



Welcome to Catholic Community of Victor Harbor and Goolwa

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• PARISH PRIEST

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Mr Ray Klecko (0438 364 870)
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• PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please forward items for the newsletter
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(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

Micah 5:1-4

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least
of the clans of Judah, out of you will
be born for me the one who is to rule
over Israel; his origin goes back to
the distant past, to the days of old.
The Lord is therefore going to
abandon them till the time when she
who is to give birth gives birth.
Then the remnant of his brothers will
come back to the sons of Israel.
He will stand and feed his flock with
the power of the Lord, with the
majesty of the name of his God.
They will live secure, for from then
on he will extend his power to the
ends of the land.
He himself will be peace.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

*Lord, make us turn to you; let us see
your face and we shall be saved.*

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

This is what Christ said, on coming
into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or
oblation, prepared a body for me.
You took no pleasure in
holocausts or sacrifices for sin;
then I said, just as I was
commanded in the scroll of the
book,
'God, here I am! I am coming to
obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not
want what the Law lays down as the
things to be offered, that is: the
sacrifices, the oblations, the
holocausts and the sacrifices for sin,
and you took no pleasure in them;
and then he says: Here I am! I am
coming to obey your will. He is
abolishing the first sort to replace it
with the second. And this will was
for us to be made holy by the
offering of his body made once and
for all by Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.*

Alleluia!

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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 15th & 16th December

1st (Presbytery) \$1,120.00
2nd (Parish) \$1,623.00

VICTOR MORNING TEA 23rd & 30th December

P. Clingan & A. Williss

6th & 13th January

P. & H. Sampson

20th & 27th January

J. & W. Baker

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

22nd December

M. Farmer, C. Pearsons

29th Dec & 5th Jan

P. Mezzino, E. O' Shaughnessy

VICTOR MEET & GREET

December Saturdays

M. Farmer & V. Wyld

January Saturdays

M. Farmer & V. Wyld

December Sundays

R. Reid & D. Taylor

January Sundays

A. Wright, M. Fracek

GOOLWA MORNING TEA

December:

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

January:

D. Lee, Anke, G. Seah

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

December:

K. & A. Fawkner

January

A. Turner

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

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**

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.

GOOLWA PAGEANT was a great success.

The local interchurch group provided a float with lots of gifts. Many thanks to new parishioners Rosemary, Tony and his grandson Riley and Chris from our choir. They were significant contributors to putting the float together. Thanks to Tony and Peter who walked in the pageant.

ST JOHN'S SOCIAL CLUB REPORT

At our December meeting it was agreed to donate to the following from profits raised in 2018: \$200 to Open House (Uniting Church mid-week luncheon for homeless in the area), \$300 to South Coast Christian Community Care assisting struggling families, \$500 to Goolwa Primary School Chaplaincy programme, and \$500 to our local Vinnies conference. Thanks to all who supported our fundraising this year. However we are in urgent need of more serving within our group, and this will be addressed early in 2019.



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*

THANK YOU!

Victor/Goolwa Vinnies' Conference sincerely thanks everyone in the whole parish who helped in their many ways from grocery/ gift donations and cash to many extra touches of kindness to others, to make the Christmas Hamper 2018 event a success.



Fifty hampers were packed at Victor Harbor and delivered to south coast families by willing helpers on Tuesday, together with toy bags packed with help on Monday. Thanks again to all involved (including Fr Vinh's "commercial breaks") The Conference will also be sending letters of appreciation to the several businesses, Uniting Care, child-care centre and three retirement villages for their generous donations from the local community. ***A special thanks to John & Wendy Baker for their exceptional organisation.***

PLENARY COUNCIL

Many thanks to all those who participated in our Parish Plenary Council Response Weekend through prayer, reflection and written response. Some took home their sheets and will be bringing them back this weekend. Please put them on one of the collection plates. We have left extra sheets in the foyer which you might want to use. You can also leave your responses in the Suggestion Box before the end of the year.



CHRISTMAS DAY APPEAL FOR THE ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY

Again this year we will be conducting the annual Christmas Day Appeal collection for the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry with special collections to be taken up at all Christmas Masses. We ask that you continue to support this appeal generously.



