



Welcome to Catholic Community of Victor Harbor and Goolwa

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



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR C

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

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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

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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

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

‘Console my people, console them’
says your God.

‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
and call to her that her time of
service is ended, that her sin is
atoned for, that she has received
from the hand of the Lord double
punishment for her crimes.’

A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the
wilderness a way for the Lord.
Make a straight highway for our God
across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in, every
mountain and hill be laid low.
Let every cliff become a plain, and
the ridges a valley; then the glory of
the Lord shall be revealed and all
mankind shall see it; for the mouth
of the Lord has spoken.’

Go up on a high mountain, joyful
messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice, joyful
messenger to Jerusalem.
Shout without fear, say to the towns
of Judah, ‘Here is your God.’

Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.
The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his
flock, gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother
ewes.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

God’s grace has been revealed, and it
has made salvation possible for the
whole human race and taught us that
what we have to do is to give up
everything that does not lead to God,
and all our worldly ambitions; we
must be self-restrained and live good
and religious lives here in this present
world, while we are waiting in hope
for the blessing which will come with
the Appearing of the glory of our great
God and saviour Christ Jesus. He
sacrificed himself for us in order to set
us free from all wickedness and to
purify a people so that it could be his
very own and would have no ambition
except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God
our saviour for mankind were
revealed, it was not because he was
concerned with any righteous actions
we might have done ourselves; it was
for no reason except his own

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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, Krys Milne, Josephine Proctor, Louise Elliott, Jan Sheehan, Jenny Winchester, Marie Courtney, Marie Manners, Michelle L, Brian Smallacombe, Gerard Siciliano, Brian Bullen, Margie Lloyd

PARISH COLLECTION 5th & 6th January

1st (Presbytery) \$1368.00
2nd (Parish) \$1856.75

VICTOR MORNING TEA 13th January

P. & H. Sampson
20th & 27th January
J. & W. Baker
3rd & 10th February
I & R Reid

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 12th & 19th Jan

R. Reid, B. Murray
26th Jan & 2nd Feb
G Woodhead & H. Sampson

VICTOR MEET & GREET

January Saturdays
M. Farmer & V. Wyld
January Sundays
A. Wright, M. Fracek

ST JOAN'S CHOIR :

Practice time is 10.30am each Friday

GOOLWA MORNING TEA

January :

D. Lee, Anke, G. Seah

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

January
A. Turner

ST JOHN'S CHOIR:

Practice Tuesdays 2.30pm .
Contact Athalea 0438 552 048

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2019 PRAYER

INTENTIONS: JANUARY:

EVANGELISATION:

Young people and the Example of Mary

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.



EXPLORING THE GOSPEL WITH LECTIO DIVINA

The 2019 program will commence on Sunday January 20th in the annex at 6.00pm.

CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY

We meet for Lectio Divina (Scripture Reflection) and meditation on Monday evenings for 2019. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Anne Weygood for details. 0429 653 844.

LIVING THE BEATITUDES

Pope Francis at a General audience at the Vatican spoke to 6,000 people who were in attendance, on the Beatitudes. He said that he was so serious about the need for Christians to know and live the Beatitudes ... that he would read one out aloud and have the crowd repeat it. He urged everyone present to learn them as they did the Ten Commandments, and model their lives on them. He shared that every night when he reflected on his day, he did so using the Beatitudes.

- ◆ **Blessed are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**
- ◆ **Blessed are those who mourn: for they shall be comforted.**
- ◆ **Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.**
- ◆ **Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness: for they shall be satisfied.**
- ◆ **Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.**
- ◆ **Blessed are the pure in Heart: for they shall see God.**
- ◆ **Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called God's children.**
- ◆ **Blessed are those who are persecuted for Righteousness sake: for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.**

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Our first meeting for 2019 will be held at Goolwa on Thursday 17th January at 4pm. We have a lot to plan and ask all members to make a big effort to attend. The council for 2019 will be inducted at the 11am Mass at Victor Harbor. We will be planning at this meeting the 45 club BBQ as well as organising St Pat's night and making sure we are ready for our BBQ day at Bunnings on 9th March. For all enquiries on "Knights", please ring Paul on 0402 852 825.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Baptism of the Lord "John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is



mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit ...'" (Luke 3:6)

The Catholic Catechism states that "*Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves*

to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus - the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY

Groups meet fortnightly on Thursday nights 7.00pm-9.00pm. Phone Rob & Jocelyne Randabel-Williamson for more information. 0402 341 071.

