



# Welcome to Catholic Community of Victor Harbor and Goolwa

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



**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - YEAR B**

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## **VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE**

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## **PARISH TEAM CONTACTS**

### **PARISH PRIEST**

Fr Charles Gauci (involved in another ministry in 2017)

### **PARISH ADMINISTRATOR**

Fr Vinh Tran (phone 8552 1084 - in emergency - mob 0429 098 802)

### **PARISH MANAGER**

Mr Kevin Rucioch (mob 0499 005 714)

### **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)

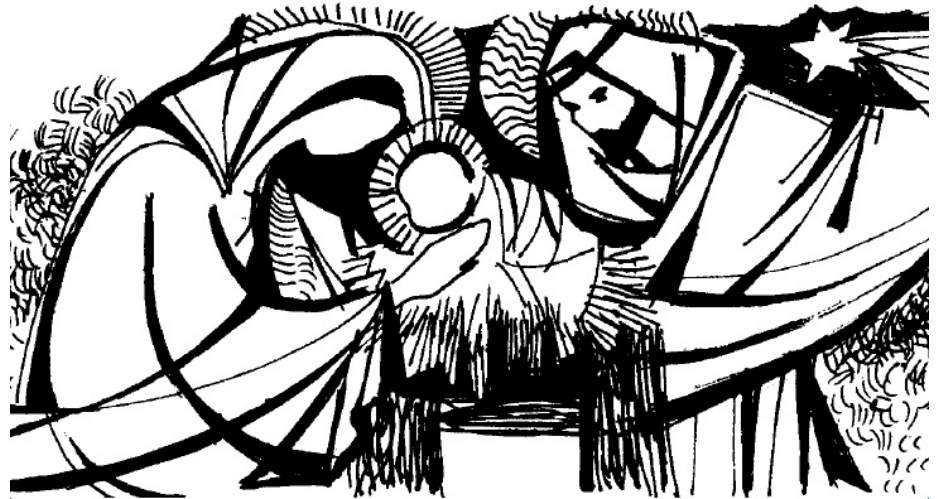
### **RECONCILIATION**

Sunday 8.30am - 8.50am

## **CHILD PROTECTION**

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

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



## **FIRST READING**

**Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3**

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great'.

'My Lord,' Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless ...' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir'. And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood'. Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps 104:1-6, 8-9**

*The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.*

## **SECOND READING**

**Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19**

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Heb 1:1-2**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son.*

*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, Krysl Milne.

### ANNIVERSARIES

Patricia Rogers

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Eileen Foxwell

### 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.

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### NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

**VICTOR HARBOR: NEW YEAR:** 1st Jan.  
Monday 8.30am

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**GOOLWA : NEW YEAR:** 1st Jan. Monday  
10am

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### 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.

### PATRICIA ROGERS

The first anniversary of the death of Patricia  
Rogers occurred on 29th December. She is  
remembered in our prayers, along with her  
family and friends.

### VOLUNTEER COUNTERS

The rosters are available from the Sacristy

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the children who  
took part in the Nativity scene on  
Christmas Eve. It was  
wonderful to see so  
many children  
participating. Many  
thanks to those who  
helped with arrange-  
ments. If anyone has any photos of the night  
could you please forward them to Fr. Vinh at  
<catholicvhg@bigpond.com>

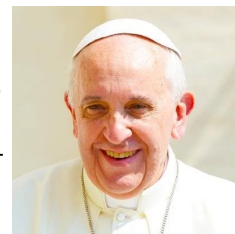


### MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE 51st WORLD DAY OF PEACE 1st JANUARY 2018

#### *Migrants and refugees: men and women in search of peace*

Peace to all people and to all nations on earth!

Peace, which the angels  
proclaimed to the shep-  
herds on Christmas night,  
a profound aspiration for  
everyone, for each individ-  
ual and all peoples, and  
especially for those who  
most keenly suffer its  
absence. Among these whom I constantly keep  
in my thoughts and prayers, I would once again  
mention the over 250 million migrants world-  
wide, of whom 22.5 million are refugees.



### POPE FRANCIS' NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE.

The Pope stressed everyone has a responsibil-  
ity to build a world which "becomes a communi-  
ty of brothers who respect each other, accept  
each other's differences and take care of each  
other." We are also called to acknowledge "the  
violence and injustices present in many places  
around the world," and we cannot allow our-  
selves to be "indifferent and immobile," he  
added. Everyone must work to build a society of  
solidarity and one that is "truly more just."  
Departing from his prepared remarks, Pope  
Francis explained how moved he was by a letter  
he recently received from a man touched by  
personal tragedy. The man asked him why so  
many terrible things are happening in today's  
world: "What has happened to the hearts of  
men?" the man wrote. The Pope repeated the  
question, asking the faithful: "What has hap-  
pened in the hearts of men, in the heart of hu-  
manity? It is time to stop! It is time to stop!"

### BRING AND SHARE TABLE

We have some extra sunflower  
seeds for anyone who missed  
out last time. It would be  
appreciated if you could send  
any photos of your sunflower  
journey to Fr Vinh at  
<catholicvhg@bigpond.com>



### THANK YOU

Thank you to parishioners for all the pray-  
ers, cards and get well wishes which we  
really appreciate. A special thank you to Fr  
Vinh. Krysl and David Milne.

