Welcome to Catholic Community of Victor Harbor and Goolwa

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• PARISH PRIEST Fr Vinh-Quang Tran (8552 1084; in an emergency - 0429 098 802) Email: Vinh2511@bigpond.com

• PARISH MANAGERS

Monday morning / Thursday afternoon Mr Ray Klecko (0438 364 870) Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617) Email: Parish_manager@bigpond.com

• 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) Email: Parish_treasure@bigpond.com

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

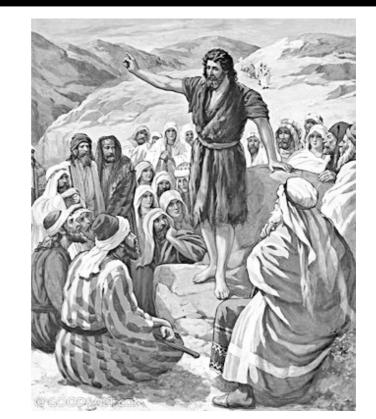
• ST JOHN THE APOSTLE

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 Zephaniah 3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear.

When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior.

He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Isa 12:2-6*

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

SECOND READING *Philippians 4:4-7*

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Isa 61:1*

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 3:10-18

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share (Continued page 4)

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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, Marie Courtney, Marie Manners, Michelle L, Brian Smallacombe, Gerard Siciliano, Brian Bullen, Margie Lloyd

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jim Clingan, William Yates.

PARISH COLLECTION 8th & 9th December

1st (Presbytery) 2nd (Parish)

\$1,091.40 \$1818.40

VICTOR MORNING TEA 16th December

L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden 23rd & 30th December P. Clingan & 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 & D. Taylor

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 3 and 4 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.

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 WINE RAFFLE

The lucky winner of our Christmas draw was Henrik, a parishioner from Goolwa who also won our very first draw 3 years ago. Thanks to all for your support and our next draw will be for Mother's Day 2019. On behalf of all at the Knights, we would like to wish all in the Parish a Holy and Happy Christmas, and best wishes for 2019.

ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB Christmas Dinner/50th Anniversary

The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance. We are very pleased to be able to donate \$200.00 to St. Vincent de Paul Society from the proceeds. We wish all Parishioners a very Happy and Holy Christmas.

COLUMBIAN CALENDARS 2019

2 copies left, \$10.00 each.

VINNIES - Thanks to all!

Victor/Goolwa Vinnies sincerely thank all parishioners for your contributions of food donations over the past few weeks. The hampers will be appreciated by



our special families. On Sunday 16th at the end of morning tea following Mass, the contents of the boxes currently stacked in the Annex need to be laid our in categories on the tables ready for the hamper packing and delivery on Tuesday 18th. If anyone could spare some time either on Sunday or on Tuesday morning after 9am Mass, to help John and Wendy with this task, it would be so appreciated (tea/coffee/biscuits supplied!) Thank you

$\ensuremath{\mathsf{SVdP}}\xspace$ CHRISTMAS CARDS $% \ensuremath{\mathsf{are}}\xspace$ are available in

the porch. Pack of 10 for \$5.00. SVdP Christmas Appeal envelopes are available in the porch

GOOLWA CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Church of Christ, Goolwa will be conducting Christmas Carols on Sunday 23rd December from 8.00pm in the Arthur Neighbour Reserve, Cadell St., directly over from their church. All welcome.

FROM PARISH MANAGER

As we approach 2019, we ask various church groups and auxiliaries to consider their dates for booking St Joan's Church annex for 2019 to avoid complications later. Please advise the Parish Manager of your preferred dates as soon as possible. *Ray Klecko*

RECONCILIATION DURING ADVENT

There are many ways to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus. How about with the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Our parish regular Reconciliation times are:

Victor Harbor : Saturday 11 - 12 noon and 5.30 - 5.50pm

Goolwa : Sunday 8.30 - 8.50am

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

The theme of the Third Sunday of Advent is Joy. "Christian joy is peace, peace that is deeply rooted, peace in the heart, the peace that only God can give. This is Christian joy. Joy adapts and changes but it always endures even as a flicker of light born of our personal certainty that, when everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved. I understand the grief of people who have to endure great suffering, yet slowly but surely we all have to let the joy of faith slowly revive as a quiet yet firm trust, even amid the greatest distress.." Pope Francis.





PSALM FOR THE 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, He became my saviour With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to His name! Make His mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of His name.

Sing a psalm to the Lord for He has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.



