



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT -
YEAR A

*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

Isaiah 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away.

It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come,

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

John Wallace, Claire Hamish, Bob Willis, Jeffery Family, Bailey Smallacombe, Ann Tee, Peter Harris, Josephine Proctor, Rita Sullivan, Charlie Nicolson, Paula Collinson, June Lloyd, Eileen McCoey, Len Peake, Ron & Patrine Harris, Neil Cumming, Clancy Retallick, Ann & Kevin Hannagan, Mollie Davis, Jutta Millar, Cath Howard, Keith Fawknor, Campbell Smallacombe, Brian Ferrari, Trudi McNamara, Elizabeth Nance

ANNIVERSARIES

Jim Huppatz, Dorry Higgins, Francesco Sciva, Bub O'Shaughnessy

PARISH COLLECTION 19th & 20th November

1st (Presbytery) \$844.55
2nd (Parish) \$888.60

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 2nd & 9th December

W. & J. Baker & M. Cunningham
16th & 23rd December
M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

VICTOR MORNING TEA 4th December

L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden
11th December
A. Williss & R. Reid

VICTOR MEET & GREET December Saturday

M. Farmer & M. Tuckey

December Sunday
R. Reid, W. Baker

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

December

K. & A. Fawknor

MORNING TEA

December

A. Turner, R. Austin, G. Kennedy, J. Henderson

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday

Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

2022 VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPERS:

Parishioners are invited to bring



non-perishable food to place in the Christmas boxes in both churches until Sunday 11th December.

Your generosity was much appreciated by 63 local families last year!

GOOLWA INTERCHURCH REPORT

The last meeting for the group for 2022 was held on Thursday 17th November. Topics of interest were the great work done by new Goolwa High School Chaplain Amy. She is deeply committed to the care of the children, and is helping the families in financial struggles to have a better Christmas with support from the church groups as well as Vinnies and supermarkets in the area. She has already been offered more hours by the school for next year. Amy has also spent time at the Primary School where there is no current Chaplain, and again has shown great leadership for the children and their families. On behalf of the church groups she will present an award at the end of school presentation night.

We also spoke on the Goolwa Christmas concert to be held on Sunday 18th December on Goolwa oval. This of course is a substitute for the pageant until that starts operating again. Each of the church groups has donated \$100 to the cost of the day and Church of Christ minister Grant Simpson will give an address. Of course lots of carols as well as fun for the children.

That concluded our church hosting the meetings this year, and I would really like to thank Vivi Sciva for her support this year and chairing the meetings. Christian fellowship will be host church next year. Paul (2022 Secretary).

K S C WINE RAFFLE

There will only be one package offered this Christmas with both church communities having a chance to enter. Tickets are \$10 each and available from Mike at Goolwa and Des at Victor. Good luck as it is a great time of the year to win a dozen wine!

**PRAY FOR
OF**



**THE PEOPLE
UKRAINE**

ST JOAN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER



Just when you thought the fun and good times were over **THINK AGAIN!**

St Joan's Social Club are having their Christmas Dinner on Friday night 2nd December 6pm for 6.30pm start. Cost \$20 per person. BYO drinks. Come along and join in the festivities. Call Colleen on 0405 634 744 or Pat on 0410 593 617 to book a seat or a table. Payment is due by 27th November.

SPECIAL THANK YOU and FAREWELL

to Rudi and Kay Baltais who have left the parish to live in Residential Care in Strathalbyn. Rudi and Kay shared many of their plants and household items for the sale. Many thanks and blessings from us all.

GARDEN STALL

A special big THANK YOU to everyone for your thoughtful kindness in supporting the plant stall for the Comoro Garage Sale. For all the pot plants, bulbs, tools, seeds, outdoor furniture, garden ornaments, containers, cut flowers and gardening surprises galore! And for all those who set up and cleaned so brilliantly!

KNIGHTS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Knights will hold their annual Christmas Party on Sunday December 4th at 6.00pm at St John's.

There will be a full BBQ meal, with chops, hamburgers, sausages and salad for only \$5.00. BYO drinks.

There will be a door prize of \$100.

Come along and join in the fun.

This event is to show the Knights' appreciation for all the support given them throughout the year.



FILM - A BETTER MAN

Our Australian Bishops' Social Justice theme this year was **Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse**. The film echoes this theme.

Thu 1st Dec 2022 7.00 - 9.00pm

Christian Gospel Centre

George Main Road. Cost: \$5.00

You can book online at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/986735>

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YR. A

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
Let us go to God's house.
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!

For love of my brethren and friends
O say: 'Peace upon you!'
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good.



THE ADVENT WREATH - HOPE



The first candle, which is purple, symbolises hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the

prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

What do you hope for this Christmas?
Tell God about it and ask for help.
What hills need to be levelled and valleys filled in your life, e.g., making up with a family member, friend or relative?
Make a start today.

**Jesus, in the midst of our daily lives
when the future looks bleak, help us to
HOPE in your constant love for us.**

VICTORIA HOUSE AND IMMANUEL CARE:

Thanks to all who took cards for residents.
Please bring your gifts back as soon as possible. The deadline is 6th December.
Thank you.

COMORO MONSTER SALE



Once again this has proved a popular event, with goods being collected over several months. On Friday 18th and very early on Saturday 19th

a band of volunteers finished setting the items up.

Throughout Saturday a steady stream of visitors arrived and left happy with their purchases. As well, the Knights organised a Sausage Sizzle and Pat Clingan and helpers provided a delicious Devonshire Tea. The sale was continued over the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Our thanks to the many volunteers who helped set up stalls during the week and who took care of the stalls on the day. There were some truly heroic efforts!!!

