



# Welcome to Catholic Community of Victor Harbor and Goolwa

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



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A**

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## **PARISH TEAM CONTACTS**

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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 7:10-14**

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.' Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us."'

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps 23:1-6**

*Let the Lord enter;  
he is king of glory.*

## **SECOND READING**

**Romans 1:1-7**

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took was a descendant of David:

it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Mt 1:23**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The virgin will give birth to a son;  
his name will be Emmanuel"*

*God-is-with-us.*

*Alleluia!*

## **GOSPEL**

**Matthew 1:18-24**

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be

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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, Rod & Laurel  
McNamara, Peter Kennelly

### PARISH COLLECTION 10th & 11th December

1st (Presbytery) \$1,067.00  
2nd (Parish) \$1,248.30

### VICTOR MORNING TEA ROSTER

**December 18th**  
J. & W. Baker  
**December 25th Christmas Day**  
**No morning tea**  
**January 1st & 8th**  
A & E Temme

### VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

**December 16th - 23rd**  
B. Munday, R. Kuske  
**December 30th & January 6th**  
R. Reid & B. Murray  
**VICTOR MEET & GREET**  
**December Saturdays**  
L. & M. Peake & M. Farmer  
**December Sundays**  
H. Sampson, F. Harris  
**January Saturdays**  
L. & M. Peake  
**January Sundays**  
D. Taylor & A. Wright

### GOOLWA MORNING TEA ROSTER

**December**  
E. De Vries, D. McMahon, Loudi

### GOOLWA MEET & GREET

**December**  
K. & A. Fawcner

### 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.

### 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.

### GOOLWA VOLUNTEERS LUNCH



Approximately 38 volunteers enjoyed a very  
pleasant lunch at the Church hall last Sunday.  
Father Charles was an apology as were quite  
a few others. Many thanks to "super chef"  
Tony and all the ladies for their lovely salads.  
Thanks also to Maggie Smith who purchased  
the meat.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The PPC would like to thank all those who  
prepared and worked hard to provide the very  
successful "thank you" lunches at both Victor  
Harbor and Goolwa. We would especially like  
to thank the social club members who organ-  
ised both events. There will be no December  
meeting and the PPC will re-convene in Janu-  
ary. On behalf of myself and the entire PPC,  
I would like to wish all parishioners a very  
happy and joy filled Christmas.

Carol Sutherland  
PPC Chairperson

### 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 0411 279 245  
(Victor Harbor)

### ST. VINCENT de PAUL HAMPERS:

#### VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CONFERENCE

On Thursday 33 hampers and 30 parcels  
were packed to be distributed to needy fami-  
lies and residents of care homes on the South  
Coast. This is a real team effort between the  
parishioners who are generous to the local  
conference and our St. Vincent de Paul group,  
who work very hard to pack and deliver the  
hampers across our parish area.

### KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS LOCAL HISTORY

The long awaited launch of the Knights'  
History on the South Coast was held after the  
9am Mass at Goolwa last Sunday.  
This is a splendid book about all who have  
contributed to the branch, its activities, 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 are available for \$15 each.

### GREENER PASTURE

It is with sadness that Pat Regan will leave  
our Parish for "greener pastures" in Adelaide,  
close to her relatives. We thank Pat for her  
active involvement in the Parish.  
May God bless you in your new home.



### PSALM FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Let the Lord enter; He is king of glory.*

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,  
the world and all its peoples.  
It is He who set it on the seas;  
on the waters He made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in His holy place?  
The man with clean hands and pure heart,  
who desires not worthless things.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord  
and reward from the God who saves him.  
Such are the men who seek Him,  
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

*Let the Lord enter; He is king of glory.*

### SAINT PETER CANISIUS

**Feast Day 21st December**

(May 8, 1521 – December 21, 1597)

Peter was born in the Netherlands and



lived his 76 years at a pace which must be considered heroic, even in our time of rapid change. A man blessed with many talents, Peter is an excellent example of the scriptural man

who develops his talents for the sake of the Lord's work. He is regarded as one of the creators of the Catholic press, and can easily be a model for the Christian author or journalist. Teachers can see in his life a passion for the transmission of truth. Whether we have much to give, as Peter Canisius did, or whether we have only a little to give, as did the poor widow in the Gospel (see Luke 21:1-4), the important thing is to give our all. It is in this way that Peter is so exemplary for Christians in an age of rapid change when we are called to be in the world but not of the world.

