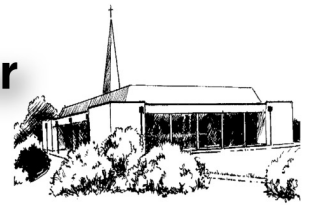




Welcome to Catholic Community of Victor Harbor and Goolwa

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



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 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)
(*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

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Mt 5:3



FIRST READING

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

Seek the Lord, all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord.

In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 145: 7-10

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God

chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: *if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad: your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

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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

J Michael Eckert, Michael Murray .
Roma Scarman.

PARISH COLLECTION 21st & 22nd January

1st (Presbytery) \$1,352.50
2nd (Parish) \$1,572.50

VICTOR MORNING TEA ROSTER

January 29th & February 5th
R. & J. Randabel-Williamson
February 12th & 19th
R. & I. Reid

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

February 3rd
W. & J. Baker & T. Lewis
February 10th
B. Munday, R. Kuske

VICTOR MEET & GREET

January Sundays
D. Taylor & A. Wright
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

January
D. Lee, Anke, G. Seah
February
M. Wark, M. Davis, A. Turner,
H. Taylor

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

January A. Turner, D. Jurgens
February J. McInnes, M. Davis

ST. JOHN'S CHOIR

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



Bulletin Board

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.

CATHOLIC / LUTHERAN COMMITTEE

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

KSC "45 CLUB" BBQ

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.

Series 1/17 Nominations are open.
1st Draw will be 11 February, prior to BBQ, Sun 12 Feb.

PASTORAL CARE GROUP V.H.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday 4th February at 4.00pm. In the annex.

INFORMATION REQUIRED

Irene Pinto, please contact Kevin Rucioch on 0499 005 714 regarding the plaque you ordered for your brother-in-law, **Paul John Gryst**.

HOLIDAY COMPANION

A lady parishioner needs a woman to accompany her on a car trip to Hervey Bay mid February. If you are interested, please contact Muriel 0422 266 201 or 8225 9331. **All expenses paid including air flight home.**

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th February after the 9.30am Mass at Goolwa.

ST. JOAN'S MAINTENANCE GROUP AND MORNING TEA

Work starts at 9.30am on Wednesday 8th February followed by morning tea in the annex. **ALL MEN WELCOME**

ST. JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB

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

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. 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.



ANNEX CLOSED

The annex will be closed on Tuesday 7th February for cleaning.

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.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB VICTOR HARBOR/ GOOLWA

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

Please note the annex is closed for cleaning on 7th February.



PSALM FOR 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs !

It is the Lord Who keeps faith forever,
Who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is He Who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, Who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord Who gives sight to the blind,
Who raises up those who are bowed down.,
the Lord, Who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan.

It is the Lord Who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs !

ST. JOHN BOSCO

Feast Day 31st January

Born 1815: Died 1888

A follower of the spirituality and philosophy of Saint Francis de Sales, John Bosco was an ardent devotee of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title Mary Help of Christians. He later dedicated his works to De Sales when



he founded the Salesians of Don Bosco, based in Turin. Together with Maria Domenica Mazzarello, he founded the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, a religious congregation of nuns dedicated to the care and education of poor girls. Bosco established a network of organizations and centres to carry on his work. Following his beatification in 1929, he was canonized as a saint in the Roman Catholic Church by Pope Pius XI in 1934.

BACK TO SCHOOL

As we begin a new school year, let us pray for students and all those responsible for their learning and learning environments. All students, teachers, school support staff and administrators need our support and prayers in their efforts to give their best to the children in their care.

Let us not forget those children who will be attending school having had no breakfast and arrive with no lunch or school supplies like books, pencils, and backpacks.

UPDATE FROM PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

We are endeavouring to arrange a Retreat in daily life in our parish towards the middle of the year.

Blessings for the sick will take place once a quarter after Masses, to be announced a week beforehand.

Renewal – we are re looking at the 8 markers for renewal. We looked again at the introduction.

“The parish isn't an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community. While certainly not the only institution which evangelizes, if the parish proves capable of self-renewal and constant additivity, it continues to be “the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters”.

This presumes that it really is in contact with the homes and lives of its people, and does not become a useless structure out of touch with people or a self-absorbed group made up of a chosen few. The Parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities, the Parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach. We must admit, though, that the call to review and renew our parishes has not yet sufficed to bring them nearer to people, to make them environments of living communion and participation and to make them completely mission-oriented. (Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*, par. 28)

If you have thoughts or suggestions regarding the renewal document, please speak to a PPC member or use the suggestion box in the Church foyers.

Carol Sutherland

PPC Chairperson



This Week : 28th & 29th January

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00p.m.

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 B. Munday

R.2 R. Walsh

E.M. D. McLaughlin, R. Kuske

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00 am

Commentator: K. Rucioch

R.1 P. Chigwidden

R.2 A. Rose

E.M. M. Lloyd, J. Baker, M. Ferguson, S. Duong., M. Cunningham

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R1. M. O'Halloran

R.2 Mike Riddle

E.M. A. Turner, P. Burns, M. Davis, C. Williams, M. Glazewski.



Next Week : 4th & 5th February

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00p.m.

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 J. Randabel-Williamson

R.2 M. Farmer

E.M. R. Powell, P. Harris

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00 am

Commentator: P.O'Brien

R.1 F. Hanna

R.2 A. Rose

E.M. P. Clingan, K. Rucioch, M. Lloyd, M. Ferguson, V. Salmon

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: M. O'Halloran

R1. Children

R.2 Children

E.M. D. Elliott, L. Elliott, S. Muller, L. Healey, D. Huppertz.

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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'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favour with God.

We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls "blessed" and "happy" are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

"Blessed" is sometimes translated as *happy, fortunate, or favoured*. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favour is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome—and surprising—to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God. *Loyola Press website*

DID YOU KNOW?

- This collection of sayings is known as the Beatitudes, which means blessings.
- This text is also known as the Sermon on the Mount. Luke also has a version of this text, but it is set on a plain by the Sea of Galilee (Luke 6:20-26).
- Just as Moses received the Law on Mt Sinai, Matthew situates Jesus giving the new law on a mountain.
- There are a number of instances in his Gospel where Matthew parallels Jesus with Moses. Again, this may be to appeal to the largely Jewish audience of his own community.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

The 'poor' are those who are not smug and self-satisfied. Those who 'mourn' are those who grieve at the effects of sin in the world. The 'meek' are the lowly and powerless in any situation. Those who 'hunger for righteousness' are those who long for justice and peace. The 'pure of heart' are those who seek God alone. The 'peacemakers' are those who work to restore broken relationships. Those who are 'persecuted' are those who are ridiculed for their faith. Taken all together, the Beatitudes describe what a Christian should be like.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(30 January - 5 February)

- **Monday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (Heb 11: 32-40; Mk 5:1-20)
- **Tuesday 31:** St John Bosco (Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43)
- **Wednesday 1:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6)
- **Thursday 2:** The Presentation of the Lord (Malachi 3:1-4; Lk 2:22-40)
- **Friday 3:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29)
- **Saturday 4:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34)
- **Sunday 5:** FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16)