



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

FOURTH 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

*Micah 5:1-4*

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God.

They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land.

He himself will be peace.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19*

*Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.*

### SECOND READING

*Hebrews 10:5-10*

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me.  
You took no pleasure in holocausts or

sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book,  
'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Lk 1:38*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the servant of the Lord:  
may his will for me be done.*

*Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

*Luke 1:39-44*

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy

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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 Ben Weygood

## ANNIVERSARIES

Jim Clingan

## PARISH COLLECTION 11th & 12th December

1st (Presbytery)	\$912.90
2nd (Parish)	\$1,234.70

## VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 24th & 31st December

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

## VICTOR MORNING TEA 19th December

F. Hanna & M. Mattson  
**No Morning Tea Christmas and New Year.**

## 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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## K S C NEWS DECEMBER 2021

Our Christmas and thanks night on 5th Dec. was a great success with 56 people attending. Master chef Tony was at his very best with a lovely grill of chops, burgers, and sausages. Many thanks to all who provided salads and cakes to make it a scrumptious meal. Also we are grateful to all who donated our raffle prizes, and Mike and Marina for organising the tickets. Of course to those who set up the hall and cleaned up we are grateful to you all.

Our 2 wine raffles both have just a few tickets left but this Sunday is the last chance to buy a ticket.

Certificates of service were presented to members on Sunday 5th Dec. at Mass. Altogether 100 years of service, an amazing effort!

To David Huppertz who became a life member. Congratulations David on your 30 years of deeply committed service to our order.

There is no meeting in December, and our next BBQ will be held on 9th January.  
Anniversary December : Phil Burns.

**Our KSC local branch wishes all in our parish a happy, holy Christmas as we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world.**

## GOOLWA NEWS

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

## CHRISTMAS DAY APPEAL FOR THE ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY

Money raised from this appeal goes towards opportunities that support healing for Elders at the Otherway Centre. This includes weekly activities which bring the community together in the spirit of reconciliation.

## PARISH WORM FARM

Our worms are working hard and we have just sold our first two litres of "worm tea" at \$5.00 a litre. With a diluting ratio of approximately 1/10, it is quite a bargain. More available next year. Proceeds to our Comoro Parish Fund



## 9 LESSONS AND CAROLS



Last Friday evening St Joan's hosted approximately 150 people from various Christian Churches in the Fleurieu

in a prayerful preparation for Christmas with nine lessons and carols. Members of different Churches read the lessons and there were carols from a marvellous choir including those we could join in with. The choir had practised for eight preceding weeks including some Saturday mornings at St Joan's. Our thanks to Father Vinh for his organisation and to parishioners who took part in the service and helped afterwards with supper. \$811.30 was raised for chaplaincy services in Victor Harbor.

## CAN YOU HELP?

Kathryn Proctor ( Parishioner of the Parish), 64 years, is looking for accommodation 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.

## 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 (6.00pm Vigil )

### 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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YR.C

*Lord, make us turn to You;  
let us see Your face and we shall be saved.*

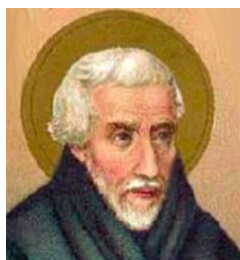
O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from Your cherubim throne.  
O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine Your right hand has planted.

May Your hand be on the man You have chosen,  
the man You have given Your strength.  
And we shall never forsake You again:  
give us life that we may call upon Your name.



## SAINT PETER CANISIUS Feast Day 21st December (1521 – 1597)



St. Peter Canisius was born at Nijmegen, Holland, at the very time that Luther began to rebel against the Church and St. Ignatius Loyola was laying the

foundations of the Jesuit Order. After studying arts, civil law and theology, St. Peter was ordained a Jesuit priest in 1546. He is noted especially for the following services to the Church: he defended the Catholic faith against the Protestants; by preaching, writing, founding colleges and seminaries, he caused Catholic life to flourish; he rendered invaluable services to the ecumenical Council of Trent; he wrote many Catechisms which were translated into twelve languages in his own life time. He died in Fribourg, Switzerland. *Catholic Culture*

## THE FOURTH CANDLE OF ADVENT PEACE



On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of waiting for the birth of our Saviour. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolises peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on earth, good will to all people."

### NO ROOM AT THE INN? ANY ROOM IN YOUR HEART?

Jesus continually searches for a welcome, no longer at an inn but in our hearts. He comes to us when we take a moment to pray, to give thanks, he comes to us in the members of our family and friends, he comes to us in nature, he comes to us in the needy and the poor, in the person who just needs a little of our time. May we not shut you out this Christmas, Jesus, but make room for you....however you come to us.

