



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*A living, vibrant
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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 7:10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said,
'Ask the Lord your God for a sign
for yourself coming either from the
depths of Sheol or from the heights
above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will
not put the Lord to the test.'
Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David:
are you not satisfied with trying
the patience of men without trying
the patience of God, too?
The Lord himself, therefore,
will give you a sign.
It is this: the maiden is with child
and will soon give birth to a son
whom she will call Immanuel,
a name which means "God-is-
with-us."'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 23:1-6

*Let the Lord enter;
he is king of glory.*

SECOND READING

Romans 1:1-7

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus
who has been called to be an apostle,
and specially chosen to preach the
Good News that God promised long
ago through his prophets in the
scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God
who, according to the human nature
he took was a descendant of David:
it is about Jesus Christ our Lord

who, in the order of the spirit, the
spirit of holiness that was in him,
was proclaimed Son of God in all his
power through his resurrection from
the dead. Through him we received
grace and our apostolic mission to
preach the obedience of faith to all
pagan nations in honour of his name.
You are one of these nations, and by
his call belong to Jesus Christ. To
you all, then, who are God's beloved
in Rome, called to be saints, may
God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ send grace and peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 1:23

*Alleluia, alleluia!
The virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel"
God-is-with-us. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-24

This is how Jesus Christ came to be
born. His mother Mary was
betrothed to Joseph; but before they
came to live together she was found
to be with child through the Holy
Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a
man of honour and wanting to spare
her publicity, decided to divorce her
informally. He had made up his mind
to do this when the angel of the Lord
appeared to him in a dream and said,
'Joseph son of David, do not be
afraid to take Mary home as your
wife, because she has conceived
what is in her by the Holy Spirit.

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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, 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, Lyn Lapage

ANNIVERSARIES

Jim Clingan,.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Eileen Oates, Mary Slattery, Monsignor Jim O'Loughlin, Phil Burns.

**PARISH COLLECTION
14th & 15th December**

1st (Presbytery) \$1078.80
2nd (Parish) \$1432.90

**VICTOR MORNING TEA
22nd December**

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

**VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER
21st December**

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

**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.



BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear Sisters & Brothers

Two requests I would make of you this Christmas. Firstly, pray especially for our families suffering in the drought. May the harshness of Australia turn to beauty for them.

Next, please find five or seven minutes in these hectic days before Christmas to find a quiet place and settle down and recollect yourself in the presence of the Lord and repeat over and over the Scripture line, "God so loved the world He sent His only Son". Then focus for yourself, God so loved me, He sent His only Son.

Christmas is the Feast of family and life. May the Christian love of life as God's gift have an impact on those who would otherwise work against life, at its beginning or at its earthly end.

Gregory O'Kelly SJ, Apostolic Administrator

PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS

Thank you to all those who have prepared both the Church grounds and inside the Church and special thanks to sacristans, readers, Eucharistic ministers, musicians, organist, flower arrangers, choir members, maintenance members, counters, collectors, Encounter team and any others I am forgetting as I have a senior moment!! As we have been prepared well during the last four weeks of Advent surely we will have a great Christmas celebration. Father Vinh.

FILIPINO CHOIR

will be singing Christmas Carols before the 7.00pm Christmas Eve Mass at Victor Harbor.



CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY ST JOAN'S

You are invited to Christmas drinks and nibbles after 7pm Mass, Christmas Eve, in the Annex. Tea and coffee provided.



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

KSC NEWS

Our November meeting had the best attendance for the year, and was followed by a great Christmas get together with members' wives joining in with festive drinks and a lovely range of nibbles

Many thanks to all the ladies who looked after the catering, and helped to make the afternoon a great success. Many thanks to Fran Hanna who completed our last session on the Plenary council, and the manner of her presentation. Our order is very grateful to you Fran, and we were pleased you stayed with us for our Christmas celebrations.

At this meeting the Knights donated \$250 to St. Vincent De Paul Society.

ST JOHN'S SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

At the recent meeting it was decided to donate profits made over the year to the following organisations:
\$800 St. Vincent De Paul Society
\$500 Goolwa school chaplaincy
\$250 Open House Uniting Church Lunch for Homeless
\$250 South Coast Christian Community Care.
We wish to thank all parishioners who supported our socials during the year to make the above donations possible.

DEATH OF PHIL BURNS

It is with deep sadness that we note the passing of our friend and fellow parishioner, Phil Burns, on Wednesday morning 18th December. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sue and his family at this time. May he rest in peace.



