



Welcome to Catholic Community of Victor Harbor and Goolwa

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THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD - YEAR A

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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



VIGIL MASS

(celebrated during the afternoon or evening of 24th December)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

God's grace brings about the conversion of his unfaithful people. With a new-found integrity they (and we) will be called by a new name, and their relationship (and ours) with God will lead to an intimacy beyond their (and our) wildest imaginings. God will rejoice in them (and us).

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

Paul introduces the Jews and non-Jewish believers in the God of Israel to the new thing that God has done for them in Jesus, whom he has raised up for them as Saviour.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed: the Saviour of the world will be our king.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 1:1-25

This reading from the beginning of Matthew's Gospel reminds us of the

mortality and even the sin the Son of God took on himself in becoming one of us, through his birth from the Virgin Mary, in order to save his people from their sins and restore us to God's friendship.

MIDNIGHT MASS

(Celebrated at midnight on 24th Dec)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-7

Light shines in the darkness and overcomes it, because a child is born for us, a son given to us, and his name is Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father Prince-of-Peace.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14

God's grace, given in his Son, has made salvation possible for the whole human race. This Son sacrificed himself to set us free from all wickedness, so that our sole ambition might be to do good.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Good News and great joy to all the world: today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Alleluia!

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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, Donald Telford, Rosemary
Scholefield

RECENTLY DECEASED

Margaret Milte,

ANNIVERSARIES

Eileen Foxwell, Rod & Laurel
McNamara, Peter Kennelly

PARISH COLLECTION 17th & 18th December

1st (Presbytery) \$1,257.00
2nd (Parish) \$1,540.70

VICTOR MORNING TEA ROSTER

December 25th Christmas Day
No morning tea
January 1st & 8th
A & E Temme
January 15th & 22nd
L. Sunman & P Chigwidden

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER
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

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



*May the Christmas
Season bring you
much peace, joy and
happiness.*

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.
This raffle will be drawn this week end.

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINE RAFFLE WINNERS:

VICTOR HARBOR-
Brian Bullen

GOOLWA-
Loudy



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

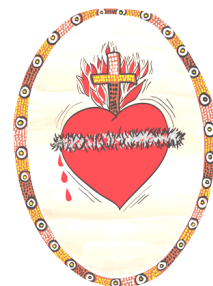


KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS LOCAL HISTORY

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 con-
tributed 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.

ANNUAL ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

There will be a special
collection taken up at all
Masses this weekend.
The Christmas Day Ap-
peal for the Aboriginal
Catholic Ministry has
been an important tradi-
tion in this Archdiocese
and a vital source of sup-
port 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.





PSALM FOR THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for He has worked wonders.
His right hand and His holy arm
have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known His salvation;
has shown His justice to the nations.
He has remembered His truth and love
for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the king, the Lord.

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

THE HOLY INNOCENTS Feast Day 28th December

Matthew 2:1-18 tells this story:
Herod was "greatly troubled" when
astrologers from the east came asking the
whereabouts of "the newborn king of the
Jews," whose star they had seen.
They were told that the Jewish Scriptures
named Bethlehem as the place where the
Messiah would be born. Herod cunningly
told them to report back to him so that he
could also "do him homage." They found
Jesus, offered
him their gifts
and, warned by
an angel, avoid-
ed Herod on their
way home. Jesus
escaped to
Egypt.



Herod became furious and "ordered the
massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and
its vicinity two years old and under."

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH Feast Day 30th December

The Feast of the Holy Family
is not just about the Holy
Family, but about our own
families too.

The main purpose of the
Feast is to present the Holy
Family as the model for all
Christian families and for do-
mestic life in general.

St. John Chrysostom urged all Christians to
make each home a "family church," and in
doing so, we sanctify the family unit. Just
how does one live out the Church in the
family? The best way is by making Christ
the centre of family and individual life.
(ChurchYear.net)

ST. STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR Feast day 26th December

St. Stephen is a recognized saint in many
Christian theologies,
and is considered to be
the first Christian
martyr.

According to the Acts
of the Apostles, Ste-
phen was denounced
for blasphemy after a dispute with members
of a Jewish synagogue circa the year 36.
He was condemned and stoned to death.

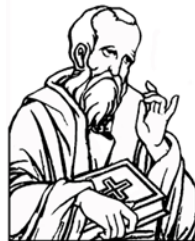


ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST Feast Day 27th December

St. John, the Evangelist, who is styled in
the Gospel, "the beloved
disciple", was a Galilean,
son of Zebedee and Salo-
me, and brother to St.
James the Greater, both
of whom were fishermen.
The two were called by
Jesus to be disciples as
they were mending their
nets by the Sea of Galilee.

