



Welcome to Catholic Community of Victor Harbor and Goolwa

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

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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

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159
Child Safe contacts - Kevin Rucioch
(0499 005 714) or Ian Reid (8552 4329)



FIRST READING

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 16

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid

to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever.'"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 88:2-5, 27, 29

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Romans 16:25-27

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.*

Alleluia!

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Bulletin Board

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Julie Bradley, Barbara Bond,
Father John Langtry, Rosemary
Powell, Susan Anderson, Peter
Turner, Mary & Bob Davis, Donald
Telford, Rosemary Scholefield,
Angelo Falco, Vicki Sullivan,
Valerie Londrigan, David Wark,
Shirley & Ray Harrison,
Daniel Holliday, Tania Capogreco,
Maggie Smith, Bob Healey,
Duncan Kaye, Jennifer Luistro,
Helen Haylock, John Wallace,
Adrian Langtry, Judith Murphy,
Jenny Winchester, Peter Bohnsack
Josephine Proctor.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Lyle Marchant, John Hardy,
Syd West, Paul Van Toorenburg,
Len de Brenni, Eileen Foxwell

PARISH COLLECTION 16th & 17th December

1st (Presbytery) \$1,603.00
2nd (Parish) \$1,416.50

VICTOR MORNING TEA ROSTER

24th & 31st December
M. Cunningham, A. Wright
7th & 14th January
W. & J. Baker

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER
29th December & 5th January
P. Mezzino, E. O'Shaughnessy

VICTOR MEET & GREET December Saturdays

M. Farmer
January Saturdays
M. Farmer

December Sundays

M. Fracek & J. Baker
January Sundays
J. & R. Randabel-Williamson

ST JOAN'S CHOIR : Practice
time is 10.30 am each Friday

GOOLWA MORNING TEA ROSTER

December
E. DeVries, D. McMahon, Loudi,
C. May

GOOLWA MEET & GREET December

K. & A. Fawcner

ST JOHN'S CHOIR: Practice
Tuesdays 2.30pm . Contact
Athalea 8555 2165

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2017 PRAYER INTENTIONS: DECEMBER - The Elderly :

That the elderly, sustained by families and
Christian communities, may apply their wis-
dom and experience to spreading the faith
and forming the new generations.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

VICTOR HARBOR:

Christmas Eve Sunday
24th December (Family
Mass) 7pm

Christmas Day Monday
25th Dec. 10am

NEW YEAR: 1st Jan. Monday 8.30am

GOOLWA: Christmas Eve Sunday 24th
December (Family Mass) 5.30pm

Christmas Day Monday 25th Dec. 8.30am

NEW YEAR: 1st Jan. Monday 10am

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS will be sung before
Mass on Christmas Eve in St Joan's.**

**CHRISTMAS ROSTERS VICTOR HARBOR
ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH PORCH
FOR READERS AND MINISTERS FOR
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR**

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL

This group will be in recess until after the
Epiphany. It will resume on Sunday 14th Jan-
uary 2018 in the annex at 7.00pm.
All welcome

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY

Groups meet fortnightly on Thursday nights
(mixed). 7.00pm-9.00pm and Wednesday
(women) 1.30pm-3.30pm. Phone Rob &
Jocelyne Randabel-Williamson for more
information. 0402 341 071.

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.

APPEAL FOR ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY

The traditional Christmas Day Appeal in the
Archdiocese will be collected in the Churches at
Christmas Masses. Please continue to support
this appeal generously, and remember the
Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in your prayers this
Christmas. Your support is essential for the
continued Otherway Centre to Aboriginal
people in the Archdiocese of Adelaide.

VICTOR/GOOLWA ST VINCENT de PAUL

A huge thank you to all who helped with the
Christmas hamper job in any way ... the donors
of groceries and toys, of items for the special
gift bags, "on-cue" bulletin notices, transport of
items from

one end of
the parish to
the other,
filling the toy
bags, printing
of an appro-
priate Christ-

mas message to go in each hamper, and to
Tuesday's willing squad of good folk who
packed the hamper boxes, checked them off
and made deliveries all along our coast. A total
this year of 45 hampers were delivered, and 31
gift bags. Be assured that the time and effort
spent was appreciated .A special thank you to
John and Wendy Baker for their organisation.

