



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

**SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT - YEAR B**

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

OUR VISION:

To build a faith community
centred on the loving relationship
of Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
expressed in personal lives and
communal parish activities.

OUR MISSION IS TO:

- Develop relevant and prayerful Eucharistic celebrations
- Foster the experience of a personal relationship with God
- Provide Faith Formation opportunities
- Care for each other particularly the sick, lonely, aged and disabled
- Witness to God's love for our earthly common home and all its creatures that abound

WE WILL:

- Reach out to those in need
- Be committed to Catholic Social Justice principles
- Pray and work together with Christian Churches and all people of goodwill
- Engage with young people
- Care for our environment towards a sustainable future
- Strengthen bonds with First Nation peoples

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

RECONCILIATION

St Joan's, Victor Harbor - Saturday
11am - 11.30am, or by appointment.



FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

'Console my people, console them'
says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
and call to her that her time of
service is ended, that her sin is
atoned for, that she has received
from the hand of the Lord double
punishment for her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the
wilderness a way for the Lord.
Make a straight highway for our
God across the desert. Let every
valley be filled in, every mountain
and hill be laid low. Let every cliff
become a plain, and the ridges a
valley; then the glory of the Lord
shall be revealed and all mankind
shall see it; for the mouth of the
Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain, joyful
messenger to Zion. Shout with a
loud voice, joyful messenger to
Jerusalem. Shout without fear,
say to the towns of Judah,
'Here is your God.'
Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.
The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him. He is

like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms, holding
them against his breast and leading
to their rest the mother ewes.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:9-14

*Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation.*

SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that
you must never forget: that with the
Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand
years, and a thousand years is like a
day. The Lord is not being slow to
carry out his promises, as anybody
else might be called slow; but he is
being patient with you all, wanting
nobody to be lost and everybody to
be brought to change his ways. The
Day of the Lord will come like a
thief, and then with a roar the sky
will vanish, the elements will catch
fire and fall apart, the earth and all
that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end
like this, you should be living holy
and saintly lives while you wait and
long for the Day of God to come,

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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)

John Wallace, Claire Hamish, Jeffery Family, Natalie Millar, Bailey Smallacombe, Ann Tee, Charlie Nicolson, Jane Lloyd, Eileen McCoey, Len Peake, Neil Cumming, Dave Rivers, Clancy Retallick, Ann Hannagan, Mollie Davis, Cath Howard, Keith Fawcner, Trudi McNamara, Elizabeth Nance, Allen Odgers, Jan Henderson, Jesse Walker, Richard Eisenkoeck, Rose Munro, Bill Woodhead, Andrew Nichols, John Slagter, Patricia Harris

ANNIVERSARIES

Reginald Meade

RECENTLY DECEASED

Margaret Wark, Chris McCarthy, Mon. Robert Aitken, Anna Pacitti.

PARISH COLLECTION 2nd & 3rd December

1st (Presbytery) \$1017.50
2nd (Parish) \$1231.60

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

15th & 22nd December
W. & J. Baker, F. Hanna
29th December & 5th January
M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

VICTOR MORNING TEA 10th December

A. Williss & F. Hanna
17th December
A. Temme & M. Chalmers

VICTOR MEET & GREET December Saturdays

M. Farmer & M. Tuckey
December Sundays
M. Cunningham, F. Harris

GOOLWA MEET & GREET December J. McInnes

GOOLWA MORNING TEA

December A. Turner, S. Lee, R. Lee, T. Siciliano

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.
Claire Williams 0429 008 199

HOLY FATHER'S 2023 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER :

FOR PERSONS WITH

DISABILITIES: We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



GOSPEL GROUP RETREAT

Two weeks ago our **Sunday night Gospel reflection group** had a two night retreat at Sevenhill.

Eight members attended including Fr Vinh. We spent time praying and reflecting using different Ignatian prayer practices. All found it very uplifting and enjoyable.

Our group meets at 5.00pm each Sunday to share reflections on the Sunday Gospel in the annex.

All are welcome to attend.

Call Carol for more information on 0418856799

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASSES VICTOR HARBOR.

Sheets are in the porch at Victor Harbor for Mass Ministries. Please place your name on the sheet if you are available to assist at these special celebrations.