### PARISH COLLECTION 23rd & 24th December

1st (Presbytery) \$2312.00  
2nd (Parish) \$1277.30

### VICTOR MORNING TEA ROSTER

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

### VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 5th January

P. Mezzino, E. O'Shaughnessy

### VICTOR MEET & GREET January Saturdays

M. Farmer  
**January Sundays**  
J. & R. Randabel-Williamson

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

### GOOLWA MORNING TEA ROSTER

**January**  
Anke, G. Seah

### GOOLWA MEET & GREET December

K. & A. Fawcner

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



### PSALM FOR THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH YEAR B

#### *The Lord remembers His covenant forever.*

Give thanks to the Lord, tell His name, make known His deeds among the peoples.

O sing to Him, sing His praise; tell all His wonderful works!

Be proud of His Holy Name, let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice. Consider the Lord and His strength; constantly seek His face.

Remember the wonders He has done, His miracles, the judgements He spoke. O children of Abraham, His servant, O sons of the Jacob He chose.

He remembers His covenant forever, His promise for a thousand generations, the covenant He made with Abraham, the oath He swore to Isaac.

#### *The Lord remembers His covenant forever.*

### SAINTS BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY THE NAZIANZEN, Bishops and Doctors of the Church. (4<sup>th</sup> Century) Feast day 2nd January

Both St Basil and St Gregory were born in Asia Minor. They became close friends and studied together in Athens.



Both became Bishops and important theologians. Basil was an organiser who fought against Ari-

anism; Gregory was more contemplative and poetic. Appointed Bishop of the tumultuous See of Constantinople, Gregory soon resigned and ended his days devoutly at Nazianzen. (St. Paul's Week day Missal)

### MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD. Feast Day 1st January .



Other themes come together at today's celebration. It is the Octave of Christmas: Our remembrance of Mary's divine motherhood injects a further note

of Christmas joy. It is a day of prayer for world peace: Mary is the mother of the Prince of Peace. It is the first day of a new year: Mary continues to bring new life to her children - who are also God's children.

(Excerpt: Franciscan media)

### THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS Feast Day 3rd January



The name Jesus comes from the Greek Iesous which was derived from the Aramaic, Yeshu. It means "Yaweh is salvation."

From apostolic times the name has been treated with the greatest respect, as honour is due the name which represents Our Lord, himself.

When we say "Jesus," let us ask God for all we need with absolute confidence of being heard. For this reason, the Church ends her prayer with the words, "through Jesus Christ," which gives the prayer a new and Divine efficacy.

(Excerpt: catholic tradition)

### 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

Happy  
New Year  
-2018-

### This Week : December 30th & 31st

#### VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: Elaine O'Shaughnessy

R.1 J. Ryan

R.2 M. Farmer

E.M. L. Blacket, 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

### Next Week : January 6th & 7th

#### VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 J. Randabel-Williamson

R.2 M. Farmer

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

#### VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : P. O'Brien

R. 1 F. Hanna

R.2 V. Coffey

E.M. K. Rucioch, P. Clingan, M. Lloyd, R. Reid, V. Salmon

#### GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: P. Burns

R.1 M. Freeborn R.2 L. Healey

E.M. D. Elliott, L. Elliott, M. Glazewski, D. Huppertz, B. Longworth



## 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  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays 11am (Spanish Mass)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)  
Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm  
Monday 9.00am  
Tuesday 9.00am  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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*  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays 10.30am  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 8.30am  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday 6.00pm

### PARNDANA

2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 3.00pm

### PENNESHAW

*St Columba, North Terrace*  
(shared with Anglicans)  
1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>) 9.00am  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday 11.30am

### WILLUNGA

*St Joseph, 12 St Judes Street*  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays 8.30am  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 10.30am  
Wednesday 9.00am  
Thursday 9.00am  
Friday 9.00am

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## GOSPEL

### Luke 2:22-40

"When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord - observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected - and a sword will pierce your own soul too - so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She

came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

## EXPLORING THE WORD

All four characters in today's gospel are devout and observant Jews, faithfully waiting for the fulfilment of the promises made to Israel. But the time of waiting has come to an end. In many ways, Simeon's words are universal, representing the whole of Israel's wait: 'Now Lord, you can let your servant go in peace ... because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all nations.' Likewise, Anna proclaims to all Jerusalem the identity of this child. Both point to Jesus as the visitation of God, not only to those traditionally seen as the people of God but to all the nations. The salvation brought is universal. Mary's 'yes' to God's plan has brought fulfilment of the promise, but still she is left wondering what that will mean in the future.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(1 - 7 January)

- **Monday, 1:** MARY, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD (Num 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21)
- **Tuesday, 2:** Sts Basil the Great and Gregory (1Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28)
- **Wednesday, 3:** Weekday, Christmas Time (1Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34)
- **Thursday, 4:** Weekday, Christmas Time (iJn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42)
- **Friday, 5:** Weekday, Christmas Time (1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51)
- **Saturday, 6:** Weekday, Christmas Time (1Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:6-11)
- **Sunday 7:** The EPIPHANY of the LORD (IS 60:1-6; EPH 3:2-3, 5-6; MT 2:1-12)

## 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).