



Welcome to Catholic Community of Victor Harbor and Goolwa

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



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

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VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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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

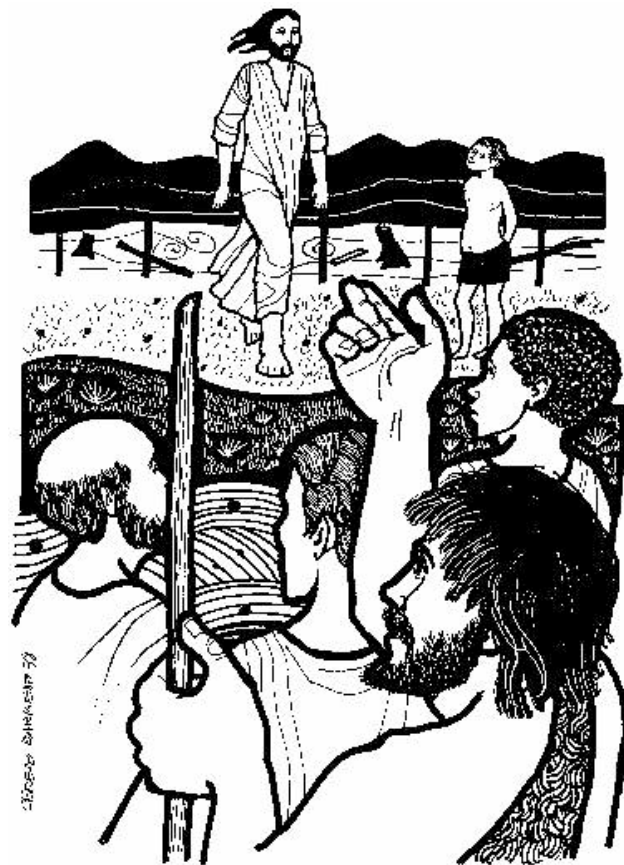
30 Seaview Road, Victor Harbor
MASS TIMES
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 11.00am
RECONCILIATION
Saturday 11.00am - 11.30am
Saturday 5.30pm - 5.50pm

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 49:3, 5-6

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 39:2, 4, 7-10

*Here I am, Lord;
I come to do your will.*

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an

apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 1:14, 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 1:29-34

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after

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Bulletin Board

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Margaret Milte, Patricia Rodgers,
John Wallace, Michael Eckert,
Michael Murray .

ANNIVERSARIES

Rod & Laurel McNamara,
Peter Kennelly

PARISH COLLECTION 7th & 8th January

1st (Presbytery) \$1,432.00
2nd (Parish) \$1,557.50

VICTOR MORNING TEA ROSTER

January 15th & 22nd
L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

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

VICTOR MEET & GREET

January Saturdays
L. & M. Peake
January Sundays
D. Taylor & A. Wright

ST. JOAN'S CHOIR

Practice time is 10.30 am each
Friday in the Church.

GOOLWA MORNING TEA ROSTER

January
D. Lee, Anke, G. Seah

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

January
A. Turner, D. Jurgens

ST. JOHN'S CHOIR

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

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2017 PRAYER INTENTIONS: January



Christian Unity. That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching, by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

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.

HELP REQUIRED WITH IPOD SERVICE - VICTOR HARBOR

The Parish invites everyone to consider helping the iPod team with the challenge and privilege of serving our community with music at Vigil Masses. If you have the skills to use a smart phone or iPhone, training will be provided.



Those interested please
phone Carol on 0418 856 799.

MASS ROSTER

A new roster will be drawn up until the Easter period. If you are not available please call Mary Ferguson on 8552 5747.

HOSPITAL VISITATION

If you are admitted to hospital at Victor Harbor and need a visit from the Parish, please leave a message at the Parish Office on 8552 1084.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Would you like to update your knowledge of the Sacrament of Reconciliation ?

The booklet "The Sacrament of Reconciliation" is available at the information desk in the rear of the Church.

CATHOLIC INSURANCE RAFFLE

The proceeds from this year's Catholic Insurance Raffle was donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

SANDPIPER LODGE MASS

The next Mass at Sandpiper Lodge will be held on Wednesday 18th January at 10.30am. This will be held on the third Wednesday of each month.

CATHOLIC / LUTHERAN COMMITTEE

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd February at 2.00pm at St. John's Goolwa.

KSC "45 CLUB" BAR-B-QUE

Members are invited to a free bar-b-que at St. John's, Goolwa on Sunday 12th February from 5.00pm. BYO drinks and salads.



INSPIRATION FOR OUR PARISH VOLUNTEERS IN 2017

Some quotes from Mother Teresa :

"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies."

"Do not think that love, in order to be genuine, has to be extraordinary. What we need is to love without getting tired."

"Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing."

"Each one of them is Jesus in disguise".