NEW MASS ROSTER – JANUARY – EASTER 2024 VICTOR HARBOR

I am currently preparing the new rosters for Victor Harbor Masses. If you would like to be added into one of these important ministries, or if you are unavailable any time during the next roster period, please let me know by 16th December.

Carol Sutherland. 0418856799

csutherland@internode.on.net

VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPERS:

FINAL DATE SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER

Please place non-perishable food items in both churches this weekend.

PACKING VINNIES

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS:

Can you spare an hour at St Joan's (one or both days)?

Tuesday 12th December 9.30am.

Unpack donated food items.

Thursday 14th December 9.30am

Pack hampers Delivery drivers required
No need to RSVP.

Thank you for your time!

VICTORIA HOUSE & IMMANUEL CARE: FINAL DATE 10TH DECEMBER

Please bring your Christmas gift for a resident this weekend.

GOOLWA CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS GOING AHEAD



After a few anxious moments the numbers are up for our Christmas party

THIS SUNDAY NIGHT

from 6.00pm. Chef Tony will

have a great range of BBQ meats plus some lovely salads to compliment your meal.

Thanks to all who got on board, and hope you have a great night. Please bring your own glasses and as well there will be four lucky door prizes of \$50 each. **We can still take bookings up to Sunday's Mass, so if you would like to come you will be most welcome.**

Phone Paul on 0402 852 825.

RUDY BALTAIS

Those from Victor who knew Rudy and Kaye will be delighted to hear Rudy has been made a life member of the Knights of the Southern Cross after 50 years' service to the order and in that time holding many positions of leadership. He will be presented with that certificate on

14th February at 7.30pm in the Strathalbyn Catholic hall. The local Knights have donated him a gopher so he can attend church, as well as getting around a bit. At present Kaye is in palliative care and comfortable.



THANKS TO THE GOOLWA LUTHERAN COMMUNITY who treated us to a wonderful

Advent meal on Sunday evening interspersed with Carols, Christmas jokes and a quiz.

A special night of sharing with our Lutheran Brothers and Sisters.

45 CLUB

The Knights of the Southern Cross thank you for your participation in the 45 Club during 2023. This has enabled us to assist many people and organisations for the needy. The lists of winners is on the notice boards and I would invite you to participate again in the New Year. Wishing you a holy, happy and heavenly New Year. *Robert Lee*

MISSING ADVENT SCENE

Have you seen a small ceramics Christmas scene which we had in the Annex last year and which has disappeared.

Please let Liz Sunman know on 0422 167 934

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM
SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT Yr. B
*Lord, let us see your kindness, and
 grant us your salvation.*

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
 a voice that speaks of peace,
 peace for His people.
 His help is near for those who fear Him
 and His glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
 justice and peace have embraced.
 Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
 and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper
 and our earth shall yield its fruit.
 Justice shall march before Him
 and peace shall follow His steps.



KEEP THE DATE
EACH OF US IS INVITED
TO GET TOGETHER WITH OTHER
PARISHES AND SCHOOLS
IN OUR REGION
ON SATURDAY 9th MARCH 2024
FOR A REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
 held at Cardijn College
WE ARE COMING TOGETHER TO
SHARE OUR

UNIQUE EXPERIENCE OF CHURCH
 and to hear the experience of parishioners
 from KI, Noarlunga, Willunga, Morphett
 Vale and of teachers, parents and students
 in Catholic Schools in our region. We hope
 to learn from each other and to find time to
 work together in this new era of Church.
The invitation is to EACH ONE OF US so
put the date in your diary and consider
seriously whether you, with your unique
perspective, can come along to share
this important event.

More detail to follow in the New Year and
a chance to put your name down to
attend.

The Archbishop will be there to hear
what we are saying as he prepares to
 participate in the follow up session of the
 Bishops' World Conference in Rome on
 Synodality in October 2024.

PS If anyone has skills in making a video
 movie please contact Fran on 0415124010.
 We are asked to bring along a short movie
 of our parish life.