As well as raising money for Comoro organisers hoped that once more the monster sale would be a means of **bringing the parish together** and also a way to connect to members of the local community. And so it proved to be.

Our thanks and congratulations to our Comoro Working Group:

Mark Leaney, John Dunthorne, Sue McCarthy, Brian Fitzgerald and Father Vinh. And thanks to their hard-working band of supporters.

THANK YOU, ST JOSEPH!!

Reading the weather forecast for Saturday 19th with storms and rain predicted for most of the day, drastic action was called for. A parishioner remembered that the nuns always put a statue of St Joseph on the oval before a Sports Day and it never rained. So two small pictures of St Joseph were buried at the back of St Joan's on the Friday before our sale. And St Joseph, being a practical man, came to the rescue with a beautiful spring day and virtually no rain until the 4pm deadline.

Thanks St Joseph. And thanks to all those who prayed so fervently for good weather for the event!!

"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."



THIS WEEK 26th & 27th November

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 C. Huppertz
R.2 C. Sutherland
E.M. S. Duong

Sunday 11.00am

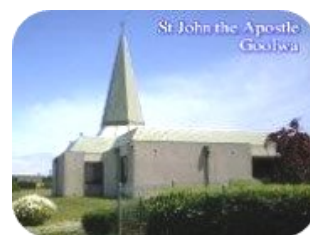
Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 A. Rose
R. 2 K. Dudley
E.M. M. Klecko

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: V. Scriva

R. 1 G. Byrne
R. 2 K. O'Shea
E.M. S. Muller



NEXT WEEK 3rd & 4th December

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: C. Huppertz

R.1 L. Blacket
R.2 C. Sutherland
E.M. E. O'Connell

Sunday 11.00am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 L. Sunman
R. 2 S. Duong
E.M. P, Clingan

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: M. O'Halloran

R. 1 M. Mulvihill
R. 2 L. Healey
E.M. M. Glazewski

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 25/11/22)

- If you have tested positive for COVID-19, please follow the SA Health instructions in regard to isolating and other government health protocols. Stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- The density requirement has been updated to full capacity in all churches and also includes funerals and weddings.
- Wearing of face-masks in Church is strongly recommended. (Show you care and wear a mask.)
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home and not attend services.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

32 Seaview Road (PO Box 464)
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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

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Email: Vinh2511@bigpond.com

• 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 (*All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening*)

• PARISH TREASURER

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

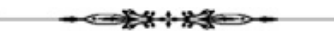
• CHILD PROTECTION

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

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he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house.

Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'



EXPLORING THE WORD

Matthew's Gospel is written for a mostly Jewish audience who had converted to Christianity. Because of this Jewish background, Matthew often uses images and incidents from the Hebrew Scriptures or Old Testament, with which his community is very familiar. For Matthew, Jesus is the fulfilment of the prophecies of old, and the Messiah who has long been awaited. In this text, Jesus twice uses the title 'Son of Man' to describe himself. It is an ambiguous term because it can simply mean a human being but is also used in the Hebrew Scriptures to refer to the one who will be judge and saviour of all.

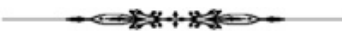
SHARING THE TRADITION

The celebration of a feast to honour the birth of Jesus did not emerge in the West until the fourth century. Scholars generally note that by ad 336, such a feast was in place and celebrated in Rome on 25 December. This comparatively late development of a feast to celebrate the birth of Christ may seem surprising to contemporary Christians, for whom Christmas is so central. However, we must remember that the earliest Christians expected the glorious return of Christ in their own lifetimes. It was only with time and an obvious delay to the Second Coming that such a feast could emerge. Furthermore, time provided the opportunity for a greater and more mature theological reflection on the mysteries of the incarnation and the Second Coming.

Advent, as a period of preparation for the feast of Christmas, developed later still. There is no evidence of such a preparatory time in Rome until well into the sixth century. It was Pope Gregory the Great (ad 590–604) who established a four-week liturgical preparation for Christmas, but the eschatological (end-time) themes of the Second Coming were not established until the Middle Ages.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

Advent has a past, present and future dimension. We look back to the events of Bethlehem when Christ first entered the world; we reflect on Christ's presence today, and we look forward with joy to the future coming of Christ. Today's gospel reminds us that we must be ready for that coming.



THE NIGHT IS FAR FROM SPENT

We know for sure that Santa Claus is coming to town; and so is Snoopy, Peanuts, Frosty, the Grinch, Rudolph, and more seasonal visitors than we may care to name. We also know that Jesus is coming, but he doesn't advertise his arrival as relentlessly as these others so we aren't sure quiet when. Will he arrive in time for the holidays? Too late to stop the next war? Too soon for me to acquire all the things I'd like to have in this world?

This is the Advent from which the season takes its name. Jesus is coming, and his advent is the one all these modern myths seek to recreate. Will Charlie Brown find the real meaning of Christmas? Only with a Scripture-quoting friend like Linus. Will the Grinch get a life? Only if he opens his eyes to the world he's always had. Jesus is coming all the time, but we won't know it if we refuse to change. That is the purpose of Advent, to give us fair notice that it's time to take time seriously.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(28 November - 04 December)

- **Monday, 28:** Monday 1st week Advent (Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11)
- **Tuesday, 29:** Tuesday 1st week Advent (Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24)
- **Wednesday, 30:** St Andrew (Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22)
- **Thursday, 01:** Thursday 1st week Advent (Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27)
- **Friday, 02:** Friday 1st week Advent (Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31)
- **Saturday, 03:** St Francis Xavier (Is 30: 19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 6-8)
- **Sunday 04:** SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT (Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12)

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.