



Welcome to Catholic Community of Victor Harbor and Goolwa

(Part of the Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Cluster of Catholic Parishes)



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

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VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• PARISH PRIEST

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• PARISH MANAGERS

Monday morning / Thursday afternoon
Mr Ray Klecko (0438 364 870)
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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 must be received no later than Wednesday evening)

• PARISH TREASURER

Mrs Margaret Meade (8552 1084)
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MASS CENTRES AND TIMES

• ST JOAN OF ARC

30 Seaview Road, Victor Harbor
MASS TIMES

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 11.00am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 11.00am - 11.30am

Saturday 5.30pm - 5.50pm

• ST JOHN THE APOSTLE

10-14 Gardiner Street, Goolwa
MASS TIMES

Sunday 9.00am

RECONCILIATION

Sunday 8.30am - 8.50am

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159
Ian Reid (8552 4329)



FIRST READING

Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be,

‘Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.’

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.

Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.

And the forests and every fragrant

tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 125

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, (Continued page 4)



Bulletin Board

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Barbara Bond, Father John Langtry, Mary Davis, Donald Telford, Angelo Falco, Valerie Londrigan, David Wark, Bob Healey, Duncan Kaye, John Wallace, Adrian and Margaret Langtry, Peter Bohnsack, Krys Milne, Josephine Proctor, Louise Elliott, Jan Sheehan, Jenny Winchester, Barbara McBride, Marie Courtney, Marie Manners, Michelle L, Brian Smallacombe, Gerard Siciliano, Brian Bullen, Margie Lloyd

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jim Clingan, William Yates.

PARISH COLLECTION

1st & 2nd December

1st (Presbytery) \$1,149.50
2nd (Parish) \$1,397.50

VICTOR MORNING TEA

9th & 16th December

L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden

23rd & 30th December

T, Clayton, A. Williss

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

15th – 22nd December

M. Farmer, C. Pearsons

29th Dec & 5th Jan

P. Mezzino, E. O' Shaughnessy

VICTOR MEET & GREET

December Saturdays

M. Farmer & V. Wyld

December Sundays

R. Reid & J. Baker

ST JOAN'S CHOIR :

Practice time is 10.30am each Friday

GOOLWA MORNING TEA

December:

E. De Vries, D. McMahon, Ludi, C. May

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

December:

K. & A. Fawkner

ST JOHN'S CHOIR:

Practice Tuesdays 2.30pm .
Contact Athalea 0438 552 048

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2018 PRAYER INTENTIONS:

DECEMBER:

EVANGELISATION: In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time..



EXPLORING THE GOSPEL WITH LECTIO DIVINA

Meets every Sunday in the annex at 6.00pm

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN ADVENT CALENDARS for weeks 1 and 2 of Advent.

Children, parents or grandparents may pick up an Advent Calendar (free) in the porch.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CRIB TEMPLATES.

A real Christmas activity for the whole family. As last year, the templates (with instructions) are available in the porch (no charge). Parents and Grandparents may wish to help the children to set up their own Nativity Crib.

WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC OR WISHING TO RENEW YOUR FAITH

Currently, there is one person who wishes to become part of our Catholic faith. Anyone interested in joining or renewing their faith please contact Father Vinh.

ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB will hold their next meeting on Tuesday 11th December at 1.30pm in the Annex. All welcome.

RECONCILIATION - CONFIRMATION - FIRST COMMUNION

These sacraments will be offered to the children in February 2019. Please contact Father Vinh.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

7.00 PM VICTOR HARBOR

ANY CHILDREN INTERESTED IN PLAYING A PART PLEASE CONTACT Pat Clingan 0410 593 617

You need to be available for a rehearsal on the Sunday before Christmas Day 23rd December

KSC 45 CLUB END OF YEAR DRAW

First Prize \$150 - Dino Perico
2nd Prize \$50 - Bill Longworth
Thanks to organiser Robert Lee.

GOOLWA PAGEANT

SUNDAY 16th DECEMBER

The interchurch group will have one float this year. If you would like to walk with us in the festival please see Paul Kennelly.

Also Libby Wall is inviting any knitters to assist her in making covers for the bollards in Goolwa. If interested please contact Libby on 0402 293 396. A notice is on the church notice board at Goolwa

KSC NEWS

Look out for our big Christmas wine raffle, 15 bottles combined red and white wine, with 35 tickets at \$10 each. What a great time of the year to win such a prize. We look forward to your support and good luck.