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PSALM FOR THE 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

**Lord. make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse might,
O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look
down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

May your hand be on the man you have
chosen,
the man you have given your strength. And
we shall never forsake you again: give us
life that we may call upon your name.

**Lord. make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.**



ST JOHN APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST Feast Day 27th December (1st Century.)

John was one of the Twelve
Apostles of Jesus according
to the New Testament.
His brother James, was
also one of the Twelve
Apostles.

Church tradition has held
that John is the author of
the Gospel of John and five
other books of the New Testament - the
three Epistles of John and the Book of
Revelation. It is traditionally believed that
John was the youngest of the apostles and
outlived them. He stood at the Cross of
Jesus and cared for Mary after Jesus died.
He is said to have lived to an old age, dying
at Ephesus sometime after AD 98.



HAPPY FEAST DAY GOOLWA PARISHIONERS



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. Huppertz

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: F. Hanna, 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

MASS TIMES CHRISTMAS WEEK

Victor Harbor : 29th December 9.00am,
30th December 9.00am

Note : No weekday Mass at Goolwa next
week



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FATHER VINH

I welcome visitors who celebrate Christmas
Mass with our parish. Our celebration is
centred on our personal and communal
relationship with Jesus, the Saviour of the
world. I wish our parishioners and visitors to
experience and to enter into this special rela-
tionship with Jesus. I wish you all a blessed
Christmas. May God bless you and your
family members with a peaceful Christmas.
God bless, Father Vinh

PS : Thank you for your Christmas wishes
and presents.

MASS ROSTER

This Week : 22nd & 23rd December

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 F. Hanna

R.2 S. Duong

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. Huppertz

E.M. S. Muller, M. Glazewski,
P. Burns, B. Longworth, M. Ryan.



Next Week : 29th & 30th December

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1

R.2 B. Bullen

E.M. E. O'Shaughnessy, S. Duong

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : R. Klecko

R.1. K. Howard

R.2 F. Hanna

E.M. M. Ferguson, L. Sunman,
A. Rose, M. Cunningham, I. Reid

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: M. Freeborn

R.1 C. May

R.2 K. O'Shea

E.M. J. McMahon, J. Ryan, M. Ryan,
B. Longworth, S. Muller.

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

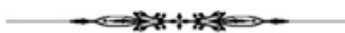
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GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-44

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth.

Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'



GOSPEL BACKGROUND

On this the last Sunday before Christmas, our Gospel reading prepares us to witness Christ's birth by showing us how Jesus was recognized as Israel's long-awaited Messiah even before his birth. The Gospel turns our attention from the ministry of John the Baptist to the events that preceded John the Baptist's birth. The story of John the Baptist and his parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, are reported only in Luke's Gospel. Luke pairs the birth of John the Baptist and Jesus, establishing John's early connection to the Messiah.

Our Gospel reading recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit Elizabeth, her cousin, who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles that they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. If we were to continue to read the verses that follow in Luke's Gospel, we would hear Mary respond to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the

Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel. In Luke's Gospel the Holy Spirit helps reveal Jesus' identity as God to those who believe. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and sings Mary's praise because she bears the Lord. We sing these words of praise to Mary in the Hail Mary. Even John the Baptist, the unborn child in Elizabeth's womb, is said to recognize the presence of the Lord and leaps for joy.

It is appropriate in this season of Advent that we consider the role of Mary in God's plan of salvation. Elizabeth describes Mary as the first disciple, as the one who believed that God's word to her would be fulfilled. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God 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.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(December 24 - 30)

- **Monday, 24:** Monday, 4th week Advent (2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Lk 1:67-79)
- **Tuesday, 25:** The NATIVITY of the LORD (Specific Christmas readings for various times of day)
- **Wednesday, 26:** St Stephen (Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22)
- **Thursday, 27:** St John (1Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:2-8)
- **Friday, 28:** The Holy Innocents (1Jn 1:5 - 2:2; Mt 2:13-18)
- **Saturday, 29:** 5th day in Octave of the Nativity (1Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35)
- **Sunday 30:** The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28; 1Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52)

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).