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE



CHRISTMAS WEEKEND MASS TIMES

GOOLWA

Sun 24th Dec. - 9.00am
 - 5.00pm Christmas Vigil
 Mon 25th Dec. - 8.30am

VICTOR HARBOR

Sat 23rd Dec. - 6.00pm
 Sun 24th Dec. - 11.00am
 - 7.00pm Christmas Vigil
 Mon 25th Dec. - 10.30am

NEW YEAR'S DAY VICTOR HARBOR

Mon 1st January - 10.00am

THE ADVENT WREATH - FAITH



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

and Joseph would have been feeling
 apprehensive about the journey to Bethlehem
 in the midst of winter. It was the last thing
 they needed with the birth of the Child Jesus
 so close. What was God thinking? Their
 faith would have been sorely tested.

***Sometimes we wonder what God is
 about in our own lives, in our world.***

What are you doing Lord?

Where are you in all of this?

Lord increase our faith.

THANKS PAT AND MEMBERS OF THE VICTOR SOCIAL CLUB

for a wonderful evening last Friday. The
 food was delicious, the decorations
 delightful and we enjoyed the quiz which
 tested our memories!! Parishioners from
 Goolwa came along to join in the fun.
**All in all a great preparation for the Advent
 and Christmas season!!**

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT VICTOR HARBOR

The **Anglican choir of St. Peter's
 Cathedral** will be singing carols at the
 Newland Church at 7.00pm on Thursday
 14th December. Admission is free but a
 donation to the Children's Chaplaincy
 Service to State Schools would be
 appreciated.

THIS WEEK 9th & 10th DECEMBER

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 J. Jeffery
R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 K. Dudley
R. 2 F. Hanna

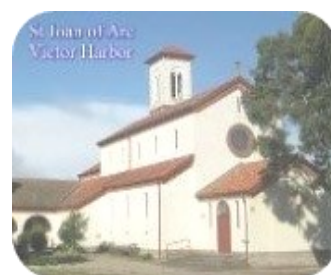
EMHC P. Clingan

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R. 1 M. Freeborn
R. 2 D. Huppatz

EMHC M. Ryan



NEXT WEEK 16th & 17th DECEMBER

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 B. Bullen
R.2 C. Huppatz

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 A. Williss
R. 2 R. Klecko

EMHC A. Rose

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: V. Scriva

R. 1 E. Bourne
R. 2 C. May

EMHC T. Siciliano

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA
NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• **PARISH PRIEST**

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• **PARISH MANAGERS**

Mr Ray Klecko (0438 364 870)
Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)
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• **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - 8552 1084, 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 (Office 8552 1084)

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

**COMPLIANCE WITH
COVID-19 REGULATIONS**

(Current from 07/12/23)

- If you have tested positive for COVID-19, please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact.

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when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;
he will prepare your way.
A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the River Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

COMFORT WITH A CATCH

(Mark 1: 1 - 8)

"There's good news, and there's bad news". A whole body of jokes begin this way, and we laugh ruefully

because that statement is generally true. The news is hardly ever good or bad, but rather a blend of results better for some than others. One ball team beats another; is this good news, or bad?

John the Baptist preaches repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Good news or bad? It's great news for sinners who repent. It's good news for people who yearn to be forgiven and know they have reason to be. It's not good news for people who have no intention of leaving their sin behind. And its positively bad news for the self-righteous, convinced of their innocence and resentful that sinful types are getting off the hook.

The message of John the Baptist is comfort with a catch. The catch is baptism, a drowning to the old way and a resurrection into grasping new life. We can't find comfort in religion – not this religion! – if we intend to remain just as we are. John's baptism is with water, bracing and cold. The Mighty One is coming along soon with fire and spirit. Things are going to change.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(11 - 17 December)

- **Monday, 11:** Monday of 2nd week Advent (Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26)
- **Tuesday, 12:** Tuesday of 2nd week Advent (Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14)
- **Wednesday, 13:** St Lucy (Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30)
- **Thursday, 14:** St John of the Cross (Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15)
- **Friday, 15:** Friday of 2nd week of Advent (Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19)
- **Saturday, 16:** Saturday of 2nd week Advent (Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:10-13)
- **Sunday 17:** Third Sunday of Advent (Is 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thess 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28)

PASTORAL CARE

If you need a priest for anointing prior to medical treatment or if you are ill (not necessarily life-threatening) or for last rites please contact: (08) 8552 1084 or in an emergency 0429 098 802.