



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT - YEAR C

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

IT IS OUR MISSION TO:

- Endeavour to develop relevant and prayerful Eucharistic celebrations.
- Foster the experience of a personal relationship with God.
- Provide faith formation opportunities for parishioners.
- Care for each other and the environment, particularly the sick, lonely, aged and disabled within our Parish.
- Care for our environment towards a sustainable future.

WE WILL:

- Reach out to those in need in the local community.
- Be committed to Catholic Social Justice principles.
- Pray and work together with Christian Churches and all people of goodwill.
- Protect and engage with young people in our local area.
- Strengthen bonds with indigenous people in our region.

MASS TIMES

• VICTOR HARBOR

Weekend - Saturday 6.00pm;
Sunday 11.00am.
Weekdays - Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday 9.00am

• GOOLWA

Weekend - Sunday 9.00am.
Weekday - Wednesday 9.30am



FIRST READING

Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.' Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 125

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

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Bulletin Board

SPECIAL INTENTIONS (These names will be removed after one month. To keep names on this list please contact Parish Office)

Barbara Bond, John Wallace, Claire Hamish, Barry Wilks, Brian Smallacombe, Bob Willis, Bailey Smallacombe, Ann Tee Peter Harris, Josephine Proctor, Charlie Nicolson, Bette Higgins, Paula Collinson, June Lloyd, Emily Slattery, Eileen McCoey, Carmen Kernahan, West Family Margaret & Len Peake, Ron Harris

ANNIVERSARIES

Francesco (Frank) Scriva

RECENTLY DECEASED

Jim Huppatz.

PARISH COLLECTION 27th & 28th November

1st (Presbytery) \$975.40
2nd (Parish) \$1092.80

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 10th & 17th December

P. & J. Mezzino
24th & 31st December
M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

VICTOR MORNING TEA 5th December

M. Cunningham & J. Andrews
12th December
L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden

VICTOR MEET & GREET December Saturdays

M. Farmer & M. Tuckey
December Sundays
R. Reid & J. Baker

GOOLWA MEET & GREET December

K. & A. Fawkner

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday

Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2021

PRAYER INTENTIONS: DECEMBER



Intention for Evangelisation - Catechists. Let us pray for the catechists summoned to announce the Word of God : may they be its witnesses with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit .

AN INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHRISTMAS EVENT AT ST JOAN'S



Come along and welcome members of other churches to an evening of Scripture readings and Carols.

Where: St Joan's

When: Friday 10th December, 7.00pm.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPERS:

Can you help ?

(St Joan's Annex)

Tuesday 14th December 9.30a.m:

Unpack donated food

Thursday 16th December

9.30a.m:

Pack hampers

Delivery drivers required



GOOLWA NEWS

7th December : Last garden day for the year. Christmas Decorations in Church from 10am, please come and help.

12th December: Goolwa Christmas Concert at the Goolwa Oval. 2 sessions 3pm & 7pm Tickets from Visitor's reception, Goolwa Library or <https://goolwachristmas.eventbrite.com.au>

22nd December: Chairs for Christmas Masses will be set out on Wednesday after Mass, please lend a hand.

Paul Kennelly would like to thank everyone who text or sent messages regarding his recent hand operation.

COMORO MONSTER SALE CONGRATULATIONS

to our Comoro Working Group, John Dunthorne, Sue McCarthy, John Baker and Mark Leaney for their hard work and commitment to this project. Thanks also to their many helpers and to those who so generously donated items for sale.



As well as raising money for our sister parish, the planning and execution of this project has done much to bring our parish together. It was lovely on Saturday to see parishioners from Goolwa and Victor sharing the work and obviously enjoying themselves. The proceeds will be kept until Comoro Parish in Timor-Leste identifies the project we can support. Sales takings after weekend, \$4,090.85. Aggregate in kitty including raffle takings and donations \$7,100.

COMORO SALE

Further goods have been sold during the week and there will be **a special sale for the next two Sundays:**

\$0.50 Books, CDs, DVDs & Videos for sale
(St Joan's Annex after Mass):

Sunday 5th December
Sunday 12th December



CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

Friday 24th December - Vigil

Goolwa - 4.30pm
Victor Harbor - 6.00pm

Saturday 25th December - Christmas Day

Goolwa - 8.30am
Victor Harbor - 10.00am (No 6.00pm Mass)

Sunday 26th December

Goolwa - 9.00am
Victor Harbor - 11.00am

Saturday 1st January

Victor Harbor - 9.00am (No 6.00pm Mass)
Goolwa - 10.30 am

Sunday 2nd January

Goolwa - 9.00am
Victor Harbor - 11.00am

Bulletin Board



RESPONSORIAL PSALM 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YR.C

*The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: 'What
marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.



SAINT NICHOLAS

Feast Day 6th December (d.352)

It is known that Nicholas was born in Lycia in Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey). His uncle, the archbishop of Myra in Lycia, ordained him and appointed him abbot of a nearby monastery. At the death of the archbishop, Nicholas was chosen to fill the vacancy, the position he



served until his death. At the time of the Diocletian persecutions he was imprisoned for preaching Christianity but was released during the reign of Emperor Constantine. He practised both spiritual and corporal works of mercy. He helped the poor and disadvantaged, and worked tirelessly to defend the faith. His legends of generosity and a slip of the tongue from other languages has made St. Nicholas or Sinterklaas into today's Santa Claus.

Catholic Culture

FEAST DAYS FOR THE WEEK

Dec. 6th St Nicholas, bishop

Dec. 7th St Ambrose, bishop, doctor

Dec. 8th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Dec. 10th Our Lady of Loreto

Dec. 11th St Damasus I, Pope.