RECONCILIATION, CONFIRMATION & HOLY COMMUNION

The first meeting of this year's sacramental program will be held on Wednesday 6th February 2019. If your child or children are over 8 years of age and wish to participate in the Program, please contact Fr Vinh on 8552 1084 for details





PSALM FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD YEAR C

O, bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as on a robe!
You stretch out the heavens as in a tent.

Above the rains you build your dwelling.
You make the clouds your chariot,
you walk on the wings of the wind.
You make the winds your messengers
and flashing fire your servant

How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
There is the sea, vast and wide,
with its moving swarms past counting,
living things great and small.

All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up:
you open your hand, they have their fill.

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are
created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

O, bless the Lord, my soul!



ST ANTHONY THE GREAT OF EGYPT Feast Day 17th January (251 – 356)

Anthony, a Christian monk from Egypt, is revered, since his death, as a saint. He is distinguished from other saints named Anthony such as Anthony of Padua, by various epithets - **Anthony the Great, Anthony of Egypt, Anthony the Abbot, Anthony of the Desert, Anthony the Anchorite and Anthony of Thebes**. For his importance among the Desert Fathers and to all later Christian monasticism, he is also known as the **Father of All Monks**. The biography of Anthony's life by Athanasius of Alexandria helped to spread Christian monasticism, particularly in Western Europe.

PLENARY COUNCIL RESPONSES

Many thanks for all your responses to the Plenary Council's question about what God is asking of the Catholic Church in



Australia. We have now collated them and you will find the summary either with your bulletin email from Fr Vinh, or in the foyer. Where there was more than one of the same or a similar response you will see the numbers recorded. Thanks for all your prayers said for the success of this event. Over 185 people participated. In the course of the collating of our Parish responses something of what you wanted to say may have been lost. If this is so we urge you to write your own letter to the Council no matter how short or how long and send it to
PO 747, NORTH SYDNEY NSW 2059
Or fill in the form online

<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/>

*You may remain anonymous but please put **Adelaide Diocese** at the end of your submission.*

Or you might like to get together with a friend or friends and draft a letter together.. Remember that your response counts. Due date Ash Wednesday March 6th. Many thanks. Your PPC

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

The kind of baptism that John was offering was a "baptism of repentance," that is, it was for people who were repenting their sins, or some great sin, and turning over a new leaf.

When Jesus, the sinless one, is baptised by John, He is expressing solidarity with all people. This He continued to do throughout His life. He ate with prostitutes and tax-collectors, He reached out and touched lepers, He made friends with outcasts and He told stories that held up Samaritans and Gentiles as heroes of faith and love. He is one of us; and so, wherever we are, He has to be.



This Week : 12th & 13th January

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 C. Sutherland

R.2 V. Wyld

E.M. R. Kuske, S. Duong

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : K. Howard

R.1. P. O'Brien

R.2 W. Baker

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

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R.1 M. O'Halloran

R.2 K. O'Shea

E.M. J. McMahon, J. Ryan, M. Ryan, T. Siciliano, A. Turner.



Next Week : 19th & 20th January

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: W. Baker

R.1 M. Farmer

R.2 L. Blacket

E.M. R. Powell, P. Harris

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : P. O'Brien

R.1. P. Chigwidden

R.2 J. Randabel-Williamson

E.M. K. Howard, I. Reid, R. Kuske, M. Von Holst, M. Ferguson

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 Marie Riddle

R.2 Michael Riddle

E.M. D. West, C. Williams, P. Burns, D. Elliott, M. Glazewski.

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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compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

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. Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

GOSPEL BACKGROUND

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In today's Gospel, as in the other Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—

Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father.

The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another "epiphany." On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(14 - 20 January)

- **Monday, 14:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20)
- **Tuesday, 15:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28)
- **Wednesday, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39)
- **Thursday, 17:** St Anthony, abbot (Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45)
- **Friday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12)
- **Saturday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17)
- **Sunday, 20:** 2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11)

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).