

# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A  
THE PRESENTATION  
OF THE LORD

*A living, vibrant  
faith community*

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Please forward items for the newsletter  
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(*All items for the newsletter must be received  
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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  
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## FIRST READING

*Malachi 3:1-4*

The Lord God says this:  
Look, I am going to send  
my messenger to prepare a  
way before me. And the  
Lord you are seeking will  
suddenly enter his Temple;  
and the angel of the  
covenant whom you are  
longing for, yes, he is  
coming, says the Lord of  
Hosts. Who will be able to  
resist the day of his  
coming? Who will remain  
standing when he appears?  
For he is like the refiner's  
fire and the fullers' alkali.  
He will take his seat as  
refiner and purifier; he will  
purify the sons of Levi and  
refine them like gold and  
silver, and then they will  
make the offering to the  
Lord as it should be made.  
The offering of Judah and  
Jerusalem will then be  
welcomed by the Lord as in  
former days, as in the years  
of old.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 23:7-10*

*Who is this king of glory?  
It is the Lord!*

## SECOND READING

*Hebrews 2:14-18*

Since all the children share the same  
blood and flesh, Jesus too shared  
equally in it, so that by his death he  
could take away all the power of the  
devil, who had power over death,  
and set free all those who had been  
held in slavery all their lives by the  
fear of death. For it was not the  
angels that he took to himself; he  
took to himself descent from  
Abraham. It was essential that he  
should in this way become  
completely like his brothers so that  
he could be a compassionate and  
trustworthy high priest of God's  
religion, able to atone for human



sins. That is, because he has himself  
been through temptation he is able to  
help others who are tempted.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Lk 2:32*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

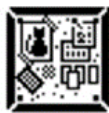
*This is the light of revelation to the  
nations, and the glory of your people  
Israel. Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*Luke 2:22-40*

When the day came for them to be  
purified as laid down by the Law of  
Moses, the parents of Jesus took him  
up to Jerusalem to present him to the  
Lord, – observing what stands  
written in the Law of the Lord:  
Every first-born male must be  
consecrated to the Lord – and also to  
offer in sacrifice, in accordance with  
what is said in the Law of the Lord, a  
pair of turtledoves or two young  
pigeons.

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### SPECIAL INTENTIONS (These names will be removed after one month. To keep names on this list please contact Parish Office)

Barbara Bond, John Wallace, Father John Langtry, Michelle L, Adrian and Margaret Langtry, Brian Smallacombe, Bailey Smallacombe, Russell Crichton, Bill Longworth, Daniel Holliday, Mark & Lola Kelly, Mary Davis, Claire Hamish, Joan Pillion, Angelo Fantasia, Dr. Will Tucker, Jane Lloyd, Joseph Barry Kearsley, West Family, Lyn McCabe

### ANNIVERSARIES

Peter McInnes

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Father S. McGearty, Margie Lloyd, Maura Percy, Dr Lyn Daly, John Milte

### PARISH COLLECTION 18th & 19th January

1st (Presbytery) \$1049.55  
2nd (Parish) \$1411.65

### VICTOR MORNING TEA 2nd February

P. & H. Sampson  
9th & 16th February  
H. & R. Kuske

### VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 1st February

G. Woodhead & H. Sampson  
8th & 15th February  
M. Von Holst & R. Kuske

### VICTOR MEET & GREET January Saturdays

M. Farmer & D. McLaughlin

### January Sundays D. Taylor & R. Reid

February Saturday  
M. Farmer & D. McLaughlin  
February Sundays  
H. Sampson & F. Harris

### GOOLWA MORNING TEA

February A. Turner, H. Taylor, A. Russell, Gina

### GOOLWA MEET & GREET

February J. McInnes

### THE HOLY FATHER'S 2020 PRAYER INTENTIONS: FEBRUARY

#### Universal Prayer Intention:

*Listen to the Migrants' Cries*

**We pray that the cries of our migrant bothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.**



### ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Our next meeting is in Goolwa on Wednesday 12th February after 9.30am Mass.

### ST JOHN'S SOCIAL CLUB

Our next meeting at Goolwa will occur at the church on Thursday, February 13th at 1.30 pm. At this meeting we will plan social events for the year, and we would really appreciate more support from members of our community in bringing social events for parishioners to enjoy and to meet each other in a relaxed atmosphere.

If you would like to help please attend or speak to Anne Fawkner, Anne Turner or Paul Kennelly.

### PARISH PASTORAL CARE VICTOR

Our next meeting is on Saturday Feb 8th at 4.30pm in the Annex. New members welcome.

