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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - YEAR C

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• PARISH PRIEST

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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

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.

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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

ANNIVERSARIES:

William Yates.

PARISH COLLECTION 22nd & 23rd December

1st (Presbytery) \$1092.00
2nd (Parish) \$1570.50
Christmas Offering \$1116.70
Aboriginal Appeal \$941.00

VICTOR MORNING TEA 30th December

P. Clingan & A. Williss

6th & 13th January

P. & H. Sampson

20th & 27th January

J. & W. Baker

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

29th Dec & 5th Jan

P. Mezzino, E. O' Shaughnessy

12th & 19th Jan

R. Reid, B. Murray

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

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY

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

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.

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL

No meeting on December 30th or January 6th.

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!**

PLENARY COUNCIL RESPONSES

This is the last weekend for our initial parish responses. Paper and Boxes are available in the porch.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS TIMES

Victor Harbor : 8.30am

Goolwa : 10.00 am

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY

(from his encyclical - The Joy of Love)

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
In you we contemplate
The splendour of true love;
To you we turn with trust.



Holy Family of Nazareth,
Grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer,
Authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
May families never again experience violence, rejection and division;
May all who have been hurt or scandalised Find ready comfort and healing.

Holy family of Nazareth,
Make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

GOD'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

"God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. If he gives us the gift of Christmas, it is because we all have the ability to understand and receive it." **Pope Francis**

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Our Baha'i friends, who attended Christmas Eve Mass, sent this message to us for Christmas. They see Jesus as a great Prophet. It is in the words of their Founder: "We testify that when He (Jesus) came into the world, He shed the splendour of His glory upon all created things. Through His power, born of Almighty God, the eyes of the blind were opened, and the soul of the sinner sanctified. We bear witness that through the power of the Word of God every leper was cleansed, every sickness was healed, every human infirmity was banished. He it is Who purified the world. Blessed is the man who with a face beaming with light, hath turned towards Him."

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2019**



PSALM FOR THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH YEAR 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.

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



MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Feast Day 1st January

The precise title "Mother of God" goes back at least to the third or fourth century. In the Greek form *Theotokos* - God-bearer - it became the touchstone of the Church's teaching about the Incarnation. The Council of Ephesus in 431 insisted that the Holy



Fathers were right in calling the Holy Virgin *Theotokos*. In its chapter on Mary's role in the Church, Vatican II's *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church* calls Mary "Mother of God" 12 times. (Excerpt: Franciscan media)

OTHER SAINTS' FEASTS THIS WEEK

St Sylvester.....31st Dec.
St Basil the Great.....2nd Jan.
St Gregory Nazianzen.....2nd Jan.



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - 30th December

Jesus spent 30 of his 33 earthly years in Nazareth. Some spiritual writers have called these the 'hidden years', because there is so little



written about them in the Gospel narratives. However, they reveal the holiness of ordinary life and show us how it becomes extraordinary for those baptized into Christ. In our own Christian family we can learn the way of selfless love in the School of Nazareth.

(Excerpt: catholic on line)

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

3rd January

Persons who played prominent roles in the history of salvation often received their names from God Himself. Adam - man of the earth; Eve - mother of all the living; Abraham - father of many nations; Peter - the rock. We read in Sacred Scripture how the angel Gabriel revealed that name to Mary: "You shall call His name Jesus." And to St. Joseph the angel not merely revealed the name but explained its meaning: "You shall call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins." (Excerpt: The Church's Year of Grace)



A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Resolve to BE PRESENT.

"Lord, that I may see again." Luke 18:41
We can get so fragmented with everything that pulls at us. Resolve to be present in the moment, present to God, present to yourself, present to whoever is in front of you, and to whatever task is at hand. Jean-Pierre de Caussade called it "the sacrament of the present moment."

"There is not a moment in which God does not present Himself under the cover of some pain to be endured, of some consolation to be enjoyed, or of some duty to be performed. All that takes place within us, around us, or through us, contains and conceals His divine action."

Be 100% present to the person in front of you and let God work in their lives through you.

This Week : 29th & 30th December

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm
Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 V. Wyld
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.



Next Week : 5th & 6th January

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm
Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 R. Walsh
R.2 M. Farmer
E.M. E. O'Shaughnessy, R. Powell

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am
Commentator : K. Howard

R.1. J. Tregeagle
R.2 P. Chigwidden

E.M. M. Ferguson, V. Salmon, J. Baker, M. Von Holst, P. Clingan

GOOLWA 9.00am
Commentator: M. O'Halloran

R.1 D. McMahon
R.2 J. McMahon
E.M. L. Healey, D. Huppatz, S. Muller, B. Longworth, C. May.

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 ACCLAMATION

Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Open our heart, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.*
Alleluia!

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.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(December 31 - January 6)

- **Monday, 31:** 7th day, Octave of the Nativity (1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18)
- **Tuesday, 01:** MARY, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD (Num 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21)
- **Wednesday, 02:** Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen (1Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28)
- **Thursday, 03:** Weekday, Christmas time (1 Jn 2:29- 3:6; Jn 1:29-34)
- **Friday, 04:** Weekday, Christmas time (1Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42)
- **Saturday, 05:** Weekday, Christmas time (1Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51)
- **Sunday 06:** The EPIPHANY of the LORD (Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12)

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),
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