(Franciscan media)

**HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY TO POPE FRANCIS ON 17TH DECEMBER**



### SAINT JOHN KANTY Feast Day 23rd December

(June 24, 1390 – December 24, 1473)

John was a country lad who made good in the big city and the big university of Kraków, Poland. After brilliant studies he was ordained a priest and became a professor of theology. The inevitable opposition which saints encounter led to his being ousted by rivals and sent to be a parish priest at Olkusz.



An extremely humble man, he did his best, but his best was not to the liking of his parishioners. Besides, he was afraid of the responsibilities of his position. But in the end he won his people's hearts. After some time he returned to Kraków and taught Scripture for the remainder of his life.

### 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Emanuel means "God with us". God put on flesh and became human to be with us, to renew our hope, to show us how to live and to deliver us from sin and death.

We light this candle today remembering that God began that work and will be faithful to complete it. Deliverance is at hand.

### ANNUAL ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

There will be a special collection taken up at all Masses next weekend. The Christmas Day Appeal for the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry has been an important tradition in this Archdiocese and a vital source of support for our ministry to Aboriginal people through the Otherway Centre and its services. For over 25 years ACM has been offering a welcome and a growing range of programs and services from its base at the Otherway Centre located at 80 Payneham Road, Stepney.



**This Week : 17th & 18th December**

**VICTOR HARBOR 6pm**

**Commentator:** J. Ryan

**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



**Saturday 24th December**

**VICTOR HARBOR 7.00pm**

**Commentator:** J. Ryan

**R.1** F. Hanna

**R.2** B. Bullen

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

**GOOLWA 5.30 pm**

**Commentator :** M. Freeborn

**R1** L. Longworth

**R2** B. Longworth

**EM** L. Elliott, D. Elliott, J. McMahon, S. Muller, K. Milne

**Sunday 25th December**

**VICTOR HARBOR 10.00am**

**Commentator:** E. Temme

**R.1** J. Randabel-Williamson

**R.2** A. Rose

**E.M.** R. & I. Reid, K. Rucioch, P. O'Brien

**GOOLWA 8.30am**

**Commentator:** A. Fawknor

**R.1** K. Fawknor

**R.2** L. Healey

**E.M.** M. Davis, M. O'Halloran, A. Turner, M. Meade, C. Williams

## 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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afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us.'

When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

## BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Finally, on this the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel Reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about" (Matthew 1:18).

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. Today's Gospel passage is the second movement in this story. In the preceding verses of the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the Evangelist has listed the genealogy of Jesus, tracing his lineage through King David to Abraham. In the chapter to follow, Matthew tells of the visit from the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and Herod's massacre of the infants in Bethlehem. (The other stories which we associate with Christmas, the Annunciation, the Visitation, the angel and the shepherds, are found in the Gospel of Luke).

We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel. The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in

fact the first part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. Mary is found to be with child. If adultery is proven, the punishment might be death. Joseph has rights under Mosaic law, but chooses to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract, so as to protect Mary. Then God intervenes. The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means "Yahweh saves." He will be the fulfilment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: "... The virgin shall be with child ... and shall name him Emmanuel (God with us)."

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God.

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS (19 - 25 December)

- **Monday, 19:** Monday, 4th week of Advent (Judges 13:2-7, 24-35; Lk 1:5-25)
- **Tuesday 20:** Tuesday, 4th week of Advent (Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Wednesday 21:** Wednesday, 4th week of Advent (Song 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45)
- **Thursday 22:** Thursday, 4th week of Advent (1Sam 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56)
- **Friday 23:** Friday, 4th week of Advent (Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66)
- **Saturday 24:** Saturday, 4th week of Advent - (2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Lk 1:67-79)
- **Sunday 25:** The NATIVITY of the LORD (Christmas)  
Vigil: Is 9:1-7; Titus 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14  
Midnight: Is 9:1-7; Titus 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14  
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20  
Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18