

Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

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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
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Parish Office (Victor Harbor 8552 1084)



FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands
exult, let the wasteland rejoice and
bloom, let it bring forth flowers like
the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for
joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed
on it, the splendour of Carmel and
Sharon; they shall see the glory of
the Lord, the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands, steady
all trembling knees and say to all
faint hearts,

‘Courage! Do not be afraid.

‘Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming, the retribution
of God; he is coming to save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be
opened, the ears of the deaf
unsealed, then the lame shall leap
like a deer and the tongues of the
dumb sing for joy for those the Lord
has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for
joy, everlasting joy in their faces;
joy and gladness will go with them
and sorrow and lament be ended.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:6-10

Lord, come and save us.

SECOND READING

James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord’s

coming. Think of a farmer: how
patiently he waits for the precious
fruit of the ground until it has had the
autumn rains and the spring rains!
You too have to be patient; do not
lose heart, because the Lord’s
coming will be soon. Do not make
complaints against one another,
brothers, so as not to be brought to
judgement yourselves; the Judge is
already to be seen waiting at the
gates. For your example, brothers, in
submitting with patience, take the
prophets who spoke in the name of
the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what
Christ was doing and he sent his
disciples to ask him, ‘Are you the
one who is to come, or have we got
to wait for someone else?’ Jesus
answered, ‘Go back and tell John
what you hear and see; the blind see
again, and the lame walk, lepers are
cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the
dead are raised to life and the Good
News is proclaimed to the poor; and
happy is the man who does not lose
faith in me.’ *(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

Eileen Oates, Mary Slattery

**PARISH COLLECTION
7th & 8th December**

1st (Presbytery) \$1,136.00
2nd (Parish) \$1,623.25

**VICTOR MORNING TEA
15th & 22nd December**

A. Williss, P. Clingan
29th Dec & 5th January 2020
A. Temme & M. Chalmers

**VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER
14th & 21st December**

G. Woodhead & H. Sampson
28th Dec & 4th Jan
W. & J. Baker & T. Lewis

**VICTOR MEET & GREET
December Saturdays**

M. Farmer, D. McLaughlan

December Sundays

M. Fracek, D. Taylor

ST JOAN'S CHOIR :

Practice time is 10.30am each

**GOOLWA MORNING TEA
December**

E. DeVries, D. McMahon, Ludy, C. May, G. Silvester

**GOOLWA MEET & GREET
December**

K. & A. Fawkner

**THE HOLY FATHER'S 2019 PRAYER INTENTIONS: DECEMBER.
Universal : The Future of the Very Young.**

That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.



TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE

You are invited to our prayer service



**this Wednesday
18th December** at St John's Goolwa at 10.15 am, after Mass, with morning tea to follow. This is an ecumenical service so bring your friends from other churches.

**CENTENARY CALENDARS ON SALE
AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES.**

Buy yours today. \$10.00 each !!

VINNIES' CHRISTMAS CARDS

are on sale in the foyer after Mass.
A pack of 10 cards costs \$5.00

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR ROSTER

There will be rosters in the porch at V.H. to write your availability for Christmas & New Year Masses. Any problems please see Mary Ferguson or telephone 8552 5747.

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER.

Anyone who is unable to remain on roster, or any new ladies or gents who could help please let Mary Ferguson know, or if you have any questions please ask.

Also readers and ministers new roster for January - April 2019. If you are unavailable please call Mary Ferguson 85525747.

ADVENT PRAYER

Working in the Kitchen

You know, God, cooking is quite a bit like my life. It's messy, I get careless and



sometimes things don't turn out as I had planned. But in the mess of my life, that's where I can turn to you. Help me when I have to deal with being so imperfect. Bless me with humility when I grapple with my own shortcomings. Let me feel deeply you love me, even when all I have are burnt offerings.

APPEAL FOR ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY 25th DECEMBER.

This appeal will be at all Christmas Masses.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve

Tuesday 24th December
Goolwa - 5.30pm
Victor Harbor - 7.00pm

Christmas Day

Wednesday 25th December
Goolwa - 8.30am
Victor Harbor - 10.00am

NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

New Year's Eve

Tues 31st December
Goolwa - 6pm

New Year's Day

Wed 1st January
Victor Harbor - 9am

MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS CRIB

Templates of the Christmas Crib are available after Mass for you to colour and construct your own crib.

HAVE YOUR CHRISTMAS CRIB BLESSED

If you would like to have your home Christmas Crib blessed and it is not too bulky bring it along to Mass on the weekend of the Fourth Sunday of Advent 22/23rd December and Father will bless it after Mass.

ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER

This was a most enjoyable evening for parishioners and friends. Thank you to those who organised this wonderful event. The raffle proceeds of \$178 was donated to South Coast Christian Community Care.

CAROLS ON THE LAWN

will be held on 22nd December at Church of Christ, corner of Porter St. and Wildman St. Goolwa. From 7.30 pm. All welcome

ST VINCENT de PAUL HAMPERS

Victor/Goolwa Vinnies sincerely thank all parishioners for their generous food donations over the last few weeks. The hampers will be much appreciated by our special Companion families. **Donations of non-perishable goods still needed and welcome up until Monday 16th.**



If anyone can spare some time on **Tuesday morning 17th** (half an hour or so) after 9am Mass for packing the hampers, it would be much appreciated by John, Wendy and our Hamper Team (Tea/coffee/biscuits supplied for helpers!) **Thank you.**



RESPONSORIAL PSALM 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is He who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

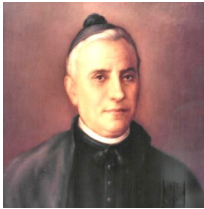
It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan.