### ST JOAN'S MAINTENANCE GROUP

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 12th February at 9.30-10.30 am followed by morning tea. All men welcome.



### ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB

Our next meeting will be Tuesday 11th February 1.30pm. All welcome.

### ST JOAN'S SUNDAY MORNING TEA HELP NEEDED

There was a good response to last week's appeal for help.

Two parishioners have taken on the task of maintaining the kitchen food supplies and another has joined the tea roster. Ideally, two more people are needed for the Sunday Morning Tea roster. **Please contact Helen Sampson at Sunday Mass or phone 8552 3989.**



### CENTENARY NEWS

Preparation for our main Centenary Event,

**A SPECIAL MASS AT 11.00 ON SUNDAY MARCH 15TH**, is well

under way. Father Vinh and Peter Carpenter have been organising the liturgy, making sure that all our choirs, Victor, Goolwa and Filipino are able to participate. And, of course, we have been learning our special hymn, *Holy Ground*. Because Peter is unable to with us on March 15th, Milton Smith from the Anglican Church has kindly agreed to be our organist.

Preparations for **the**

**LUNCHEON FOLLOWING THE MASS** are also well under way. Pat Clingan is co-ordinating the meal and will be in touch with volunteers whom she will ask to bring particular dishes. **So volunteers please wait till you are contacted or speak to Pat before deciding what to bring.**

**OUR INVITED GUESTS** include among others, Father Phillip Marshall, Father Peter Sheedy, Father Kevin O'Loughlin, Father Rob Egar, Sr Catherine Seward, Sister of Mercy, who was the Religious Education co-ordinator after the school closed, some other Sisters of Mercy, the Governor, the Honourable Hieu Van Le and his wife, the Honorary French Consul, Susan Crafter, our Mayor Moira Jenkins. Rebekah Sharkie MP is coming. Unfortunately David Basham MP is unable to attend. We are hoping that Kevin and Sue Rucioch will be here along with Margaret Halton. Bishops Greg O'Kelly and Charles Gauci have been invited but of course their attendance depends on their very busy schedule.

### BUSHFIRE PRAYER

Creator God.

You breathe life into all things and make them holy, and we thank you. Our land, our people, our fauna are suffering and we pray for rain. Please soak our land.

We pray for those who are enduring unimaginable injury and loss through fire. Bless them with deep comfort, consolation and hope.

We pray for our heroic fire fighters. Cover them with your protection and bless them and their families.

We pray for our leaders. Inspire them with courage and wisdom needed for this time.

Your people look to you with trusting hearts and the certainty of your love.

With deep gratitude and longing, we ask you to hear our prayer. Amen.





## RESPONSORIAL PSALM PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

*Who is this king of glory?  
It is the Lord*

O gates, lift up your heads;  
grow higher ancient doors.  
Let Him enter the King of glory!

Who is the King of glory?  
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant.  
The Lord, the valiant in war.

O gates, lift high your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors:  
Let Him enter, the King of glory!

Who is He, the King of glory?  
He, the Lord of armies,  
He is the King of glory.



## SAINT PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS Feast Day 6th February (d. 1597)

Nagasaki, Japan, is familiar to us as the city on which the second atomic bomb was dropped, immediately killing over 37,000 people. Three and a half centuries before, 26 martyrs of Japan were crucified on a hill, now known as the Holy Mountain, overlooking Nagasaki. Among them were priests, brothers, and laymen, Franciscans, Jesuits, and members of the Secular Franciscan Order; there were catechists, doctors, simple artisans, and servants, old men and innocent children — all united in a common faith and love for Jesus and his Church. Today, the Church in Japan is respected and has total religious freedom.

*Franciscan Media*



## DEVOTIONAL ITEMS

John Galliver has kindly passed on for the use of any parishioners who would like them, many devotional items belonging to his mother Gabrielle Galliver. You will find them in the Victor Annex. There are also many beautiful rosary beads. These are available in the foyers of both Churches.

## ST AGATHA Feast Day 5th February (c. 230 – 251)



St. Agatha is one of the most highly venerated virgin martyrs of the Catholic Church. It is believed that she was born around 231 in either Catania or Palermo, Sicily to a rich and noble family. From her very early years, the notably beautiful Agatha dedicated her life to God.