ST PETER CANISIUS S.J. Priest and **Doctor of the Church**

Feast Day 21st December (1521-1597) For a half-century Jesuit Father Peter Canisius led the Catholic Reformation in



Austria, Bavaria, and Bohemia. For that reason he is reckoned an apostle to Germany, second only to St. Boniface. With stupendous energy he preached and taught in parishes,

reformed and founded universities, wrote many books including popular catechisms, restored lapsed Catholics, converted Protestants, preached retreats, and found time to care for the sick. In his last thirty years traveling more than twenty thousand miles on foot or horseback, St. Peter Canisius spearheaded the renewal of the Catholic faith in southern Germany. (Excerpt: Ignatian Spirituality.com)

CHRISTMAS MASS ROSTER

GOOLWA: 24th December 5.30pm Commentator: P. Burns Readers: J. & D. McMahon E.M. C. May, C. Williams, Marie Riddle, T. Siciliano, B. Longworth

GOOLWA: 25th December 8.30am **Commentator:** D. Huppatz Readers: P. Kennelly, B. Longworth E.M. C. May, P. Burns, T. Siciliano, M. Glazewski, L. Healey

VICTOR HARBOR: 24th December 7pm Commentator: J. Ryan Readers: R. Powell, R. Walsh E.M. P. Harris, S. Duong, L. Blacket, E. O'Shaughnessy

VICTOR HARBOR: 25th December 10am

Commentator: P. O'Brien Readers: M. Ferguson, R. Klecko E.M. A. Rose, R. Kuske, J. Baker, I. Reid



FIRST PHASE OF THE PLENARY COUNCIL

More than 21,000 voices have now contributed to this first phase of the Plenary Council and that number is growing quickly. reports Plenary Post.

This weekend as a parish we share our ideas about what God is asking of us, the Australian Church, at this time. We pray for wisdom and courage as we undertake this task. Please feel free to write your ideas beforehand and bring them along to Mass. Otherwise you might like to bring along a biro. There will be small pencils and paper available. Some may feel uncomfortable about writing down their thoughts. Could we ask those parishioners to participate by praying for the success of our weekend.

Remember that you can still send in your individual response online or by post. Online address:

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

Postal address: PO 747, NORTH SYDNEY NSW 2059 You may remain anonymous but please put Adelaide Diocese at the end of your submission.

You can gather a group of friends, family or colleagues or even use some meeting time of your parish group. Thanks everyone. Your PPC

MASS ROSTER

This 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.



Next Week : 22nd & 23rd December

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 R.2 S. Duona E.M. E. O'Shaughnessy, P. Harris

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am Commentator: P. O'Brien

R.1. A. Williss R.2 J. Tregeagle

E.M. M. Ferguson, L Sunman, A. Rose, A. Weygood, R. Reid

GOOLWA 9.00am Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 L. Healey R.2 D. Huppatz E.M. S. Muller, M. Glazewski, P. Burns, B. Longworth, M. Ryan.

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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with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

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. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

EXPLORING THE WORD

'What must we do?' This is a profound question. The answer does not lie in pious gestures or private devotions. The Baptist is very clear that to be saved, people need to respond to the ways of God by being in right relationship with their neighbour and by living justly. The justice of God is forged in right relationship so that those who have more share with those who have nothing; so that people are treated fairly and no extortion or violence is used against them. John is inviting his hearers to form a new society, and they begin to suspect that he may be the Messiah. But he is adamant that the one more powerful than he is still to come, bringing a baptism of the Holy Spirit and of fire. At Pentecost, this baptism becomes a reality for the early

church, forming its members into the new society who respond to God's love by imitating the life and the love of the Son. They must now live like the wheat and not like the chaff fit only to be burnt.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Tax collectors at the time of Jesus were disliked immensely for two reasons. They collaborated with the Roman oppressors and they skimmed additional monies from the people for themselves.
- The Jewish people of this time were hopeful that a Messiah would come to overthrow the tyranny of the Roman Empire and set them free.
- The word Messiah in Hebrew means 'anointed one'; the word Christ has exactly the same meaning in Greek.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(December 17 - 23)

- *Monday*, *17*: Monday, 3rd week Advent (Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17)
- *Tuesday, 18:* Tuesday, 3rd week Advent (Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-24)
- *Wednesday, 19:* Wednesday, 3rd week Advent (Judges 13:2-7, 24-25; Lk 1:5-25)
- *Thursday, 20:* Thursday, 3rd week Advent (Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38)
- *Friday, 21:* Friday, 3rd week Advent (Song 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45)
- *Saturday, 22:* Saturday, 3rd week Advent (1 Sam 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56)
- *Sunday 23:* FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT (Micah 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-44)



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).