

# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A  
SECOND SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

*A living, vibrant  
faith community*

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## VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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### • PARISH MANAGERS

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### • PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please forward items for the newsletter  
to the Parish Office - ph 8552 1084 or  
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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  
Cathy May (Goolwa - 0401 584 237)  
Parish Office (Victor Harbor 8552 1084)



## FIRST READING

### *Isaiah 49:3, 5-6*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### *Psalm 39:2, 4, 7-10*

*Here I am, Lord;*

*I come to do your will.*

## SECOND READING

### *1 Corinthians 1:1-3*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother

Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### *Jn 1:14, 12*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.*

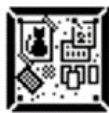
*Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

### *John 1:29-34*

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal

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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.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

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

### PARISH COLLECTION 11th & 12th January

1st (Presbytery) \$1,206.00  
2nd (Parish) \$1576.65

### VICTOR MORNING TEA 19th January

J & W. Baker  
26th Jan & 2nd Feb  
P. & H. Sampson

### VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 25th Jan & 1st Feb.

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

### 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 Friday

### 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.



#### EXPLORING THE GOSPEL WITH LECTIO DIVINA

Is held each Sunday night at 6pm in the Annex.

#### CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY

We meet for Lectio Divina (Scripture Reflection) and meditation on Monday afternoons at 4.30 for 2019. Please contact Anne Weygood for details. 0429 653 844.

#### CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY

Groups meet fortnightly on Thursday nights 7.00pm-9.00pm and Monday afternoons 2.00-4.00pm. Phone Rob & Jocelyne Randabel-Williamson on 0402 341 071.

#### TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE GOOLWA

You are invited to our Taizé prayer service on the third Wednesday of each month at 10.15 after the 9.30 Mass. The next date is Wednesday 19th February.

#### GOOLWA INTERCHUCH NEWS:

A young woman with church connections who has a job in Goolwa is seeking temporary accommodation in Goolwa while seeking permanent residency. Willing to pay board or rent. If you may be able to help please ring Mary Hawkes on 0407 234 643.

#### DOING OUR PART to be a WELCOMING COMMUNITY

Over the holidays when we have more visitors than usual, please watch out for those who are looking for a seat. Often there is plenty of room if we all move along our pew. If you can see a seat further along point it out. We all know the feeling of arriving in a new church and feeling out of place.



Just a simple "Have I met you before" can open up a conversation where you are able to welcome a visitor or new parishioner. And a smile and a sharing of a hymn book can do wonders. So let each of us do our part do be a welcoming community.

### CENTENARY NEWS STOP PRESS!!!!

We are all invited to the luncheon following the Centenary Mass at 11am on Sunday 15th of March BUT

to make sure you have something to eat on the day we need to know that you are coming!!!

LAST WEEK'S COUNT SAYS THAT ABOUT 45 PEOPLE ARE COMING BUT WE SUSPECT THAT THERE ARE MORE THAN THAT.

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO RING OR EMAIL PAT CLINGAN ON 0410 593 617 parish\_manager@bigpond.com BY THE END OF JANUARY.

HISTORY BOOKLETS ON SALE FOR \$5.00

CALENDARS NOW ON SALE FOR \$5.00

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#### 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.

#### AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC NATIONAL RESPONSE TO BUSHFIRE CRISIS

The Australian Bishops' Conference has set up a leaving collection on Australia Day long weekend. There are also envelopes to support victims of the bush fires through the work of St. Vincent de Paul. You are welcome to support through the envelopes in Church today or give to the leaving collection next weekend or online [www.vinnies.org.au/SABushfireAppeal](http://www.vinnies.org.au/SABushfireAppeal) or contact the St Vincent de Paul Office on 08 8113 8700. Above all we continue to pray for the victims and families who have lost their lives, their homes, their stock.



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
**2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Here I am, Lord;  
I come to do your will.*

I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and He stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.  
He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,  
but an open ear.  
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.  
Instead here am I.

In the scroll of the book it stands written  
that I should do your will.  
My God, I delight in your law  
in the depth of my heart.

Your justice I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.  
My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O Lord.



**SAINT AGNES**  
**(c.304)**

**Feast Day 22nd January**



St. Agnes is numbered among the most famous martyrs of Rome. At the height of the Diocletian persecution, Agnes, a girl of twelve, freely chose to die for Christ. When she was commanded to offer incense to false gods, she raised her hand to Christ and made the Sign of the Cross. Agnes herself hastened to the place of torture. Pain had no terror for her—although the fetters slipped from her small hands while even the pagan bystanders were moved to tears. St. Jerome wrote: "All nations, especially their Christian communities, praise in word and writing the life of St. Agnes. She triumphed over her tender age as well as over the merciless tyrant. To the crown of spotless innocence she added the glory of martyrdom." St Augustine wrote " 'Agnes' means 'lamb' in Latin, but in Greek it denotes 'the pure one' "

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**SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES**  
**(b.1567)**

**Feast Day 24th January**



Francis was ordained to the priesthood in 1593. From 1594 to 1598 he laboured at the difficult, dangerous task of preaching to the Protestants of Chablais and effected the return of some 70,000 souls to Catholicism. In 1602 he became bishop of Genf. His zeal for souls is attested in 21,000 extant letters and 4,000 sermons which exemplify how he applied St. Paul's words: "I have become all things to all men." His writings reflect his kind-heartedness and sweet disposition. In cooperation with St. Frances de Chantal he founded the Visitation Nuns in 1610. Out of love for his own poor diocese, he refused opportunities for advancement, including the cardinalate. In recognition of the *Introduction to the Devout Life* and his other writings, Francis has been declared a doctor of the Church.