Bulletin Board



RESPONSORIAL PSALM 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Let the Lord enter; He is king of glory

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is He who set it on the seas;
on the waters He made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the
Lord?
Who shall stand in His holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure
heart,
who desires not worthless things.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek Him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.



APPEAL FOR ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY 25th DECEMBER.

This appeal will be at all Christmas Masses.

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

BLESSING OF CHRISTMAS CRIBS

If you would like to have your crib
blessed this weekend bring it along to
Mass. Father will bless the cribs after
Mass.

MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS CRIB

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

ADVENT WREATH 4TH Sunday - PEACE



The **fourth candle** represents **peace** and
is called the "Angel's Candle." The angels
announced that Jesus came to bring
peace. He came to bring people close to
God and to each other again.

CHRISTMAS MASS ROSTER GOOLWA: 24th December 5.30pm

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R1 D. McMahon
R2 Michael Riddle
E.M. D. Elliott, C. May, J. McMahon,
L. Healey, T. Siciliano

GOOLWA 25th December 8.30am

Commentator: P. Kennelly

R1 R. Lee
R2 Michael Riddle
E.M. J. McInnes, R. Austin,
A. Fawkner, K. Fawkner, T. Siciliano

VICTOR HARBOR: 24th December 7pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 W. Baker
R.2 M. Farmer
E.M. P. Clingan, J. Baker, A. Weygood,
K. Proctor

VICTOR HARBOR: 25th December 10am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R1 Z. Daniell
R2 W. Baker
E.M. M. Von Holst, M. Cunningham,
J. Baker, M. Ferguson

VINNIES THANK YOU!!

Vinnies Victor/Goolwa Conference sincerely
thanks those who contributed in any way to
the success of our 2019 Christmas hamper
project. The teamwork on Monday was great
(thanks to a certain young lady who helped
enormously sorting age-appropriate toys into
bags) and Tuesday's packing
and delivery team worked
wonders in a short time and our
Companions have expressed
their appreciation. Thanks again to all for your
generosity of time, spirit and donations, and
Vinnies wish everyone a happy and blessed
Christmas. *Wendy Baker (Secretary)*



ALSO

Special thanks for your amazing generosity to
spread the gift of Christmas to the residents at
Victoria House and other Community Housing
in our area. It is very much appreciated by
them all. *Maire Ryan and Margaret Chalmers*

APPEAL FOR ROSARY BEADS

Do you have any broken or unused Rosary
Beads which you no
longer use? The beads
will be recycled to make
new beads for donation.
Please mail to
P. Dowd 123 Victoria St Victor Harbor 5211.



This 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.



Next Week : 28th & 29th 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, A. Weygood,
L. Sunman, M. Ferguson, M. Von Holst

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: Michael Riddle

R1 D. Huppatt
R2 K. O'Shea

E.M. K. Fawkner, A. Fawkner,
M. O'Halloran, T. Siciliano, S. Muller

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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She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us.'

When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Finally, on this the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel Reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about" (Matthew 1:18).

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. Today's Gospel passage is the second movement in this story. In the preceding verses of the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the Evangelist has listed the genealogy of Jesus, tracing his lineage through King David to Abraham. In the chapter to follow, Matthew tells of the visit from the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and Herod's massacre of the infants in Bethlehem. (The other stories which we associate with Christmas, the Annunciation, the Visitation, the angel and the shepherds, are found in the Gospel of Luke).

We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel. The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in

fact the first part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. Mary is found to be with child. If adultery is proven, the punishment might be death. Joseph has rights under Mosaic law, but chooses to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract, so as to protect Mary. Then God intervenes. The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means "Yahweh saves." He will be the fulfilment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: "... The virgin shall be with child ... and shall name him Emmanuel (God with us)."

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(23 - 29 December)

- **Monday, 23:** Mon 4th week, Advent (Num 24:2-7, 15-17; Mt 21:23-27)
- **Tuesday, 24:** Tue 4th week, Advent Morning: (2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Lk 1:67-79) Evening: CHRISTMAS MASS
- **Wednesday, 25:** CHRISTMAS MASS
- **Thursday, 19:** St Stephen (Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22)
- **Friday, 20:** St John (1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:2-8)
- **Saturday, 21:** The Holy Innocents (1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18)
- **Sunday 22:** The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 18-23)

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).