### CHRISTMAS MASS ROSTER

**GOOLWA: Fri. 24th Dec. 4.30pm**

**Commentator:** M. O'Halloran

**Readers:** C. May, M. Mulvihill

**E.M.** L. Healey, Marie Riddle, K. O'Shea

**GOOLWA: Sat. 25th Dec. 8.30am**

**Commentator:** A. Fawcner

**Readers:** E. Bourne, K. Fawcner

**E.M.** S. Muller, J. McInnes, A. Turner

**VICTOR: Fri. 24th Dec. 6.00pm**

**Commentator:** R. Klecko

**Readers:** P. Clingan, J. Ryan

**E.M.** E. O'Connell, J. Baker

**VICTOR: Sat. 25th Dec. 10.00am**

**Commentator:** T. Hounslow

**Readers:** A. Williss, F. Hanna

**E.M.**

### NEW YEAR MASS ROSTER

**GOOLWA: Sat. 1st Jan. 10.30am**

**Commentator:** M. Freeborn

**Readers:** H. Harris, L. Healey

**E.M.** J. McMahon

**VICTOR: Sat. 1st Jan. 9.00am**

**Commentator:** R. Klecko

**Readers:** F. Hanna,

**E.M.**

## This 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. Fawcner

**R1** K. Fawcner

**R2** J. McMahon

**E.M.** A. Turner



## Next Week : 25th & 26th December

**VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm Vigil**

**Commentator:** J. Ryan

**R.1** M. Farmer

**R.2** L. Blacket

**E.M.** E. O'Connell

**VICTOR HARBOR Sunday 11.00am**

**Commentator :** F. Hanna

**R.1.** R. Klecko

**R.2** S. Duong

**E.M** J. Jeffery

**GOOLWA Sunday 9.00am**

**Commentator:** V. Scriva

**R1** Marie Riddle

**R2** Michael Riddle

**E.M.** M. Glazewski



## COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 14 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 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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Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

## BRING THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE HOME

This weekend usually is one of the busiest travel times of the year. Airports, bus terminals, train stations, and, of course, highways will be filled with people laden down with gifts, all trying to make it home for the holidays. Home with their loved ones is where people want to be, if at all possible. And so they are willing to withstand all sorts of incredible trials and tribulations to get to where they want to go. If some breakdown and accidents are in the mix, it is guaranteed to snarl everything. But year after year people do it.

Scripture tells us little of Mary's journey to her cousin Elizabeth home. We are given only vague details telling us that it is somewhere in the hill country and that Mary hurries there because of Elizabeth's pregnancy. It probably was a gruelling trip for her to make. But Mary does it willingly to be where she is needed. And when her own pregnancy nears completion, she will take another difficult journey, this time to Bethlehem to fulfill the words of the prophets.

Mary, this "Christ-bearer," is bringing to Elizabeth the presence of the messiah for the first time. And it has a dramatic effect on her and on the baby John in her womb. Neither would ever be the same again.

With Christmas only days away, we are challenged to bring that very same presence to all whom we will touch this Christmas holiday season. Mary has become the embodiment of what we are called to be and do as Christians in our service to one another.

As we go out to the world, we leave in

the spirit of Mary. We have the blessing of God, for us and with us. We give thanks that God has chosen us to serve. We have confidence that God will give power to the poor, and put the influential in their place. In our joy, and in our troubles, we know that God will be our Saviour, today, tomorrow, and when time turns to eternity. Go with your loving God, for God's love goes with you.

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## FR VINH'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2021

Times run fast! We will celebrate Christmas and New Year soon.

Let us give thanks to God for all that we have received and accomplished in 2021.

In looking back, I give thanks to God for your active participation and involvement in our many Parish activities. One event which stood out for me, was the Monster Garage Sale to raise funds to support our Sister Parish - Comoro in Timor Leste. This project unites the Parish and brought us together so well.

May God continue to bless us with His presence: Emmanuel, God-is-with-us, in all our Parish activities in 2022.

God bless you all,  
Fr Vinh

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(December 20 - 26)

- **Monday, 20:** Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> week Advent (Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Tuesday, 21:** Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> week Advent (Song 2:8-14 or Zeph 3:14-18; Lk 1:39-45)
- **Wednesday, 22:** Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> week Advent (1 Sam 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56)
- **Thursday, 23:** Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> week Advent (Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66)
- **Friday, 24:** Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> week Advent (2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Lk 1:67-79)
- **Saturday, 25:** The NATIVITY of the LORD (Christmas) - Mass of Vigil/Midnight/Dawn/Day
- **Sunday 26:** The HOLY FAMILY (1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28; 1Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52)

## 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).