THANK YOU

Deepest sympathy to the family of Syd West.
A special thanks to all those people who helped
with the catering in any way.

ST JOHNS SOCIAL CLUB has allocated
funds to the following organisations from the
profits received at socials held during the year.
Vinnies were given \$200, \$500 to Goolwa
Primary School Chaplaincy fund, \$100 to
Catherine House, as well as \$300 to South
Coast Christian Community Care, and \$200 to
Uniting Church open door meals for the home-
less in Goolwa. We still have money to put into
church repairs or improvements during 2018.
Thank you all who supported our events during
the year.

PARISH WEBSITE - CHILDREN'S PAGE

There is a new page on our website for
children and youth, including the Nativity scene
to download. Please visit the site at
<www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au>





PSALM FOR 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of Your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim
Your truth.
Of this I am sure, that Your love lasts
for ever,
that Your truth is firmly established as the
heavens.

'I have made a covenant with my chosen
one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through the ages.'

He will say to me: 'You are my Father,
my God, the rock who saves me.'
I will keep my love for Him always;
for Him my covenant will endure.

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

THE ADVENT WREATH

The 4th Sunday of Advent
symbolizes Peace with the
Angel's Candle, reminding
us of the message of the
angels; "Peace on Earth,
Good Will toward All"



CALLING ALL CHILDREN

If you would like to take part in the Nativity
Scene on Christmas Eve, please arrive in
the foyer at about 5.15pm for Goolwa or
6.45pm for Victor Harbor.

WEST PARK CHRISTMAS SERVICE.

A big thank-you to those parishioners
from the Goolwa Church who attended the
West Park Christmas service on
20/12/2017. A special thank-you to our
musicians, Athalea on the organ and all
the ukulele players who volunteered their
time and musical expertise. I would also
like to thank Chris and John Slagter for all
the support and encouragement they have
given me over the past two years. The
residents of West Park really enjoyed the
service so a big thank-you to all involved.
Cathy May.

ST JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

Feast Day 27th December

Patron of our Goolwa Church.

HAPPY FEAST DAY PARISHIONERS.

St John is the evangelist
of the divinity of Christ
and His fraternal love.
With James, his brother,
and Simon Peter, he was
one of the witnesses of
the Transfiguration. At the Last Supper,
he leans on the Master's breast. At the foot
of the cross, Jesus entrusts His Mother to
his care. John's pure life kept him very
close to Jesus and Mary in years to come.
John was exiled to the island of Patmos
under Emperor Domitian.

(Excerpt: Catholicculture.org)



THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

Feast Day 28th December.



King Herod ordered
the execution of all
male children in the
village of Bethlehem
in order to avoid the
loss of his throne to
the "New Born King".

The Holy Innocents

are few in comparison to the genocide and
abortion of our day. But even if there had
been only one, we recognize the greatest
treasure God put on the earth - a human
person, destined for eternity, and graced
by Jesus' death and resurrections

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Mary and Bob Davis would like to thank all
those who have sent their best wishes,
love and prayers over this difficult period.
We wish you all a happy and healthy and
safe Christmas. Mary and Bob Davis

FR VINH'S CHRISTMAS WISHES

I would like to wish you all a holy and
blessed Christmas. May God bless you as
we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Thank you
for your many Christmas wishes and
presents. Fr. Vinh



