



Welcome to Catholic Community of Victor Harbor and Goolwa

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



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD - 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



FIRST READING

Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 66:2-3, 5, 6, 8

May God bless us in his mercy.

SECOND READING

Galatians 4:4-7

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the

Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Heb1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

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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, Pat Rodgers, John
Wallace.

ANNIVERSARIES

Eileen Foxwell, Rod & Laurel
McNamara, Peter Kennelly



May every day of the
New Year
glow with good cheer
and happiness
for you
and your family



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 2016. Anyone is welcome. Please contact Anne Weygood for details 0429 653 844.

CATHOLIC CHURCH INSURANCE RAFFLE

The Christmas Hamper valued at over RRP \$150.00 donated by Catholic Church Insurance, has been won by Sue Butler.

NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

Victor Harbor :

Sat. 31st December 6.00pm
Sun. 1st January 11.00am

Goolwa

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 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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped in any way with the large funeral on the Thursday before Christmas. This was very much appreciated by the Milte family and St. Joan's Social Club.

THANK YOU FROM FR. VINH

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. I wish to thank you for many cards and presents that I've received. I was so pleased that we celebrated Christmas so well and prayerfully. Special thanks for your gifts of "red fruit juice" !! Love Fr. Vinh.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Kevin McCarthy and Edward Hounslow for entering into our Catholic Church, celebrating their Confirmation and Eucharist at 6.00pm Mass this weekend. May God bless you through the rest of your lives with us.

VALE PAT RODGERS & JOHN WALLACE

It is with sadness that I inform you that John Wallace died on Christmas Eve, and Pat Rodgers died last Thursday. John's funeral will be held on Thursday 5th January at 11.00am. May God bless them with eternal life. Fr. Vinh

VICTOR MORNING TEA ROSTER

January 1st & 8th

A & E Temme

January 15th & 22nd

L. Sunman & P Chigwidden

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

January 6th

R. Reid & B. Murray

January 13th & 20th

G. Woodhead, H. Sampson

VICTOR MEET & GREET

January Saturdays

L. & M. Peake

January Sundays

D. Taylor & A. Wright

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

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



This Week : 31st Dec. & 1st January

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



PSALM FOR MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

May God bless us in His mercy

God, be gracious and bless us
and let Your face shed its light upon us.
So will Your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn from Your saving help.

Let the nations be glad and exult
for You rule the world with justice.
With fairness You rule the peoples.
You guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise You, O God;
let all the peoples praise You.
May God still give us His blessing
till the ends of the earth revere Him.

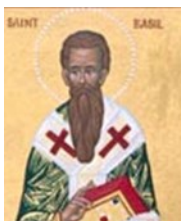
May God bless us in His mercy



SAINTS BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN

Feast day 2nd January
Born and died in the 4th Century .

On the 2nd January, the Church honours the memory of Saints Basil and Gregory,



two friends from an area of what is now Turkey that was called Cappadocia. These men began their friendship while away at school and later became bishops

who were the backbone of Catholic Orthodoxy during a period of doctrinal struggle and confusion. St. Basil the Great was born at Caesarea of Cappadocia in 330. Gregory presided over the 2nd Ecumenical Council, held at Constantinople, whose great achievement was the completion of the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed that the Catholic Church recites each Sunday and the definition of the divinity of the Holy Spirit. These Cappadocian Fathers, both Doctors of the Church, proved to be some of the greatest and most influential teachers of all time. .

(Excerpt : sermon by Saint Gregory.)



THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Feast Day 3rd January

The Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus is a Christian holiday observed anywhere from the first to the eighth of January.

