf : Sun. 19 March : Mixed

Individual Stableford, 2 tee

start 9.30am. Light lunch

provided on course. Visitors

\$20.00 per head, South Lakes

members \$8.00 per

head. Book with Phil Burns (0412 700 290) or SLGC Starters Sheet.



FRIENDSHIP CLUB VICTOR HARBOR/ GOOLWA

The first gathering for 2017 will be on Tuesday 21st February from 2.00pm/4.00pm

FILIPINO CHOIR

The Choir will be at St. Joan's 6.00pm Mass on Saturday 4th March. Please come along and enjoy their singing. All welcome to bring a plate to share supper after Mass.



PARISH CALENDAR

Anyone wishing to use the annex please check the parish calendar on the wall to make sure your date is available and please notify Kevin Rucioch on 0499 005 714.



PSALM FOR 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord.

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do His will, seeking Him with all their hearts.

You have laid down Your precepts to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm to obey Your statutes.

Bless Your servant and I shall live and obey Your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of Your law.

Teach me the demands of Your statutes and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe Your law, to keep it with my heart.

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord.



ST. CYRIL AND ST. METHDIUS

Feast Day 14th February

Born in 827 and 826 respectively



Cyril and Methodius were brothers from Thessalonica in Greece. In their youth they learnt how to speak many languages, including Slavonic which at that time was not written down.

They both became priests and shared the same holy desires to spread the faith. When the prince of Moravia asked for missionaries the two brothers, Cyril and Methodius, volunteered and were accepted. They realized that they were being asked to leave their own country, language and culture behind out of love for Jesus. They did this willingly. They became missionaries to the Slav nations of Moravia, Bohemia and Bulgaria.

Cyril and Methodius translated the Bible and Church Liturgy into the Slav language. They symbolized bridge-building and connection between the Greek and Roman churches and are now patron saints of ecumenism between the two branches of Christianity.

(Excerpt; Holy Spirit Interactive)

QUOTABLE QUOTE FROM "FRANK"



Do you want to reform the Church? The Pope's answer was "No, I just want to push Christ to the centre of the Church. I mean more and more, so if Christ is at the centre of the Church He

will do the reform. It is not up to me. It is up to Him."

SEVEN FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER

Feast Day 17th February



The Seven Founders were born and grew up in the city of Florence.

Drawn together by friendship and devotion to the Blessed Virgin, they gave themselves to common prayer and works of charity. Their desire to serve God eventually led them to form a community outside the city walls.

About the year 1245 they moved to Monte Senario where, for a time, they followed a life of prayerful seclusion.

As others came to join them, they laid the foundations for the Servite Order, whose members would be committed to the service of the Lord and others. They took the Blessed Virgin as their Lady; and they lived communal life according to the Rule of St. Augustine. Pope Leo XIII canonized them as the Seven Founders of the Servite Order in 1888.

(Excerpt www.servite.org/history)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER PHILIPPINES

Am I being unfair to you?

Friday 3rd March,
Newland Uniting Church
at 2.00pm.



Today, though the Philippines is secular, Christianity is the main faith with over 80% being Roman Catholic and a small percentage Protestants. In 2014 the population reached 100 million. There are between 120 and 170 languages spoken.

MASS ROSTER

This Week : 11th & 12th February

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00p.m.

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 R. Walsh

R.2 V. Wyld

E.M. D. McLaughlin, S. Duong

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00 am

Commentator: V. Coffey

R.1 M. Ferguson

R.2 P. O'Brien

E.M. J. Baker, K. Rucioch, I. Reid, M. Cunningham, A. Rose

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: Joe Ryan

R.1 Catherine May

R.2 Joy McInnes

E.M. B. Longworth, K. Milne, J. McMahon, M. O'Halloran, T. Siciliano



Next Week : 18th & 19th February

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00p.m.

Commentator: B. Munday

R.1 C. Sutherland

R.2 R. Powell

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

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00 am

Commentator: K. Rucioch

R.1 T. Hounslow

R.2 P. Chigwidden

E.M. K. Howard, P. Clingan, R. Reid, I. Reid, P. O'Brien

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: A. Fawcner

R.1 D. McMahon

R.2 J. McMahon

E.M. C. May, J. McInnes, J. Ryan, M. Ryan, D. West.

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

NOARLUNGA

*St Luke, the Evangelist,
cnr Honeypt 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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the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: *Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal.* But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord.* But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his foot-stool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

On this weekend, following St Bakhita's day on 8 February, the Bishops Commission for Pastoral Life and the Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans call on the Catholic community to raise awareness about human trafficking, particularly trafficking of children.

Bakhita was born in Olgossa in the Darfur region of southern Sudan. At the age of seven she was kidnapped and sold into slavery where she was given the name Bakhita, which means fortunate. As a young girl, she was resold several times, until finally in 1883 she was sold to Callisto Legnani, Italian consul in Khartoum, Sudan. Two years later, he took his slave Bakhita to Italy and gave her to his friend Augusto Michieli. Bakhita became babysitter to Mimmina Michieli, whom she accompanied to Venice's Institute of the

Catechumens, run by the Canossian Sisters. While Mimmina was being instructed, Bakhita felt drawn to the Catholic Church. She was baptized and confirmed in 1890, taking the name Josephine. When the Michielis returned from Africa and wanted to take Mimmina and Josephine back with them, Josephine refused to go. During the ensuing court case, the Canossian Sisters and the patriarch of Venice intervened on Josephine's behalf. The judge concluded that since slavery was illegal in Italy, she had actually been free since 1885. Josephine entered the Institute of St Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later. She spent the rest of her life living in her religious community engaged in cooking, sewing and kindly welcoming visitors at the door. She soon became well loved by the children attending the sisters' school and the local citizens. She once said, "Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know God, for what a great grace it is to know God!" Josephine Bakhita died in 1947 and was canonized in 2000. Josephine Bakhita is honoured as the patron saint of Sudan and of all people who have been and are still being trafficked into slavery.

Retreat

in Daily Life

24 April - 2 May, 2017

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(13 - 19 February)

- **Monday, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 6 (Gen 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13)
- **Tuesday 14:** Sts Cyril and Methodius (Gen 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21)
- **Wednesday 15:** Weekday, Ord Time 6 (Gen 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26)
- **Thursday 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 6 (Gen 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33)
- **Friday 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 6 (Gen 11:1-9; Mk 8:34 - 9:1)
- **Saturday 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 6 (Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13)
- **Sunday 19:** 7th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Lev 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48)