

Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A
THE EPIPHANY 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
no later than Wednesday evening*)

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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

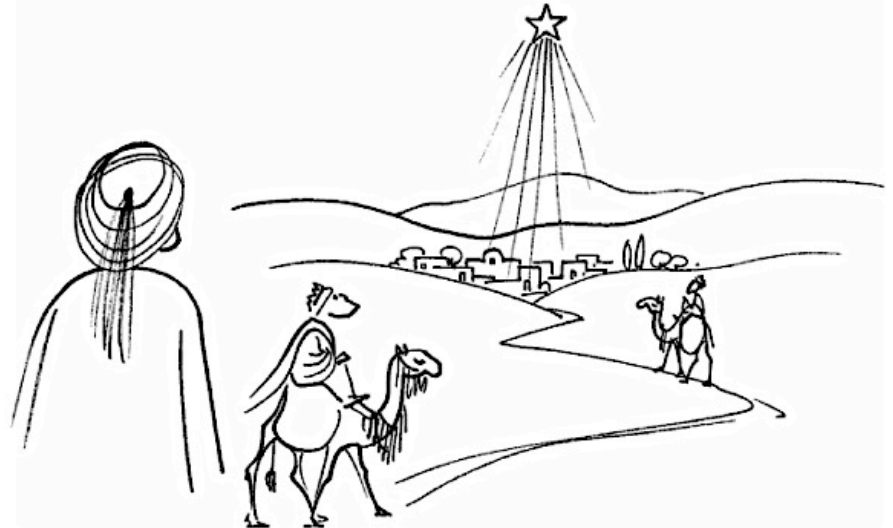
Sunday 9.00am

RECONCILIATION

Sunday 8.30am - 8.50am

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159
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FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your
light has come, the glory of the Lord
is rising on you, though night still
covers the earth and darkness the
peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and
above you his glory appears.

The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.
Lift up your eyes and look round: all
are assembling and coming towards
you, your sons from far away and
daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full; since
the riches of the sea will flow to you,
the wealth of the nations come to you;
camels in throngs will cover you, and
dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come, bringing
gold and incense and singing the
praise of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

*Lord, every nation on earth will adore
you.*

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

You have probably heard how I have
been entrusted by God with the grace
he meant for you, and that it was by a
revelation that I was given the
knowledge of the mystery. This
mystery that has now been revealed
through the Spirit to his holy apostles
and prophets was unknown to any

men in past generations; it means that
pagans now share the same
inheritance, that they are parts of the
same body, and that the same promise
has been made to them, in Christ
Jesus, through the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

*We have seen his star in the East; and
have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at
Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign
of King Herod, some wise men came
to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is
the infant king of the Jews?' they
asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and
have come to do him homage.' When
King Herod heard this he was
perturbed, and so was the whole of
Jerusalem. He called together all the
chief priests and the scribes of the
people, and enquired of them where
the Christ was to be born.
'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told
him 'for this is what the prophet
wrote:

*And you, Bethlehem, in the land of
Judah, you are by no means least
among the leaders of Judah, for out
of you will come a leader who will
shepherd my people Israel.'*

Then Herod summoned the wise men
to see him privately. (*Continued page 4*)



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, Margie Lloyd, 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

ANNIVERSARIES

Jim Clingan,.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Mary Slattery, Monsignor Jim O'Loughlin, Father S. McGearty, P. Burns, M. Lloyd

PARISH COLLECTION 28th & 29th December

1st (Presbytery) \$1415.00
2nd (Parish) \$1768.00

VICTOR MORNING TEA 5th January 2020

A. Temme & M. Chalmers
12th & 19th January
J & W. Baker

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 4th January

W. & J. Baker
11th & 18th January
W. & J. Baker

VICTOR MEET & GREET January Saturdays

M. Farmer & D. McLaughlin

January Sundays

D. Taylor & R. Reid

ST JOAN'S CHOIR :

Practice time is 10.30am each

GOOLWA MORNING TEA No morning tea for January

GOOLWA MEET & GREET January A. Turner

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2020 PRAYER INTENTIONS: JANUARY

Evangelisation:

Promotion of World Peace

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.