She became a consecrated virgin, a state in life where young women choose to remain celibate and give themselves wholly to Jesus and the Church in a life of prayer and service. One man Quintianus, because he was of a high diplomatic ranking, thought he could force her to turn away from her vow and marry him. Agatha remained firm despite enduring cruel suffering. *Franciscan Media*

**THE ABORTION LAW REFORM BILL** was initiated in December 2018 by Green's MLC Tammy Franks to SA parliament. Vicki Chapman is to re-present the Bill after a review by the SA Law Reform Institute. One concern voiced by the reviewers was the suggestions that abortion be undertaken at any gestational stage, with the involvement of one health practitioner. The repercussion of this is *abortion up to birth*.

All who are concerned about this Bill, can keep it in your prayers, contact your local MP by phone, email or in person, attend the peaceful *Walk For Life* rally on the **8th of February 2020**, 9:30am -11:30am, starting Pennington Gardens (opposite St Peter's Cathedral) and finishing at the steps of Parliament House.

For more information on the true implications of the Abortion Law Reform Bill visit [saabortionactionforwomen.com](http://saabortionactionforwomen.com) (SAAAW) website.

## DEATH OF JOHN MILTE

We are sad to announce the death of John Milte on January 24th. He and his late wife Margaret were parishioners for many years. Our condolences to his family.

## THANK YOU TO THE STEWART FAMILY

for the donation of Athalea's organ. The "old" organ can now be given away for a donation. Please contact the Parish Office on 8552 1084.

## This Week : 1st & 2nd February

### VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 M. Farmer

R.2 J. Ryan

E.M. P. Harris, J. Jeffery

### VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : F. Hanna

R.1. P. Chigwidden

R.2 J. Tregagle

E.M P. Clingan, M. Von Holst, M. Ferguson, M. Taylor, P. O'Brien

### GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R1 R. Lee

R2 H. Harris

E.M. J. McMahon, J. McInnes, S. Muller, M. O'Halloran, K. O'Shea



## Next Week : 8th & 9th February

### VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 L. Blacket

R.2 C. Sutherland

E.M. M. Farmer, E. O'Shaughnessy

### VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : P. O'Brien

R.1. S. Duong

R.2 T. Hounslow

E.M R. Kuske, A. Rose, L. Sunman, A. Weygood.

### GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: A. Fawkner

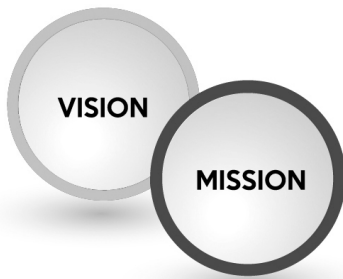
R1 K. Fawkner

R2 D. Huppatt

E.M. R. Austin, J. Ryan, M. Ryan, A. Turner, T. Siciliano

**VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA  
CATHOLIC PARISH**

**VISION AND MISSION  
STATEMENT**



Our Vision and Mission is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

**WE WILL:**

- Endeavor to develop relevant and prayerful Eucharistic celebrations.
- Foster the experience of a personal relationship with God.
- Provide faith formation opportunities for parishioners.
- Care for each other and the environment, particularly the sick, lonely, aged and disabled within our Parish.
- Care for our environment towards a sustainable future.

**WE WILL:**

- Reach out to those in need in the local community.
- Be committed to Catholic Social Justice principles.
- Pray and work together with Christian Churches and all people of goodwill.
- Protect and engage with young people in our local area.
- Strengthen bonds with indigenous people in our region.



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Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

‘Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.’

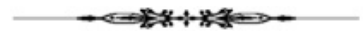
As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, ‘You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.’

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- ‘The Law of the Lord’ refers to the Torah, or the first five books of the Jewish Scriptures, sometimes called the Pentateuch. It was believed that these five books were written by Moses—thus the law of Moses.
- The Torah contains many regulations and laws relating to how Jews should lead their lives, including ritual purification. Leviticus 12 outlines the regulations that tell how a woman must become purified after childbirth, a process that included a ritual bath and the offering of a sacrifice of pigeons or doves.
- Mary and Joseph are acting as practising, pious Jews in following the requirements of the Law after the birth of Jesus.
- This text is unique to Luke's Gospel. No other gospel tells us as much of the early years of Jesus as Luke does.



**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

*(03 - 09 February)*

- **Monday, 03:** Weekday Ord Time 4 (2 Sam 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20)
- **Tuesday, 04:** Weekday Ord Time 4 (2 Sam 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30 - 19:3; Mk 5:21-43)
- **Wednesday, 05:** St Agatha (2 Sam 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6)
- **Thursday, 06:** St Paul Miki and companions (1 Kg 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13)
- **Friday, 07:** Weekday Ord Time 4 (Sirach 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29)
- **Saturday, 08:** Weekday Ord Time 4 (1 Kg 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34)
- **Sunday 09:** 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16)

**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).