Candle for Second Sunday in Advent FAITH



The second candle represents **faith**. It is called the "**Bethlehem Candle**" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Feast Day 8th December



A feast called the Conception of Mary arose in the Eastern Church in the seventh century. It came to the West in the eighth century. In

the 11th century it received its present name, the Immaculate Conception. In the 18th century it became a feast of the universal Church. It is now recognized as a solemnity.

Two Franciscans, William of Ware and Blessed John Duns Scotus, helped develop the theology. They pointed out that Mary's Immaculate Conception enhances Jesus' redemptive work. Other members of the human race are cleansed from original sin after birth. In Mary, Jesus' work was so powerful as to prevent original sin at the outset.

Franciscan Media

COMMENTATORS, READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

St Joan's

Please put your names on the sheet in the porch. If you can help with Christmas and New Year services

Christmas Eve Mass Commentator, Reader 1 & 2 and Minister

Christmas Day Commentator, Reader 1 & 2 and Minister

Sunday 26th 11am Commentator, Reader 1 & 2 and Minister
Also can you let Mary Ferguson know your availability or not **for the Jan-Feb 2022 roster.**

Mary Ferguson 0434 877 863.

Next Week : 4th & 5th December

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 J. Ryan

R.2 C. Sutherland

E.M. J. Jeffery

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : P. O'Brien

R.1. A. Willis

R.2 J. Tregeagle

E.M L. Sunman

GOOLWA Sunday 9.00am

Commentator: D. Huppattz

R1 G. Byrne

R2 C. May

E.M. S. Muller



Next Week : 11th & 12th December

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 C. Sutherland

R.2 M. Farmer

E.M. E. O'Connell

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : R. Klecko

R.1. P. Clingan

R.2 A. Rose

E.M M. Taylor

GOOLWA Sunday 9.00am

Commentator: D. Huppattz

R1 L. Healey

R2 M. O'Halloran

E.M. K. O'Shea

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 01 December, 2021)

- Places of Worship are restricted to 3 people per 4 square metres with social distancing of 1.5 metres. If more than 50 people are present, there must be an independent COVID Marshal. QR codes and/or handwritten logs are essential.
- Only 5 people to sit in a pew and there is to be no kneeling.
- Wearing of masks is mandatory, except when going to Communion. *(A doctor's certificate must be produced on request, if claiming an exemption.)*
- Attendees at indoor religious services may sing during worship and members of choirs or chorus groups may perform or rehearse indoors, if they wear masks while doing so.
- Obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage. You may wish to access: [Mass for You at Home – The official website of Mass For You At Home, Australia](#) online and on Channel 10 every Sunday at 6 am.

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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 or catholicvhg@bigpond.com *(All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening)*

• PARISH TREASURER

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)
Email: Parish_treasure@bigpond.com

• CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit (8210 8159)
Goolwa (Cathy May 0401 584 237)
Victor Harbor (Parish Office 8552 1084)

• CSHW SA (Safety, Health & Welfare)
Parish (Cathy May 0401 584 237)

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GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

HOPE ON THE HORIZON

Imagine the valleys of your life. Those times when yawning need was met by silence. When the desire for companionship found only absence. When there were bills to pay and only holes in your pockets.

Now reflect on the mountains. The tasks that seemed insurmountable. The illnesses that dragged on and on. The hurt that seemed to grow rather than diminish with time. The challenges that seemed to have been designed with someone bigger and stronger than you in mind.

The way of the Lord is the smooth way. No valleys, no mountains, just a journey through pleasant country. Never been there? Neither had Jesus on this earth. Jesus sums up his experience with a rather sad evaluation: "My kingdom is not of this world". This world has a rough topography, complete with sin, death, and crucifixion. Yet we trust the word of Jesus because he's travelled these same valleys and mountains on the road to salvation. We're never so lost that we can't be found on these wild roads.

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ANSWER THE CALL

It was one of those days. I had spent hours looking for my phone, which I didn't know had fallen out of my pocket into that black hole that exists between the driver's and passenger's front seat of all cars. Running late for a funeral prayer vigil, I finally stopped searching for it and drove to the church not realising how close it was.

Despite the pleas of the undertaker and my bouncing voice, hardly anyone listened to my prayers. I felt I had wasted my time. As I walked through the foyer, I was stopped by someone giving me a big hug and telling me that even though he didn't know how to reach me, he never lost hope that I would somehow make it to the service of his mother to console him and his family. Fortunately, the family name was posted since I didn't recognise the person at all. I looked at him and said that no way I would have missed being there for them and proceeded to pray with a much more responsive group of mourners.

It wasn't a wasted trip after all. I got back into my car. Thinking about all the hassle of having to get a new phone, I heard the familiar ring tone emanating from under the car seat. It had become a good day. Advent scripture encourages us not to lose hope, because we must be the source of hope fulfilled for others.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(December 06 - 12)

- **Monday, 06:** Monday, 2nd week Advent (Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26)
- **Tuesday, 07:** Tuesday, 2nd week Advent (Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14)
- **Wednesday, 08:** The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30)
- **Thursday, 09:** Thursday, 2nd week Advent (Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15)
- **Friday, 10:** Friday, 2nd week Advent (Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19)
- **Saturday, 11:** Saturday, 2nd week Advent (Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:10-13)
- **Sunday 12:** THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT (Zeph 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18)

PASTORAL CARE

If you need a Priest for anointing of the sick or last rites contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).