WELCOME TO OUR CENTENARY YEAR 1920 - 2020

There are many events planned for this year.

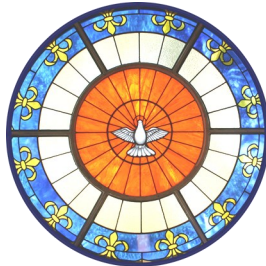
OUR FIRST EVENT on this Sunday,

5th January after the 11am Mass is

The Blessing of the new Rose Window .

We chose this day because St Joan of Arc's birthday was on 6th January 1412.

Below is a photo of the window and the words that will be transcribed on the plaque that accompanies it.



SPIRIT OF LIGHT

The Holy Spirit brings the *light of truth* into our hearts reminding us of God's love shown in Jesus.

The Holy Spirit shines a *light on our path* as we endeavour to discern

God's will for our lives and build our faith community, centred on the loving relationship of the Holy Trinity.

The **Fleur-de-Lys**, a symbol of the Trinity and found on St Joan of Arc's banner, reflects her faith, love and trust in God and her courageous commitment to her path in life.

This window was designed and constructed by Ray Klecko (Ray of Light Studio, Pt Elliot, S.A.) and donated to the parish on the occasion of the Centenary of St Joan of Arc Church, 2020. We sincerely thank Ray and Meg Klecko for their love and generosity.

Blessed by Father Vinh-Quang Tran PP on Sunday 5th Jan, 2020 in the presence of many parishioners.

LAUNCH OF OUR LIVING HISTORY BOOKLET AT WEEKEND MASSES JAN. 11th & 12th

On the weekend of January 11th/12th we will launch our living history booklet. The booklet contains interviews of about 50 parishioners who share their lives and what their faith means to them. There is an introduction by Ray Klecko Chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council and also articles that recount the life of St Joan of Arc, the history of St Joan's and St John's, the story of our pipe organ and Father Vinh's vision for our future. Thanks to Jocelyne and Rob Randabel-Williamson and the history team for their hard work. This is a very meaningful documentation of our parish life and **great value at only \$5.**



CENTENARY CALENDARS ON SALE AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES. A WONDERFUL MEMENTO OF OUR CURRENT PARISHIONERS AND PARISH GROUPS as well as birthdays throughout the year. Don't miss out. Buy yours today. \$10.00 each !!

DEATH OF MARGARET LLOYD

It is with deep sadness that we announce the death of Margie Lloyd on Monday, 30th December after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends at this time

Her funeral will be held on Wednesday, January 8th at 1pm at St Joan's, Victor Harbor.

FATHER SEAN McGEARTY

Father Sean's funeral will be held on Tuesday 7th January at 2pm at St Joseph's Church, Brighton.

FAREWELL PHIL BURNS

Thanks to all who attended Phil's funeral and made it such a memorable occasion. Thanks to Father Vinh and Monsignor Rob Egar for celebrating the Mass and thanks to Phil's family for sharing what Phil meant to them.

KSC 45 CLUB

"The 2019 series of the 45 Club was successfully concluded in December. We thank all participants for their generous involvement which has enabled us to make several contributions to worthy causes. **The 2020 Series is NOW OPEN** and we ask that you once again participate by contacting Robert Lee in Goolwa or any member of the Knights in Victor Harbor. New members are welcome"



RESPONSORIAL PSALM THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgement to the King,
to a King's son Your justice,
that He may judge Your people in justice
and Your poor in right judgement.

In His days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay Him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring Him gifts.
Before Him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve Him.

For He shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor.



Saint Raymond of Penyafort (c.1185-c.1275)

Feast Day January 7th

Born in Barcelona, Spain, St. Raymond of Penyafort was the third Superior-General of the Dominican Order.

He is famous for his work in the freeing of slaves and helping the poor. He wrote five books



of *Decretals* which are now a valuable part of the Canon Law of the Church. The *Summa Casuum*, about the correct administration of the Sacrament of Penance, is the most notable of his works.