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

SAINT JOSEPH MANYANET Y VIVES (1833-1901)

Feast Day 17th December

Joseph Manyanet was born in Northeastern Spain. Offered at 5 by his mother to our Lady, he was educated by the Piarist Fathers in



Barbastro and at the Seminaries of Lleida and Urgell and ordained priest on April 9, 1859. In 1864, he founded the religious

congregations of the Sons of the Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph and, in 1874, the Missionary Daughters of the Holy Family of Nazareth. He promoted the idea of the construction of a Temple, La Sagrada Familia, dedicated to the Holy Family. St. Joseph was canonised 16 May 2004. Pope John Paul II stated that the sanctity demonstrated by Joseph Manyanet stems from the Holy Family. He was called by God, so that "in his name every family on earth may be blessed". *Catholic Culture*

CHRISTMAS LETTERS

Thank you to all those who distributed our Parish Christmas letters to 120 parishioners this year. This was a great effort to connect with all who are not regular visitors to our parish Mass.

THE ADVENT WREATH Third Sunday JOY

The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepherds' Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical colour for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is *Gaudete Sunday* and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus.



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL PERTH 8th - 10th December



American speaker, evangelist and author Katie Prejean McGrady has told 5500 young Australian Catholics that they are made "not only

for something great" in this world, but that they are ultimately made "to worship God for eternity".

"You, as a young person in Australia in 2019, are uniquely suited to be a witness and a voice to the goodness of God and the joy of the Gospel. You are the ones – I'm convinced of this deeply – **you are the ones that can change the world.**"

NEW PARISH TREASURER

Congratulations to Mervyn Mallett who is our new Parish Treasurer. He will start in the New Year. Thank you to Margaret Meade who has been our Parish treasurer for the past 13 years, a truly amazing record, and an additional thanks to Margaret for passing on her experience. It makes the transition run more smoothly especially as Margaret is such a "good teacher".



UPDATING YOU ON YOUR CENTENARY

As previously mentioned, the Centenary lunch will be open to all. You are asked to bring a plate of finger food to share. So that this can be



co-ordinated and for catering purposes, a list will be placed at both Churches for numbers attending, as well as your choice to bring savoury or sweet. Please place your name, number attending and contact phone number and you will be contacted at a later date for further discussion.

This Week : 14h & 15th Dec

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 : P. O'Brien

R.1. F. Hanna

R.2 S. Duong

E.M P. Clingan, M. Ferguson, A. Weygood, L. Sunman, M. Von Holst

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R1 P. Burns

R2 J. McInnes

E.M. M. Ryan, D. Elliott, K. O'Shea, C. Williams, D. Huppatz.



Next Week : 21st & 22nd Dec

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 L. Blacket

R.2 E. O'Shaughnessy

E.M. C. Sutherland, P. Harris

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : P. O'Brien

R.1. J. Tregeagle

R.2 F. Hanna

E.M P. Clingan, M. Ferguson, K. Howard, M. Von Holst, L. Sunman

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: M. O'Halloran

R1 Marie Riddle

R2 Michael Riddle

E.M. K. Fawkner, A. Fawkner, T. Siciliano, C. May, M. Glazewski.

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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As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No?

Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says:

'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you.

'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Word Messiah means 'anointed one' in Hebrew. The word Christ means the same thing in Greek.
- The healing of those who are afflicted was one of the signs given in the Hebrew Scriptures that the Messiah had come. When the blind see and the deaf hear; when the downtrodden are raised up and the lame walk, the reign of God will have come.
- John the Baptist was arrested and executed by Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great and ruler of Galilee, because John had criticised Antipas for his marriage to his brother's wife, Herodias, who was also his niece.

SHARING THE TRADITION

The word gospel means 'good news'. The four accounts of the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus are at the heart of the Christian Scriptures. Each of the four gospels presents its story of Jesus according to the particular needs of the community for which it was written.

There are some differences of theological perspective but overwhelming consistency in the overall picture of Jesus that emerges.

EXPLORING THE WORD

As we have already noted, one of the main purposes of Matthew's Gospel is to reveal Jesus as the long awaited Messiah of the Jews to Matthew's largely Jewish community. In this text, Matthew cites the evidence that is before their eyes. Why is it necessary for John to question the identity of Jesus when his own eyes and ears will give him the answer he seeks? The blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and good news is proclaimed to the poor! Such were the signs of the coming of the Lord that Isaiah had prophesied. Such are the actions that Jesus undertakes! His identity is clear for all who have the eyes to see it.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(16 - 22 December)

- **Monday, 16:** Mon 3rd week, Advent (Num 24:2-7, 15-17; Mt 21:23-27)
- **Tuesday, 17:** Tues 3rd week, Advent (Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17)
- **Wednesday, 18:** Wed 3rd week, Advent (Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-24)
- **Thursday, 19:** Thur 3rd week, Advent (Judges 13:2-7, 24-25; Lk 1:5-25)
- **Friday, 20:** Fri 3rd week, Advent (Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Saturday, 21:** Sat 3rd week, Advent (Song 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45)
- **Sunday 22:** 4th Sunday of Advent (Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24)

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).