St. John was the only one of the Apostles
who did not forsake the Saviour in the hour
of His Passion and Death.

St. John wrote his Gospel after the other
Evangelists, about sixty-three years after
the Ascension of Christ; also three Epistles,
and the wonderful and mysterious Book of
the Apocalypse or Revelation



**JESUS
IS THE REASON
FOR THIS
CHRISTMAS SEASON**

This Week : 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. Fawkner

R.1 K. Fawkner

R.2 L. Healey

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



Next Week : 31st Dec. & 1st Jan.

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00p.m.

Commentator: W. Baker

R.1 J. Ryan

R.2 R. Walsh

E.M. J. Baker, R. Kuske

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00 am

Commentator: K. Howard

R.1 A. Williss

R.2 F. Hanna

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

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: M. Freeborn

R1 D. Huppatz,

R.2 P. Kennelly

E.M. P. Burns, M. Davis, D. Elliott,
L. Elliott, M. Glazewski

CLUSTER CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

KANGAROO ISLAND PARISH

• **Christmas Eve** •

4.00pm - Penneshaw

7.30pm - Kingscote

• **Christmas Day** •

8.30am - Kingscote

• **New Year's Day** •

9.30am - Kingscote

4.00pm - Parndana

NOARLUNGA/SEAFORD PARISH

• **Christmas Eve** •

6.00pm - Noarlunga

7.30pm - Seaford

Midnight - Noarlunga

• **Christmas Day** •

9.00am - Noarlunga

• **New Year's Eve** •

6.00pm - Noarlunga

• **New Year's Day** •

9.00am - Noarlunga

10.45am - Seaford

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA PARISH

• **Christmas Eve** •

5.30pm - Goolwa

7.00pm - Victor Harbor

• **Christmas Day** •

8.30am - Goolwa

10.00am - Victor Harbor

• **New Year's Eve** •

6.00pm - Victor Harbor

• **New Year's Day** •

9.00am - Goolwa

11.00am - Victor Harbor

WILLUNGA PARISH

• **Christmas Eve** •

6.00pm - Normanville

6.30pm - Aldinga

7.00pm - Willunga

Midnight - Willunga

• **Christmas Day** •

8.30am - Normanville

9.00am - Willunga

• **New Year's Eve** •

5.30pm - Aldinga

• **New Year's Day** •

8.30am - Willunga

10.30am - Normanville

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GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-14

In an out-of-the-way little town in Judea, a child is born. He is announced by angels to nearby shepherds as the Christ of the Lord, and the sign confirming this is a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. An early example of "God's Easter methods".

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

(Celebrated during
the day of 25th December)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

The Prophet proclaims good news to the disheartened people of Judah and Jerusalem - their God has not abandoned them, but is coming to save them. Good news to us too - God's salvation is for all peoples.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*All the ends of the earth have seen
the saving power of God.*

SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-6

God spoke his word through his prophets and in various ways. Now he speaks to us through his Son, who is the radiant light of God's glory. He has veiled that glory with our humanity so that we can prepare by lives of faith for the full revelation of that glory in Heaven.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*A holy day has dawned upon us.
Come, you nations and adore the
Lord. Today a great light has come
upon the earth.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

The gospel passage encourages us to ponder reverently the mystery of the Word who was with God in the beginning, who was God, and who became man in Jesus and dwelt among us.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FR CHARLES

Dear friends,

We are about to celebrate Christmas. Many are tired, it is the end of a long year.

For some Christmas is not a happy time it reminds them of hurts and aloneness. For many it is about family and celebration of relationships. For some it is mixture of all these things.

For us Christians it is also about God becoming one of us, connecting with us in deep intimacy and love. It is a time of celebrating hope in a promise that God, Emmanuel is with us always.

We are not immune from pain and hurt, disappointments and even betrayals. Because of Jesus we do not give up on forgiveness, on fresh starts, commitments and love.

I wish to thank all who do so much for our community as a labour of love. Your generosity never ceases to delight and surprise me.

God bless you all and your families.

Fr Charles Gauci

CHRISTMAS QUOTES

- Want to keep Christ in Christmas? Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, forgive the guilty, welcome the unwanted, care for the ill, love your enemies, and do unto others as you would have done unto you.

Steve Maraboli

- My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas.

Bob Hope



*May the spirit
of Christmas
bring you
peace.*

*The gladness of
Christmas give
you hope.*

*The warmth of
Christmas
grant you love.*

Happy Christmas

