



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

THIRD 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

***Zephaniah 3:14-18***

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,  
Israel, shout aloud!

Rejoice, exult with all your heart,  
daughter of Jerusalem!

The Lord has repealed your sentence;  
he has driven your enemies away.

The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your  
midst; you have no more evil to fear.

When that day comes, word will come  
to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do  
not let your hands fall limp.

The Lord your God is in your midst,  
a victorious warrior.

He will exult with joy over you, he  
will renew you by his love; he will  
dance with shouts of joy for you  
as on a day of festival.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

***Isa 12:2-6***

*Cry out with joy and gladness: for  
among you is the great and Holy One  
of Israel.*

### SECOND READING

***Philippians 4:4-7***

I want you to be happy, always happy  
in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is  
your happiness. Let your tolerance be  
evident to everyone: the Lord is very  
near.

There is no need to worry; but if there  
is anything you need, pray for it,  
asking God for it with prayer and  
thanksgiving, and that peace of God,  
which is so much greater than we can  
understand, will guard your hearts and  
your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***Isa 61:1***

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he  
sent me to bring Good News to the  
poor. Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

***Luke 3:10-18***

When all the people asked John,  
'What must we do?' he answered, 'If  
anyone has two tunics he must share  
with the man who has none, and the  
one with something to eat must do the  
same.' There were tax collectors too  
who came for baptism, and these said  
to him, 'Master, what must we do?'  
He said to them, 'Exact no more than  
your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in  
their turn, 'What must we do?' He said  
to them, 'No intimidation! No  
extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown  
among the people, who were  
beginning to think that John might be  
the Christ, so John declared before  
them all, 'I baptise you with water, but  
someone is coming, someone who is  
more powerful than I am, and I am not  
fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he  
will baptise you with the Holy Spirit  
and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his  
hand to clear his threshing-floor and to  
gather the wheat into his barn; but the  
chaff he will burn in a fire that will  
never go out.' As well as this, there  
were many other things he said to  
exhort the people and to announce the  
Good News to them.

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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

Jim Clingan

## PARISH COLLECTION 4th & 5th December

1st (Presbytery) \$795.50  
2nd (Parish) \$1,164.35

## VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

17th December

P. & J. Mezzino

24th & 31st December

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

## VICTOR MORNING TEA

12th December

L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden

19th December

F. Hanna & M. Matson

## 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 .

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## VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPERS:

**Last day to donate  
non-perishable food**

Sunday 12th December

(both churches).

**And 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

**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.

## SUPPORT COMORO PARISH:

**Final Book Sale:** \$0.50 bargains in the

Annex after Mass on Sunday.

## KNIGHTS ANNUAL WINE RAFFLE

Tickets still available for \$10 each

after all Masses this weekend.



## INTERMENT OF MARGIE LLOYD'S ASHES



The interment of Margie Lloyd's ashes will take place at St Joan's after 11am Mass this Sunday. The Mass will be offered for Margaret. Forever loved. Never forgotten.

## OUR ARCHBISHOP CHOSEN!!



Our own Archbishop, Patrick O'Regan and Bishop Shane Mackinlay of Sandhurst Diocese have

been elected **Australia's two delegates to the world-wide General Assembly of the Bishops**, to be held in 2023.

Archbishop O'Regan, said: "The people of God in Australia have been embarking on a process of dialogue and discernment through the Plenary Council and their own diocesan initiatives.

This gives us a strong foundation to our contribution to the **Synod process which, unlike previous Synods, has begun with local consultation** and listening to many different Church groups and organisations." Find out more about the Synod of Bishops process:

<https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

## ARCHBISHOP SPEAKS ON COVID

Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide

Patrick O'Regan has sent through a

message regarding Covid Vaccination.

A copy is available in the entrance to each church.



## FREE SOUTHERN CROSS

This month's Southern Cross is available after Mass at no cost. Please take one.

## 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

**New Year 1st January**

Victor Harbor - 9.00am, & 6.00pm (Vigil)

Goolwa - 10.30am

**Sunday 2nd January**

Goolwa - 9.00am

Victor Harbor - 11.00am

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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YR.C

*Cry out with joy and gladness:  
for among you is the great and Holy One  
of Israel.*

Truly, God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
He became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to His  
name!  
Make His mighty deeds known to the peo-  
ples!  
Declare the greatness of His name.

Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for He has done glorious deeds,  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of  
Israel.



## SAINT LUCY Feast Day 13th December (283-304)



St. Lucy was born in  
Syracuse, Sicily, where she  
also died. She was of a  
noble Greek family, and was  
brought up as a Christian by  
her mother, who was mirac-  
ulously cured at the shrine of

St. Agatha in Catania. Lucy made a vow of  
virginity and distributed her wealth to the  
poor. This generosity stirred the wrath of  
the unworthy youth to whom she had been  
unwillingly betrothed and who denounced  
her to Paschasius, the governor of Sicily.  
When it was decided to violate her virginity  
in a place of shame, Lucy, with the help of  
the Holy Spirit, stood immovable. A fire was  
then built around her, but again God  
protected her. She was finally put to death  
by the sword. *Catholic Culture*

## THE THIRD CANDLE OF ADVENT JOY



*The third candle  
is pink and  
symbolises joy.  
It is called the  
"Shepherd's*

*Candle," and is pink because rose is  
a liturgical colour for joy. The third  
Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday  
and is meant to remind us of the joy  
that the world experienced at the  
birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that  
the faithful have reached the  
midpoint of Advent.*

## CAN YOU HELP?

Kathryn Proctor ( Parishioner of the  
Parish), 64 years, is looking for accom-  
modation in the first half of next year.  
Preferably a bed-sit, or single unit,  
happy to share with faith oriented friend  
and private area to live and leave from.  
If you can help, or know of someone  
who may be able to, please ring me,  
on 0434-375-720 . Many thanks.

## PARISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRA- TIONS

Over 100 parishioners  
(60 in Victor and 40 in  
Goolwa) attended our  
two Christmas Parties.  
Everyone remarked on  
how friendly and relaxed the evenings  
were. There were parishioners from  
St Joan's and St John's at both  
celebrations. Our thanks to St Joan's  
Social Club and the Knights, as well as  
their many helpers, for their hard work.



## FEAST DAYS FOR THE WEEK

Dec. 13th St Lucy, virgin, martyr.  
Dec. 14th St John of the Cross, priest,  
doctor.

## FAIRWELL

It is with great sadness that we farewell  
John and Rosslyn Tregeagle who are  
leaving us to live in McLaren Vale. We  
thank them for being actively involved in  
our Parish and we wish them every  
happiness for the future. There will be a  
special morning tea after the interment  
of Margie Lloyd's ashes.

## This 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. Huppertz

R1 L. Healey

R2 M. O'Halloran

E.M. K. O'Shea



## Next Week : 18th & 19th December

### VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 B. Bullen

R.2 J. Ryan

E.M. E. O'Connell

### VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : F. Hanna

R.1. A. Williss

R.2 S. Duong

E.M J. Baker

### GOOLWA Sunday 9.00am

Commentator: A. Fawkner

R1 K. Fawkner

R2 J. McMahon

E.M. A. Turner



## COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 07 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.

## VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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## PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

### • PARISH PRIEST

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### • PARISH MANAGERS

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### • PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - ph 8552 1084 or [catholicvhg@bigpond.com](mailto:catholicvhg@bigpond.com) *(All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening)*

### • PARISH TREASURER

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)  
Email: [Parish\\_treasure@bigpond.com](mailto: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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## LESSONS IN JOY

No doubt about it: John the Baptist was an amazing, impressive, charismatic figure in his generation. Yet he did everything in his power to direct the attention away from himself and toward the One yet to come. His teaching, even his baptising, was mere preparation for the Christ. John knew he was a big player in a cosmic story.

Being human, we often fail to look past the messenger to the message. How many of us have become unglued when our favourite pastor or principal is transferred, when an admired spiritual leader falls from grace, when a hero we've followed across the years dies or disappears from view. We may find we've pinned our faith to the wrong source, settling for the herald instead of the heralded. Human beings will always disappoint, but God never does.

If our joy is to be complete, we can't fasten it to anything material. Rust sets in and moths destroy, but Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. If lasting joy is what we want, we have to find it in the One whose life and love endures.

Who or what is the source of your joy? People of Gaudete share their joy in acts of kindness. Recall a kindness you may have withheld. There's still time to offer it. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns.

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## FIERY TEARS

It isn't what John the Baptist meant, but the term "baptism of fire" came into military parlance to refer to a soldier's first time in battle and later to anyone who is tested in a new role.

My friend Stephen dropped the phrase in conversation recently while talking about his own war stories. He is a disabled veteran who struggles mightily with pain from injuries sustained while serving hundreds of missions in mostly Iraq and Afghanistan. He's in his 30s, a single dad raising a young daughter on his own, but despite his challenges, he manages to volunteer in the community, which is how I know him. He and I often talk about political

issues, and I asked him about his views on the fall of Afghanistan. He's usually very opinionated, but he just shook his head and his eyes welled up with tears. I wanted to hug him, but as COVID-careful as he is because of his fragile health, I didn't. "What should I do?" I thought. I don't know if it was the right thing, but I nodded and held him in spirit with my silent attention and my own watery eyes and hopes that could quench a tiny bit of what he felt.

The Commissioning: Time for a change! We will speak out when we find injustice! Time for a change! We will work carefully to nurture community! Time for a change! We will face loss with gentleness, and reality! Time for a change! We will forgive the deepest hurts gradually! Time for a change! We will prepare for the coming of Christ thoroughly!

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## DID YOU KNOW?

- Tax collectors at the time of Jesus were disliked immensely for two reasons. They collaborated with the Roman oppressors and they skimmed additional monies from the people for themselves.
- The Jewish people of this time were hopeful that a Messiah would come to overthrow the tyranny of the Roman Empire and set them free.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(December 13 - 19)

- **Monday, 13:** St Lucy, (Num 24:2-7, 15-17; Mt 21:23-27)
- **Tuesday, 14:** St John of the Cross (Zeph 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32)
- **Wednesday, 16:** Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> week Advent (Is 45:6-8, 18, 21-25; Lk 7:19-23)
- **Thursday, 17:** Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> week Advent (Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30)
- **Friday, 18:** Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> week Advent (Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17)
- **Saturday, 19:** Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> week Advent (Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-24)
- **Sunday 20:** FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT (Micah 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-44)

## 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).