



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,  
MARY AND JOSEPH - 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

*Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28*

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull, and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

There she left him, for the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10*

*How happy they who dwell in  
your house, O Lord.*

### SECOND READING

*1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Acts 16:14*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Open our heart, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.  
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, Bill Longworth

### ANNIVERSARIES

Jim Clingan, Ellen Heinrich

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Ben Weygood

### PARISH COLLECTION 18th & 19th December

1st (Presbytery)	\$720.20
2nd (Parish)	\$911.95

### VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

**31st December**  
M. Farmer & C. Pearsons  
**7th & 14th January**  
W. & J. Baker

### VICTOR MORNING TEA

**9th January**  
J. Andrews & M. Cunningham  
**16th January**  
W. & J. Baker

### VICTOR MEET & GREET

**January Saturdays**  
M. Farmer & M. Tuckey  
**January Sundays**  
A. Rose & M. Cunningham

### GOOLWA MEET & GREET

**January**  
K. & A. Fawcner

### ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday

### 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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#### 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.

#### KNIGHTS' CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Christmas wine ticket winners. Marie Ryan (Goolwa ) and Pat Clingan (Victor Harbor ) were the lucky winners of the Knights' Christmas wine raffle this year. Just like Father Christmas is on his way you can both know Fr. Vinh is on his way to a visit to you both! Our next wine raffle will be on Mothers Day. Thanks to all who supported the raffle throughout the year.

#### VINNIES VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA THANK YOU



Vinnies Victor Harbor/Goolwa Conference sincerely thanks those who have contributed in any way to the success of our 2021 *Christmas Hamper Project*.

63 hampers with age-appropriate toys for children have been given to Companions; and gifts have been given to residents of Victoria House and Immanuel Care. All recipients were very appreciative. We thank you for your generosity of spirit, donations and time! The Vinnies wish everyone a happy Christmas and may you be blessed throughout 2022.

### THE HOLY FAMILY



faced many of the problems faced by families in our world today. We read in the Gospel that Joseph had just been told in a dream to go to Egypt with his family because the life of the baby Jesus was in danger. Mary

had to quickly flee from Bethlehem with Joseph and a newborn baby. Joseph was faced with having to find work in a new town in a foreign country. They had little or no money and only a few possessions - all of which could fit on the back of a donkey. Mary and Joseph understand the stresses in our lives. Let us turn to them when we need help confident that they will come to our aid. Let us also entrust to their care the refugees of our world.

#### PRAYER FOR OUR OWN FAMILIES

May our families be protected from harm, misfortune and sadness.

May we enjoy the privilege of spending time together

to share joy, celebrate happy occasions and to be there for each other when there is need for comfort.

May good health prevail and may there be ever-present faith in God's mercy and grace.

We thank God for His many blessings and we remember those who are less fortunate than we are.

Help us to open our hearts to their need.



#### OUR GLOBAL FAMILY

Pope Francis' third encyclical is entitled *Fratelli Tutti* (Brothers and Sisters All)

Pope Francis writes:

"Let us dream as a single human family, as fellow travellers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all."





# Bulletin Board



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH, YR. C**

*How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord*

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
Lord, God of hosts.

My soul is longing and yearning,  
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.  
My heart and my soul ring out their joy  
to God, the living God.

They are happy, who dwell in Your house,  
for ever singing Your praise.  
They are happy, whose strength is in You;  
they walk with ever growing strength.

O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,  
give ear, O God of Jacob.  
Turn Your eyes, O God, our shield,  
look on the face of Your anointed



## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

*"See what love the Father has given us,  
that we should be called children of God;  
and so we are."* (1 JOHN 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different to you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.



## THANK YOU CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FR VINH

I trust you have had blessed Christmas celebrations. I wish to say thank you for your prayers and gifts to me during this special time. May God bless you all.

## NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

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

**Commentator: R. Klecko**

**Readers: F. Hanna, W. Baker**  
**E.M.**

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

**Commentator: M. Freeborn**

**Readers: H. Harris, L. Healey**  
**E.M. J. McMahon**

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## THE HOLY INNOCENTS

**Feast Day 28<sup>th</sup> December**

Today celebrates the memory of the small children of Bethlehem put to death by Herod. Sacrificed by a wicked monarch, these innocent lives bear witness to Christ who was persecuted from the time of His birth by a world which would not receive Him. It is Christ Himself who is at stake in this mass-murder of the children; already the choice, for or against Him, is put clearly before men. But the persecutors are powerless, for Christ came to perform a work of salvation that nothing can prevent; when He fell into the hands of His enemies at the time chosen by God it was to redeem the world by His own Blood. *Catholic Culture*

**SAINT THOMAS BECKET**  
**Feast Day 29th December (d.1170)**



St. Thomas Becket was born in London and after studying in Paris, he first became chancellor to the king and then in 1162 was chosen Archbishop of Canterbury. He went from being "a patron of play-actors and a follower of hounds" to being a "shepherd of souls." He defended the rights of the Church against Henry II who was encroaching on the liberties of the Church. The king then exiled him to France for six years. After returning to England, he was assassinated in his cathedral on December 29, 1170.

## This Week : 26th December

**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



## Next Week : 2nd January

**VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm Vigil**

**Commentator: J. Ryan**

**R.1** M. Farmer

**R.2** L. Blacket

**E.M.** E. O'Connell,  
E. O'Shaughnessy

**VICTOR HARBOR Sunday 11.00am**

**Commentator : F. Hanna**

**R.1.** W. Baker

**R.2** T. Hounslow

**E.M** M. Cunningham

**GOOLWA Sunday 9.00am**

**Commentator: P. Kennelly**

**R1** H. Harris

**R2** L. Healey

**E.M.** S. Muller

## COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 21 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

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### • CHILD PROTECTION

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Victor Harbor (Parish Office 8552 1084)

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

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## GOSPEL

### Luke 2:41-52

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.'

'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

## GOSPEL BACKGROUND

Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are presented in today's Gospel as a faithful Jewish family. They are participating in the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, an event shared each year with family and friends. When Jesus is found, Luke describes him as seated in the Temple in the midst of the Jewish teachers. Although he is young, Jesus seems not to need teaching about his Jewish tradition. In his dialogue with these learned teachers, Jesus astounds them

with his insight and understanding. Jesus is a child of Israel. His Father is God.

The dialogue between Mary and Jesus contains many references to family relationships. In fact, in this Gospel reading Mary and Joseph are never identified by name. Instead they are referred to by their relationship to Jesus. Ultimately, this emphasizes Luke's point about the identity of Jesus. When Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple, they question Jesus and express their anxiety. Jesus replies in words that many have thought to be disrespectful. Jesus says that he was never lost; he was at home. Jesus is God's Son, and he is in his Father's house. Luke will continue to suggest that faith in Jesus establishes new family relationships as he describes Jesus' public ministry.

In Luke's Gospel, Mary's importance is even greater than her role as Jesus' mother. Mary is the first disciple and will be present with Jesus' disciples after his Resurrection at Pentecost to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone. Because of this, Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan for salvation. *Loyola Press*

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(December 27 - January 2)

- **Monday, 27:** St John (1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:2-8)
- **Tuesday, 28:** The Holy Innocents (1 Jn 1:5 - 2:2; Mt 2:13-18)
- **Wednesday, 29:** 5th day in Octave of the Nativity (1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35)
- **Thursday, 30:** 6th day in Octave of the Nativity (1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40)
- **Friday, 31:** 7th day in Octave of the Nativity (1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42)
- **Saturday, 01:** MARY, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD (Num 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21)
- **Sunday 02:** The EPIPHANY of the LORD (Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12)

## 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).