"Good works are links that form a chain of love."

"I am a little pencil in the hand of a writing God who is sending a love letter to the world."

"Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everybody, I think that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat."

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one."



PSALM FOR 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Here I am, Lord; I come to do Your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and He stooped down to me;
He heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I.

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do Your will.

My God, I delight in Your law
in the depths of my heart.

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;
You know it, O Lord.

Here I am, Lord; I come to do Your will.



ST. ANTHONY OF EGYPT Feast Day 17th January

Anthony was born around 251, to wealthy parents who owned land in the present-day Faiyum region near Cairo.

During this time, the Catholic Church was rapidly spreading its influence throughout the vast expanses of the Roman Empire, while the Empire remained officially pagan and did not legally recognize the new religion.



In the course of his remarkable and extraordinarily long life, Anthony would live to see the Emperor Constantine's establishment of Christianity as the official religion of the Roman Empire. Anthony himself, however, would establish something more lasting by becoming the spiritual father of the monastic communities that have existed throughout the subsequent history of the Church.

SAINTS FABIAN AND SEBASTIAN Feast day 20th January

St. Fabian and St. Sebastian have always been venerated together, and their names were coupled in the ancient martyrologies, as they are still in the Litany of Saints.

St. Fabian was Pope from 236 to 250 AD. He promoted the consolidation and development of the Church. He divided Rome into seven diaconates for the purpose of extending aid to the poor. He was one of the first victims of the persecution of Decius, who considered him as a rival and personal enemy.

St. Sebastian, a native of Milan, was an officer in Diocletian's imperial guard. He became a Christian and suffered martyrdom upon orders of the emperor.

(Excerpt: Catholic Culture.org)

ST. AGNES, VIRGIN AND MARTYR Feast Day 21st January

St. Agnes (c. 304) like

St. Cecilia, is to be numbered among the most famous martyrs of Rome.

When the Diocletian persecution was at its height, and when priests as well as laymen were apostatizing from the faith, Agnes, a girl of twelve, freely chose to die for Christ. When she was commanded to offer incense to false gods, she raised her hand to Christ and made the Sign of the Cross. When the heathens threatened to bind her hand and foot, she herself hastened to the place of torture as a bride to her wedding feast.

Pain had no terror for her—although the fetters slipped from her small hands, while even the pagan bystanders were moved to tears.

When the son of the Roman prefect offered to marry her, she replied: "The one to whom I am betrothed is Christ Whom the angels serve."

When the executioner, who was to behead her, hesitated, she encouraged him with the words: "Strike, without fear, for the bride does her Spouse an injury if she makes Him wait.

(Excerpt: Passionist Nuns)



This Week : 14th & 15th January

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00p.m.

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 J. Randabel-Williamson

R.2 B. Bullen

E.M. S. Duong, P. Harris

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00 am

Commentator: V. Coffey

R.1 R. Reid

R.2 P.O'Brien

E.M. A. Rose, P. Clingan, K. Rucioch, M. Lloyd, I. Reid

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: P. Kennelly

R1. C. May

R.2 J. McInnes

E.M. B. Longworth, J. Slagter, K. Milne, M. O'Halloran, J. McMahon,



Next Week : 21st & 22nd January

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00p.m.

Commentator: B. Munday

R.1 C. Sutherland

R.2 V. Wyld

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

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00 am

Commentator: K. Howard

R.1 A. Williss

R.2 F. Hanna

E.M. P. O'Brien, K. Rucioch, A. Rose, M. Lloyd, R. Reid.

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: J. McInnes

R1. D. McMahon

R.2 J. McMahon

E.M. Marie Riddle, T. Siciliano, J. Ryan, A. Turner, M. Ryan

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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me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of

John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives. *Loyola Press website*

DID YOU KNOW?

- The title of Lamb of God would have suggested the Passover feast to those listening to John. At that time, sacrificial lambs were slaughtered in the Temple, recalling the blood of the lambs which was shed so that Israel could be spared death and freed from slavery in Egypt.
- Now that the Christmas cycle is completed the Church enters what is known as 'Ordinary Time' for a period. (This will be interrupted for the Lent-Easter-Pentecost cycle.)
- Ordinary Time does not mean commonplace or unremarkable. The name derives from the word 'ordinal' which means counted and sequential.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS (16 - 22 January)

- **Monday, 16:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 2 (Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22)
- **Tuesday 17:** St Anthony (Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28)
- **Wednesday 18:** Weekday Ordinary Time 2 (Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6)
- **Thursday 19:** Weekday Ordinary Time 2 (Heb 7:25 - 8:6; Mk 3:7-12)
- **Friday 20:** Weekday Ordinary Time 2 (Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19)
- **Saturday 21:** St Agnes (Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21)
- **Sunday 22:** 3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 8:23 - 9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23)