



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

First Sunday of Advent - Year B

*A living, vibrant  
faith community*

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## VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

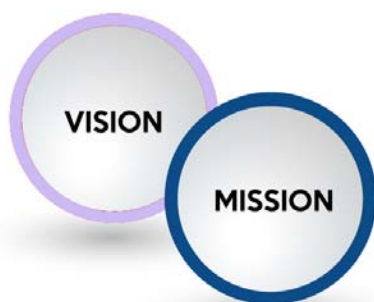
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

### IT IS OUR MISSION TO:

- Endeavour 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.



### FIRST READING

*Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8*

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, 'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down! – at your Presence the mountains would melt.

No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19*

*Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.*

### SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Ps 84:8*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.*

*Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

*Mark 13:33-37*

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he

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# Bulletin Board

## THE HOLY FATHER'S 2020 PRAYER

### INTENTIONS: NOVEMBER

#### Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve mankind.



### EXPLORING THE GOSPEL WITH

**LECTIO DIVINA** is held each Sunday night at 5pm in the Annex.

### CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY

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

### CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY

Groups meet fortnightly on Mondays 2.00-4.00pm. Phone Rob & Jocelyne Randabel Williamson 0402 341 071

### ST JOAN'S MORNING TEA AFTER 11AM

**MASS is now CANCELLED until further notice.**

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR

#### ST JOAN'S ALTAR ROSTER

This involves simple cleaning tasks and flower arrangement (artificial flowers are available and vacuum cleaning is done by our cleaner). Husbands may like to join their wives or two friends might like to come together.

Phone Mary Ferguson on 0434 877 863.

### MEETERS & GREETERS NEEDED

New volunteers are required for Saturday and Sunday Masses at St Joan's. Our thanks to Dawn McLaughlin and Helen Sampson for their great contribution.

### BIRTHDAYS

**Tony Siciliano**

**29th Nov.**

**Maureen Farmer**

**5th Dec.**

### BEST WISHES !!



A little girl was holding two apples; her mother asked for one. The girl quickly bit one apple, and, then, the other. Her mother held back her disappointment. Then the girl handed one to her saying: "Here, this is the sweeter one."

**Moral: Never judge.**



### NEW COVID RESTRICTIONS

Dear sisters and brothers,,

As you would be aware the South Australian Premier Steven Marshall made an announcement late on Friday. The state-wide lockdown will cease effective from midnight Saturday, 21st November, 2020.

This means that churches may re-open following the guidelines outlined below:

- \* Churches are capped at 100 people whilst maintaining 1 person per 4 sqm.
- \* Funerals are capped at 50 people whilst maintaining 1 person per 4 sqm.
- \* Weddings in churches cannot exceed the 100 people permitted in church as per the above.

The Premier has indicated these restrictions are being put in place in the hope that they won't be long lasting.

We ask for your continued cooperation in this matter.

In Domino,

+Pat O'Regan DD

Archbishop of Adelaide

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**St Joan's capacity— Church - 34 people**

**Annex— 35 people Porch 6 people**

**St John's Church - 88 people**

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### VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

We can help by bringing donations of non-perishable food to place in the Christmas boxes provided in the Annex and porches at both Churches. Thank you!!!



### ADVENT PRAYER BOOK

Please collect your free copies of "Prepare the Way of the Lord" booklet after Mass this week-end

### NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome John Buchan and Mark King to our parish, and hope they enjoy being part of our parish community.

### SURVEY HEARING ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

We ask those who currently wear a hearing aid to fill in the blue HAT survey form and return it to the parish office or collection plate prior to next Sunday 6th December.

### ST JOHN'S BAR-B-QUE

The bar-b-que after Mass will resume from next Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December. All welcome.

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

Barbara Bond, John Wallace,  
Margaret Langtry,  
Brian Smallacombe,  
Bailey Smallacombe,  
Russell Crichton, Bill Longworth,  
Daniel Holliday, Mark & Lola Kelly,  
Claire Hamish, Joan Pillion,  
Angelo Fantasia, Jane Lloyd,  
West Family, Kathleen Tiltman,  
Joseph Barry Kearsley,  
Lyn McCabe, Emily McCarthy,  
Josephine Proctor,  
Chloe Randabel, Charlie Nicolson,  
Miriam Kaye, Bill Sloan, Ella Sajn,  
Brenna Schneideman, Peter Harris,  
Rhiannon Healey, Bette Higgins

### ANNIVERSARIES

Reginald Meade, Frank Scriva,  
Andrew Cunningham.