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**ADELAIDE ARCHDIOCESE WELCOMES  
NEWEST DEACONS.**

In a celebration filled with joy and happiness, the Adelaide Archdiocese recently welcomed Alfred Donat (from Malaysia) and Tee Ping Koh (from Sudan) as the newest members of the permanent diaconate.

In his homily Bishop O'Kelly spoke of the support the two men had received from their wives, Hellen and Mary Ann, in the long process to becoming deacons. He also commented on the ministry of ***the fastest growing religious vocation in the Church today.*** *Southern Cross*

**MORNING PRAYER**

Dear Lord,  
So far today Lord, I've done all right.  
I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, nor over-indulgent. And I'm very thankful to you for that.  
But.....In a few minutes, Lord, I'm probably going to need a lot more help because I'm going to get out of bed !!!!!



**This Week : 18th & 19th January**

**VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm**

**Commentator:** F. Hanna

- R.1 W. Baker
- R.2 L. Blacket

**E.M.** J. Baker, E. O'Connell

**VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am**

**Commentator :** M. Ferguson

- R.1. A. Willis
- R.2 J. Randabel-Williamson

**E.M** P. Clingan, M. Von Holst, K. Howard, M. Cunningham,

**GOOLWA Sunday 9am**

**Commentator:** Marie Riddle

- R1 J. McInnes
- R2 K. O'Shea

**E.M.** A. Turner, A. Fawkner, K. Fawkner, L. Healey, R. Austin



**Next Week : 25th & 26th January**

**VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm**

**Commentator:** E. O'Shaughnessy

- R.1 J. Ryan
- R.2 C. Sutherland

**E.M.** P. Harris, M. Farmer

**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:** M. Freeborn

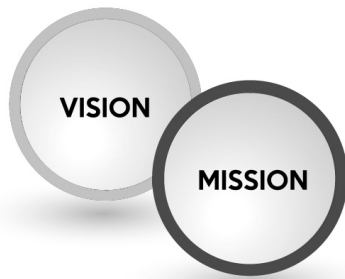
- R1 Marie Riddle
- R2 Michael Riddle

**E.M.** D. West, C. May, D. Huppatz, D. Elliott, 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.

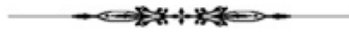
**WE WILL:**

- 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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him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'



**DID YOU KNOW?**

- The title of 'Lamb of God' would have suggested the Passover feast to those listening to John. At that time, sacrificial lambs were slaughtered in the temple, recalling the blood of the lambs that was shed so that Israel could be spared death and freed from slavery in Egypt. Read the story of this deliverance in Exodus 12.
- Now that the Christmas cycle is completed, the church enters what is known as 'Ordinary Time' for a period. (This will be interrupted for the Lent-Easter-Pentecost cycle.)
- Ordinary Time does not mean a time that is commonplace or unremarkable. The name derives from the word ordinal, which means 'counted and sequential'.

**EXPLORING THE WORD**

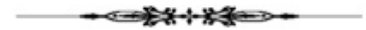
This week, we depart from the normal cycle of readings from Matthew for this text in John. There is no explicit account of the baptism of Jesus in John. Rather, the emphasis is on John the Baptist as a witness to the real identity of Jesus: the Lamb of God and the Chosen One of God. Twice John says, 'I did not know him myself but it was to reveal him that I came.' Such a statement would have had a significant effect on the evangelist's community. This is the last of the gospels written, at around the end of the first century. It is unlikely that many followers of Jesus in this community would have known

him personally, some seventy years earlier!

But John the Baptist, despite his not knowing Jesus in person, is in no doubt as to his identity. Filled with conviction, he knows that Jesus is the one in whom the hopes of Israel and all humankind will be fulfilled. 'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe' (John 20:29).

**MAKING CONNECTIONS**

- How do you witness to the Chosen One of God?
- Twice John says that he did not know Jesus himself, but that Jesus was revealed to him by God. What was it that first revealed Jesus to you?
- What sin of the world is in need of redemption today?
- Have you ever been an eye witness to something significant, either in your family or in the wider community? How did you bear witness to this event? What effect did it have on you?



**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

*(20 - 26 January)*

- **Monday, 20:** Weekday Ord Time 2 (1 Sam 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22)
- **Tuesday, 21:** St Agnes (1 Sam 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28)
- **Wednesday, 22:** Weekday Ord Time 2 (1 Sam 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6)
- **Thursday, 23:** Weekday Ord Time 2 (1 Sam 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12)
- **Friday, 24:** St Francis de Sales (1 Sam 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19)
- **Saturday, 25:** The Conversion of St Paul (Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18)
- **Sunday 26:** 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 8:23 - 9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23)

**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).