This Week : Dec. 23rd, 24th & 25th

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm Dec. 23rd

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 M. Farmer **R.2** V. Wyld

E.M. E. O'Connell, L. Blackett

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am Dec. 24th

Commentator : Kevin Howard

R. 1 A. Weygood **R.2** F. Hanna

E.M. K. Rucioch, P. Clingan,
M. Ferguson

V.H. December 24th 7pm

Commentator: Jim Ryan

R. 1 A. Williss **R. 2** L. Sunman

E.M. P. Clingan, E. O'Shaughnessy,
A. Rose, P. Harris

V.H. December 25th 10am

Commentator: M. Ferguson

R.1 J. Randabel-Williamson

R.2 W. Baker

E.M. R. Kuske, J. Baker, K. Rucioch

GOOLWA 9.00am Dec. 24th

Commentator: A. Fawkner

R.1 J. McMahon **R.2** D. McMahon

E.M. T. Siciliano, M. Glazewski, L.
Healey, K. Fawkner, C. Williams

GOOLWA Dec. 24th 5.30pm

Commentator: M. Riddle

R.1 L. Longworth **R.2** B. Longworth

E.M. M. Ryan, D. Elliott, T. Siciliano, J.
McInnes, L. Elliott

GOOLWA: Dec. 25th 8.30am

Commentator: M. Freeborn

R.1 N. Catinari, **R.2** B. Catinari,

E.M. J. McInnes, S. Muller, L. Healey
M. O'Halloran, T. Siciliano

Next Week : December 30th & 31st

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: Elaine O'Shaughnessy

R.1 J. Ryan **R.2** M. Farmer

E.M. L. Blackett, E. O'Connell

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : E. Temme

R. 1 L. Sunman **R.2** J. Randabel-

Williamson **E.M.** M. Ferguson, A. Rose,
K. Rucioch

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: K. Fawkner

R. 1 R. Lee **R.2** C. May

E.M. J. Ryan, M. Ryan, T. Siciliano,
J. Slagter, D. West

V/HARBOR January 1st 8.30am

Commentator: K. Rucioch

R.1 M. Farmer **R. 2** **E.M.**

GOOLWA January 1st 10am

Commentator: J. McInnes

R. 1 P. Burns **R. 2** M. O'Halloran

E.M. L. Healey, J. Slagter, D. West,
B. Longworth, C. Williams

REGULAR MASS TIMES IN OUR CLUSTER CHURCHES

ALDINGA

Mary of Galilee, the First Disciple
cnr Quinliven and How 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 Honeypot Rd and Goldsmith Dve
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 9.00am
1st, 3rd Sundays 11am (Spanish Mass)
2nd Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)
Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm
Monday 9.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Tuesday 1st week 9.00am and 9.45am
(later Mass followed by Tuesday Chats)
Wednesday 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, 4th Sunday 3.00pm

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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GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High.

The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

DID YOU KNOW?

- This scene from the Gospel of Luke, where such a momentous exchange takes place, is known as the Annunciation, meaning the announcement of the conception of Jesus.
- From the time of the Exile in Babylon, Israel had longed for the Messiah to come. He was to be the anointed one of God and the prophets foretold that he would come from the House of David and be born in David's home town of Bethlehem.

- According to Luke's Gospel, Mary and Joseph live in Nazareth in the north and travel to Bethlehem to be counted in the census because Joseph is of David's line and must return to his 'home' country.

EXPLORING THE WORD

Annunciation stories are a regular literary form. There are a number of such stories in the Hebrew Scriptures; for example, the births of Isaac, Samson and Samuel and, of course, Luke has already recorded the annunciation of John the Baptist. The purpose of the annunciation story is to let the reader know what role the person whose birth is announced will play in salvation history. In this sense they are a device rather than a strictly historical narration, although clearly based on ancient memory. In the annunciation of the birth of Jesus, however, there are elements which surpass all other annunciation stories. The emphasis is on the creative action of the Holy Spirit, Mary's cooperation with God's will, and it establishes Jesus' transcendental origins. The role that the child to be born is to play in salvation history is defined in terms of Davidic Messiahship and in this last Sunday of Advent we stand on the brink of the fulfilment of the promise made to Mary of messianic hope for the world. The tension of the waiting of Advent is almost over.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(25 - 31 December)

- **Monday, 25:** CHRISTMAS DAY - Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18)
- **Tuesday, 26:** St Stephen (Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22)
- **Wednesday, 27:** St John (1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:2-8)
- **Thursday, 28:** The Holy Innocents (1 Jn 1:5 - 2:2; Mt 2:13-18)
- **Friday, 29:** 5th day in Octave of Nativity (1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35)
- **Saturday, 30:** 6th day in Octave of Nativity (1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40)
- **Sunday 31:** The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40)

PASTORAL CARE

If you (or someone you know) is house-bound, in hospital or in residential care and would appreciate a visit from a Priest or someone from the Parish, please let us know.
Contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552),
Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).