ST JOHN'S SOCIAL CLUB

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 13th December at 1.30pm. At this meeting the Melbourne cup day will be reviewed, as well as allocation for funds raised during the year. As always all welcome.

GOOLWA INTERCHURCH MEETING REPORT

A new group Alexandrina Poverty Drive has begun placing bins for food and clothing in schools in the area to assist the families who struggle in their area and has been a great success. It runs from October to the end of the year and will move into Goolwa next year. Goolwa primary school chaplain reported 25 to 40 children relying on the chaplaincy breakfast assistance each day with 5 to 6 also requiring lunch. How do these children fare in the holidays. Each of the Christian churches in the Goolwa area donated \$20 to the Chaplaincy awards for the yearly presentation night. However the school has informed our group they will not allow a nativity play to be held this year.

SVdP CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Donations of non-perishable food may be placed in the boxes provided in the porch and in the Annex. Thank you.

SVdP SOCIETY

Next meeting Thursday 13th December at V.H. after 9am Mass. This will include the Christmas Party.

ST JOAN'S MAINTENANCE GROUP

will hold their next meeting on Wednesday 12th December from 9.30 to 10.30 followed by a "thank you team/Christmas morning tea".

SVdP CHRISTMAS CARDS are available in the porch. Pack of 10 for \$5.00.

SVdP Christmas Appeal envelopes are available in the porch



PSALM FOR THE 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

(R) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,

it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **(R)**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad. **(R)**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears

will sing when they reap. **(R)**

They go out, they go out, full of tears

carrying seed for the sowing:

they come back, they come back, full of song,

carrying their sheaves. **(R)**

The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy.



PREPARING TO PLAY OUR PART IN THE PLENARY COUNCIL

Next weekend (15/16 December) we will be given the chance to write down our responses to the question

"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

During the week it might be helpful to find a quiet spot where you won't be disturbed and sit for a few minutes thinking about this question. Ask God to send His Holy Spirit to help you with your reflection. Perhaps write down your thoughts about what you think God is calling us to. If you like, talk to someone else about this question. Listen with an open heart to anything that is said. You might like to bring along your written response to hand up next weekend - it can be as long or as short as you like. Alternatively you can write down your response on the day. You may think you have nothing much to say but every response counts no matter how short. This is not compulsory of course but the more guidance the Council has the better. We are all equally part of the Church by our Baptism so that what we each have to say is important, We will collate the responses and share them with you.

Thank you Your PPC

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Feast Day 12th December

Our Lady of Guadalupe is unlike any other apparition of the

Blessed Virgin Mary.

It is the only apparition where Our Lady

left a miraculous

image of herself unmade by human hands. .

The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St.

Juan Diego in the

16th century in present day Mexico City, Mexico. Juan Diego saw an apparition of

the Blessed Virgin on the Hill of Tepeyac on December 9, 1531. Our Lady request-

ed that a church be built on that site,

which Juan Diego dutifully relayed to the bishop. After a request by the bishop to

prove her identity, Our Lady asked Juan Diego to gather roses that were growing

on the hill (which were neither native to the area nor in season) and take them to

the bishop. Juan Diego obeyed and placed the roses in his tilma (or cloak) to

carry back to the bishop as evidence of Our Lady's appearance.

Upon opening the tilma to reveal the

miraculous roses to the bishop, there was something even more miraculous present

in the tilma—a striking image of the

Blessed Virgin Mary.

By using only cultural symbols and no

words, which the Aztec people could read as a codex, the miraculous image on the

tilma spoke the truth of the Christian faith that the Spanish Catholic missionaries

proclaimed.

A mass conversion of millions upon

millions of Aztecs to the Catholic faith

soon followed—ending the human sacrifices, especially child sacrifices, that they

practiced. *(Excerpt: catholic online)*



NAME TAGS

As we are coming into the Christmas

Season with its many visitors it might be a good time to review our use of name tags.

How are we going? Do you still wear

yours? Have you lost your name tag or

magnet?. There will be a box of magnets and a list if you need a new tag, at each

Mass this weekend.

This Week : 8th & 9th December

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 M. Farmer

R.2 V. Wyld

E.M. P. Harris

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : F. Hanna

R.1. A. Rose

R.2 P. Chigwidden

E.M. M. Cunningham, V. Salmon, K. Howard, M. Ferguson, P. O'Brien.