It is said that when he went with King James to Majorca, the King dismissed his request to return home, but relying on his faith, Raymond walked on the waves to his ship, spread his cloak to make a sail, made the sign of the cross then sailed to the distant harbour of Barcelona!!!

A PRAYER FOR A NEW YEAR



All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour upon us the power of

your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey upon it, that we may sow beauty and not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and of the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognise that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us every day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

*Paul O'Brien. Opening Prayer for a PPC meeting
Reference: Pope Francis on the environment*

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

SA BUSHFIRE APPEAL

Message on their website:

SA has been hit hard by a number of bushfires across the state, devastating several regions. Our hearts go out to all those who have been impacted by the fires - the individuals, communities, and businesses for whom it will take years to recover. The best way you can support those affected is by making a financial donation - this will enable people to buy what they need when they need it, and take charge of their individual recovery process.



100% of your generous donation will be directed to locals affected and will help them to renew, rebuild and restore. Go to

<https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Donate/>

APPEAL FOR ROSARY BEADS

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Rosary bead collection. It is much appreciated. Further donations gratefully accepted.

Post to P. Dowd 123 Victoria St
Victor Harbor 5211.

This Week : 4th & 5th January

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: E. O' Shaughnessy

R.1 M. Farmer

R.2 J. Ryan

E.M. E. O'Connell, P. Harris

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : F. Hanna

R.1. P. Chigwidden

R.2 J. Tregagle

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

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: P. Kennelly

R1 C. May

R2 H. Harris

E.M. K. O'Shea, D. Elliott, A. Turner,
L. Healey, M. Glazewski



Next Week : 11th & 12th January

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 : R. Klecko

R.1. S. Duong

R.2 T. Hounslow

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

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: M. O'Halloran

R1 D. McMahon

R2 J. McMahon

E.M. T. Siciliano, D. Huppertz,
D. West, C. May, S. Mueller

**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
11.50am Adoration, 12.00 noon Mass

PENNESHAW

*St Columba, North Terrace
(shared with Anglicans)*
1st Sunday 3.15pm

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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He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The word 'epiphany' comes from a Greek word meaning manifestation or revelation. In Matthew's Gospel, this episode is the first public manifestation of Jesus.
- Herod the Great ruled only because Rome allowed it. He was not Jewish (his mother was not Jewish) but he had married into the royal family. He would have been very afraid of a possible rival to his claim to the throne.
- This text again mentions that Jesus was born at home in Joseph's house in Bethlehem. The family only relocated to Nazareth after having fled to Egypt to escape the threat from Herod to the child's safety.
- The 'wise men' were probably magi or astrologers from Persia and represent all those who seek God with a sincere heart.
- The gifts of the magi are of great value; gifts fit for a king!

EXPLORING THE WORD

The key to understanding this highly symbolic gospel lies in the response to Jesus of the various actors. The wise men are not of the house of Israel; they are foreigners from the East. And yet it is they who recognise the signs and embark on a journey to find the

newborn king and worship him. The opposite response comes from the very people who should know better. Herod, the King of the Jews, and the chief priests and scribes, the interpreters of Scripture, have not seen what is there before them and, when they do come to understand, seek only to do harm to Jesus. This is the first hint of the harm that will ultimately come to him from similar characters much later in his life. They are not open to the revelation of God in this child.

Imagine the disappointment the wise men must have felt when they find a poor child born in a simple house instead of a mighty king. But they are open to the revelation of God and bow down before him. The expensive gifts of the wise men are highly symbolic: gold was presented to kings, frankincense was offered to God, and myrrh used in anointing for burial. Thus they refer to the kingship of Jesus, his divinity and his salvific death.

- In what ways do you recognise the divine in the ordinary?
- How long have you been on your journey, and how much progress have you made?
- What keeps leading you on?
- What new road have you taken, and where do you hope it leads you?

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(06 - 12 January)

- **Monday, 06:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25)
- **Tuesday, 07:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44)
- **Wednesday, 08:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52)
- **Thursday, 09:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1Jn 4:19 - 5:4; Lk 4:14-22)
- **Friday, 10:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16)
- **Saturday, 11:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30)
- **Sunday 12:** The Baptism of the Lord (Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17)

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).