### PARISH COLLECTION 22nd & 23rd November

(Presbytery) \$ 665.95  
2nd (Parish) \$ 888.20

### VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

**28th November - 5th December**

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

**12th & 19th December**

M. Davis & F. Harris

### MORNING TEA

**No morning tea until further notice**

### VICTOR MEET & GREET

**December Saturdays**

M. Farmer & D. McLaughlin

**December Sundays**

W. & J. Baker

### ST JOAN'S CHOIR:

Practice time is 10.30am each Friday

### GOOLWA MEET & GREET

**December**

K. & A. Fawcner

### ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2.00pm Wednesday.  
Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199.



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

First Sunday of Advent Yr. B

**Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.  
O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted.

May your hand be on the man you have  
chosen,  
the man you have given your strength.  
And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your  
name.



## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY 3rd DECEMBER



The theme this year is:

**"Not all Disabilities are Visible"**

Invisible or 'hidden' disabilities are defined as disabilities that are not immediately apparent. Many people live with a hidden physical disability or mental challenge and struggle just to get through their day.

**Pope Francis challenges us:**

*And let us not forget the many "hidden exiles" who live in our homes, our families and our societies. I am thinking of people of all ages, especially the elderly, who, also due to their disability, are sometimes considered a burden, a "cumbersome presence", and risk being discarded, denied concrete job prospects to participate in the creation of their future.*

*We are called to recognise in every person with disabilities, even complex and serious disabilities, a unique contribution to the common good through their original life stories.*

*I encourage all those who work with people with disabilities to continue this important service and commitment, which determines the degree of civilisation of a nation.*

## ADVENT



The new liturgical year marks the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. The entire Liturgy of the Advent season will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a 'vigilant' disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming: let us live this time of waiting not only to celebrate a historical memory but to repeat this memory in our lives and in the service of others. To wait for the Lord who comes, means to wait and to watch so that the Word of Love enters inside us and focuses us every day of our lives. *Catholic Culture*

## CANDLE FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: HOPE



The first Advent candle, which is purple, symbolises **hope**. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah. What are we hoping for this Christmas?

## THE FUTURE OF CATHOLICISM IN SA

*SA Catholics for an Evolving Church* invites you to a Zoom forum.

Wednesday, 2 December, 7.30pm

**Re-imagining our Church in SA**

Greg Crafter

**'I get by with a little help from my friends: Faith in the Community.'**

Stef Rozitis

When: 7.30 – 9.00 pm, Wed. 2 Dec. 2020

**To register for this forum, email:**

[Catholicsforanevolvingchurch@gmail.com](mailto:Catholicsforanevolvingchurch@gmail.com)

You will receive the Zoom link on Tuesday, 1 December by email

For further information, contact:

Kevin Liston. Phone: 0411 197 829, Email:

[Kevin.liston1@gmail.com](mailto:Kevin.liston1@gmail.com)

## Next Week : 28th & 29th Nov

**VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm**

**Commentator:** E. O'Shaughnessy

**R.1** M. Farmer

**R.2** B. Bullen

**E.M.** E. O'Connell

**C.R.** F. Hanna

**VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am**

**Commentator:** R. Klecko

**R1.** J. Tregeagle

**R2** A. Williss

**E.M** P. Clingan

**C.R.** W. & J. Baker

**GOOLWA Sunday 9am**

**Commentator:** Paul Kennelly

**R1** R. Lee

**R2** J. McInnes

**E.M.** M. Glazewski



## Next Week : 5th & 6th Dec

**VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm**

**Commentator:** J. Ryan

**R.1** L. Blacket

**R.2** M. Farmer

**E.M.** E. O'Shaughnessy

**C.R.** E. O'Connell

**VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am**

**Commentator:** R. Klecko

**R1.** P. O'Brien

**R2** P Chigwidden

**E.M** A. Rose

**C.R.** R. Reid, P. Clingan

**GOOLWA Sunday 9am**

**Commentator:** V. Scriva

**R1** G. Byrne

**R2** Michael Riddle

**E.M.** S. Muller



## MASS TIMES

- **Victor Harbor** - Weekends - Saturday 6.00pm; Sunday 11.00am. Weekdays - Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.00am
- **Goolwa** - Weekend - Sunday 9.00am. Weekday - Wednesday 9.30am

## COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(Effective as at 25 November)

- Attendance for Mass is capped at 100 people, whilst maintaining 1:4 sqm.
- Funerals are capped at 50 people, whilst maintaining 1:4 sqm.
- Weddings are capped at 100 people, whilst maintaining 1:4 sqm.
- No beverage or food consumption (ie cup of tea after Mass)
- Singing as a congregation is to be avoided.
- There should be no physical contact outside one's family or household group. There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- Every gathering must record contact details. Logs are located at the entrance to the Church.
- Hand sanitizer is to be available at church entrance
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are encouraged not to attend.
- The obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage.

## VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

32 Seaview Road (PO Box 464)  
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Telephone: 8552 1084 (*Please leave a message if the Office is unattended - we will get back to you asap*)  
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Web: [www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au](http://www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au)

## PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

### • PARISH PRIEST

Fr Vinh-Quang Tran (8552 1084;  
in an emergency - 0429 098 802)  
Email: [Vinh2511@bigpond.com](mailto:Vinh2511@bigpond.com)

### • PARISH MANAGERS

Mr Ray Klecko (0438 364 870)  
Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)  
Email: [Parish\\_manager@bigpond.com](mailto:Parish_manager@bigpond.com)

### • PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - ph 8552 1084 or [catholicvhg@bigpond.com](mailto:catholicvhg@bigpond.com) (*All items for the newsletter must be received no later than Wednesday evening*)

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has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!

## DID YOU KNOW?

- The season of Advent is the beginning of the Church's liturgical year. The Church's liturgical year follows a three-year cycle and we move today into the second of those, Year B. The gospel readings for this year come predominantly from the Gospel of Mark.
- The Advent period is concerned with 'waiting' for the coming of the Christ child.
- A recurring theme in the gospels read during Advent is looking towards the end times, when Christ will come again.
- The Advent wreath is one way of preparing for the coming of the Christ child. The circle of greenery is a symbol of God's love without beginning or end, while the candles represent the four weeks of preparation time. One candle is lit each Sunday during Advent, and the final, central candle is lit on Christmas Day.

## SHARING THE TRADITION

The celebration of a feast to honour the birth of Jesus did not emerge in the West until the fourth century. Scholars generally note that by 336 AD such a feast was in place and celebrated in Rome on 25 December. This comparatively late development of a feast to celebrate the birth of Christ may seem surprising to contemporary Christians for whom Christmas is so central. However, we must remember that the early Christians expected the glorious return of Christ in their own lifetimes. It was only with time and an obvious delay to the Second Coming that such a feast could emerge. Furthermore, time provided the opportunity for a

greater and more mature theological reflection on the mysteries of the Incarnation and the Second Coming. Advent, as a period of preparation for the feast of Christmas, developed later still. There is no evidence of such a preparatory time in Rome until well into the sixth century. It was Pope Gregory the Great (590–604 AD) who established a four-week liturgical preparation for Christmas but the eschatological (end times) themes of the Second Coming were not established until the Middle Ages.

‘Advent has a two-fold character—as a season of preparation for Christmas when Christ's coming in history is remembered; and as a season when that first coming directs the mind and heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time’ (General Norms of the Liturgical Year).

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(30 November - 6 December)

- **Monday, 30:** St Andrew (Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22)
- **Tuesday, 01:** Tuesday of 1<sup>st</sup> week Advent (Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24)
- **Wednesday, 02:** Wednesday of 1<sup>st</sup> week Advent (Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37)
- **Thursday, 03:** St Francis Xavier (Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27)
- **Friday, 04:** Friday of 1<sup>st</sup> week Advent (Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31)
- **Saturday, 05:** Saturday of 1<sup>st</sup> week Advent (Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 6-8)
- **Sunday 06:** Second Sunday of Advent (Is 40:1-5m 9-11; 2 Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8)



## PASTORAL CARE

If you need a Priest for anointing of the sick or last rites contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).