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: P. Kennelly

R.1 K. Fawkner

R.2 A. Fawkner

E.M. T. Siciliano, K. O'Shea, Marie Riddle, J. Ryan, M. Ryan



Next Week : 15th & 16th December

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 V. Wyld

R.2 C. Sutherland

E.M. S. Duong, R. Kuske

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : K. Howard

R.1. T. Hounslow

R.2 R. Klecko

E.M. P. Clingan, A. Rose, J. Baker, I. Reid, L. Sunman

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: J. McInnes

R.1 M. Freeborn

R.2 H. Harris

E.M. D. Elliott, A. Turner, D. West, C. Williams, L. Healey.

REGULAR MASS TIMES IN OUR CLUSTER CHURCHES

ALDINGA

Mary of Galilee, the First Disciple
cnr Quinliven and How Roads
Saturday 5.30pm
Tuesday 9.15am

GOOLWA

St John the Apostle, 10-14 Gardiner St
Sunday 9.00am
Wednesday 9.30am

KINGSCOTE

Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
cnr Todd and Giles Streets
Sunday 9.30am

NOARLUNGA

St Luke, the Evangelist,
cnr Honeypot Rd and Goldsmith Dve
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 9.00am
1st Sunday 11am (Spanish Mass)
2nd Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)
Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm
Monday 9.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Wednesday 7.30pm
Thursday 8.15am (St Luke's)
Thursday 9.15am (St John's - term time)
Friday 10.00am

NORMANVILLE

St Peter, Cape Jervis Road
1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 10.30am
2nd, 4th Sundays 8.30am
1st Friday 6.00pm

PARNDANA

2nd Sunday 2.30pm

PENNESHAW

St Columba, North Terrace
(shared with Anglicans)
1st Sunday 1.30pm

SEAFORD

Seaford Ecumenical Mission,
Grand Bvd
Sunday 10.45am
Wednesday 9.15am

VICTOR HARBOR

St Joan of Arc, 30 Seaview Road
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 11.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Thursday 9.00am
Friday 9.00am
1st Friday Benediction following Mass

WILLUNGA

St Joseph, 12 St Judes Street
1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 8.30am
2nd, 4th Sundays 10.30am
Wednesday 9.00am
Thursday 9.00am
Friday 9.00am

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and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth.
And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

EXPLORING THE WORD

The word of God that comes to John in the wilderness is not a word meant for him alone but is to be shared with all the people. John's proclamation of the word of God 'through the whole Jordan district' is a precursor to Jesus' instruction to his disciples 'that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations' (Luke 24:47). The salvation brought by the Lord is not a personal and private matter but one that is destined for the whole of humankind. This salvation can only be achieved, however, if one is prepared to realign one's life—to repent of past sins and take a new path in life. John's call is a call to a new beginning.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Luke goes to great lengths to describe the geographical and political world into which Jesus is born. God enters into human history at a specific time and place. The coming of Jesus for the salvation of the world is not a vague notion but a concrete event in time.
- The prophets of the Hebrew tradition were specially chosen people who spoke the word of God to Israel. John the Baptist is sometimes referred to as the last of the great prophets.
- Scholars believe that Jesus may well have spent some time as a disciple of the Baptist before embarking on his own public ministry.
- The 'Herod' mentioned in this text is Herod Antipas—son of Herod the Great, who ruled at the time of Jesus' birth. After Herod the Great's death, his realm was divided between three of his sons. One son proved an inept ruler and was removed from power in Judaea by the Romans and replaced by a Roman governor.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(December 10 - 16)

- **Monday, 10:** Monday, 2nd week Advent (Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26)
- **Tuesday, 11:** Tuesday, 2nd week Advent (Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14)
- **Wednesday, 12:** Wednesday, 2nd week Advent (Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30)
- **Thursday, 13:** St Lucy (Is 41:13-120; Mt 11:11-15)
- **Friday, 14:** St John of the Cross (Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19)
- **Saturday, 15:** Saturday, 2nd week Advent (Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:10-13)
- **Sunday 16:** THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT (Zeph 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18)

PASTORAL CARE

If you (or someone you know) is house-bound, in hospital or in residential care and would appreciate a visit from a Priest or someone from the Parish, please let us know.
Contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).