It is a time to honour the revelation of Jesus' name by dream to Saint Joseph and likewise the revelation of the same to Mary by the Archangel Gabriel at the [Annunciation](#). Although officially eliminated from the liturgical calendar in AD 1970, it was later reinstituted by Pope John Paul II as an optional day of memorial celebrated on 3rd January. *(Excerpt: Sharefaith)*

Extracts from the message of

HIS HOLINESS POPE

FRANCIS

FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE FIFTIETH WORLD DAY OF PEACE

1 JANUARY 2017

Nonviolence: a Style of Politics for Peace

At the beginning of this New Year, I offer heartfelt wishes of peace to the world's peoples and nations, to heads of state and government, and to religious, civic and community leaders. I wish peace to every man, woman and child, and I pray that the image and likeness of God in each person will enable us to acknowledge one another as sacred gifts endowed with immense dignity. Especially in situations of conflict, let us respect this, our "deepest dignity", and make active nonviolence our way of life. "All of us want peace. Many people build it day by day through small gestures and acts; many of them are suffering, yet patiently persevere in their efforts to be peacemakers" In 2017, may we dedicate ourselves prayerfully and actively to banishing violence from our hearts, words and deeds, and to becoming nonviolent people and to building nonviolent communities that care for our common home. "Nothing is impossible if we turn to God in prayer. Everyone can be an artisan of peace".

(https://w2.vatican.va/)

Next Week : 7th & 8th January

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00p.m.

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 M. Farmer

R.2 V. Wyld

E.M. B. Munday, P. Harris

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00 am

Commentator: K. Rucioch

R.1 P. Chigwidden

R.2 A. Rose

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

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: D. Huppatz

R1. L. Longworth

R.2 B. Longworth

E.M. A. Fawkner, C. May, K. Fawkner, S. Muller, L. Healey,

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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When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.



BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Today's reading is a continuation from the Gospel proclaimed at the Christmas Mass at midnight. In it the shepherds act upon the message they receive from the angel and go to find Jesus in the manger in Bethlehem. In their visit to the manger, the shepherds find things just as the angel had said. The shepherds' visit, therefore, is a moment of fulfilment, manifestation, and the beginning of the salvation we receive through Christ.

In the context of today's Solemnity, this reading also helps us focus on Mary as the Mother of God. The reading tells us at least three things about Mary as a mother. First, Mary is described as a reflective person, keeping the reports of the shepherds in her heart. Second, we are reminded of how obedient Mary was to God when she named the baby Jesus as the angel Gabriel had directed. Third, this reading shows Mary and Joseph faithfully observing their Jewish tradition by having Jesus circumcised.

Mary's faithfulness to God is evident in all three of these things. Her reflection upon the events in her life indicates that she was a person of prayer. This prayer made possible her obedience to God and God's will, even if the outcome was not clear. Finally, her faithfulness to a community of faith grounded her relationship with God and enabled her to participate in God's plan of salvation.

Because of Mary's faithfulness to God, she was able to receive the gift of God's Son and accept her role in God's plan for salvation. By doing so, she models for us the path of discipleship and is also called Mother of the Church.

Our call to discipleship also includes these three aspects. First,

discipleship means prayer and reflection on the events of our lives that we might see God's presence and work in our lives. Second, discipleship means obedience to God and God's will. Third, discipleship includes fidelity to a community of faith.

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DID YOU KNOW?

- Although there is evidence from as early as the mid-second century of honour being given to Mary, it is not until the Council of Ephesus in 431AD that we have strong evidence of devotion to Mary on any official level.
- The Church in Rome celebrated a number of Marian feasts by the late 600s, including Mary, the Mother of God (January 1), the Purification of Mary (February 2), the Annunciation (March 25) and the Birth of Mary (September 6).
- While the New Testament gives us virtually no detail of Mary's life, early tradition in the Church suggested that she was the daughter of Joachim and Anna and was raised in the precinct of the Temple in Jerusalem.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(2 - 8 January)

- **Monday, 2:** Sts Basil the Great and Gregory (1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28)
- **Tuesday 3:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1 Jn 2:29 - 3:6; Jn 1:29-34)
- **Wednesday 4:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42)
- **Thursday 5:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51)
- **Friday 6:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:6-11)
- **Saturday 7:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11)
- **Sunday 8:** The EPIPHANY of the LORD (Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12)