



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

Baptism of the Lord  
Year B

*A living, vibrant  
faith community*

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## VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

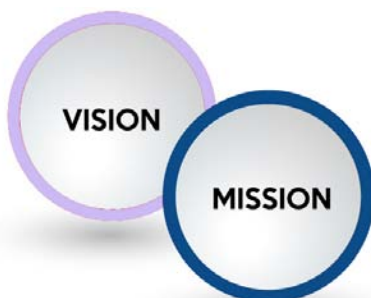
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

### 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 55:1-11*

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David. See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations. See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as

my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.*

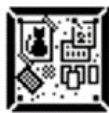
### SECOND READING

*1 John 5:1-9*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our

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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, 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 Sajin, Brenna Schneideman, Peter Harris, Rhiannon Healey, Bette Higgins, Shane Johnson, Barry Wilks, Paula Collinson.

### ANNIVERSARIES

Jim Clingan.

### THE HOLY FATHER'S 2021 PRAYER INTENTIONS: JANUARY



**Intention for Evangelization - Human fraternity.** May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

### 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

**KSC BBQ** will be held after 9.00am Mass in Goolwa throughout January if volunteers are available and the weather is not too warm.



### KSC 45 CLUB

The Knights of the Southern Cross thank all who participated in the 45 Club throughout 2020. Your involvement has enabled the Knights to provide much needed assistance to the various organisations to which we contribute. **We now invite you to participate in the 2021 Series of the 45 Club the first draw of which will be on January 30.** Please be sure not to miss the opportunity to contribute. Ring Robert on 0409 945 019 or contact any member of the Knights.



### COVID-SAFE SIGNING IN

At Victor and Goolwa there will no longer be someone to sign you in before Mass. So please **use your QR app and put a QR on the list of names so that you are counted or sign in your name on the sheet.** The Covid Marshal will be there to help. Thank you to all the Covid Recorders in Victor and Goolwa who have helped and are helping to keep us on track with our numbers.

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### SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS IN 2021

During 2020 we published the birthdays of people listed in the Centenary Calendar. Now that the year is over we would still like to publish **special birthdays or anniversaries** but we rely on parishioners to let us know about them. If you or someone you know has, for example, an "0" birthday coming up or a significant milestone on the way, please email the parish office with the details by Tuesday at [catholicvhg@bigpond.com](mailto:catholicvhg@bigpond.com) or phone or text Fran on 0415 124 010. Thank you.

### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

#### "THANK YOU"

Try starting 2021 with a prayer comprised of two simple words: **"Thank you."** Despite the headaches and hardships and heartbreaks of the last year, we can be grateful for what we survived and be hopeful for what is to come.

**Find a moment or two to offer a quiet prayer of gratitude. Count your blessings. Find reason to hope. You'll be amazed at how it can change your perspective — and reset your day.**

And don't forget to thank those around you. It is easy to take each other for granted. **"Thank you" is a powerful gift to give someone. You are saying: "You matter" and "I appreciate you."** *Our Sunday Visitor*

### ST JOAN'S MAINTENANCE GROUP

will hold their next meeting on Wednesday 13th January at 9.30am. Morning tea to follow. New members welcome.



### PARISH COLLECTION 2nd & 3rd December

(Presbytery) \$ 1,165.20  
2nd (Parish) \$ 1,215.95

### VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

**15th January**  
P. Mezzino & E. O'Shaughnessy  
**22nd & 29th January**  
M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

### MORNING TEA

No morning tea until further notice

### VICTOR MEET & GREET

**January Saturdays**  
M. Farmer & D. McLaughlin  
**January Sundays**  
W. & J. Baker

### ST JOAN'S CHOIR:

Practice time is 10.30am each Friday

### GOOLWA MEET & GREET

**January**  
A. Turner

### ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

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





## RESPONSORIAL PSALM BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**First Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. B**  
*You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.*

Truly, God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song  
He became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation.  
Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to  
His name!  
Make His mighty deeds known to the  
peoples!  
Declare the greatness of His name.  
Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for He has done glorious deeds,  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of  
Israel.



## SAINTS IN WAITING



Dr Sr Mary Glowrey is a saint in waiting as her cause for canonisation proceeds in Rome, but to her niece, also Sr Mary Glowrey, she is simply Aunty Mary or "Bubs".

The Victorian-born missionary and the world's first sister-doctor left Australia in 1920 and spent the next 37 years as a doctor and health administrator in India where she died in 1957 at the age of 69. The founder of the Catholic Health Association of India, whose members today care for more than 21 million people, Dr Glowrey was declared a Servant of God in 2013.

If her sainthood cause is successful, none will be happier than 92-year-old Sr Mary Glowrey, a Little Company of Mary Sister who has lived in Adelaide since 1993.

Last month, Sr Mary's own very successful career as a nurse, midwife and pastoral carer was recognised when she celebrated her 70th anniversary of religious life. *Southern Cross*

## SAINT MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS Feast Day 12th January (1620 – 1700)

The sixth of 12 children in Troyes, France, at age 20 Marguerite believed that she was called to religious life. Her applications to the Carmelites and Poor Clares were unsuccessful. In



1654, the governor of the French settlement in Canada visited his sister, a canoness in Troyes. Marguerite belonged to a sodality connected to that convent. The governor invited her to come to Canada and start a school in Ville-Marie (eventually the city of Montreal) where there were 200 people, a hospital and a Jesuit mission chapel. Marguerite returned to Troyes and recruited three young women as co-workers. In 1667, they added classes at their school for Indian children. A second trip to France resulted in six more young women and a letter from King Louis XIV, authorizing the school. The Congregation of Notre Dame was established in 1676; formal religious profession was made in 1698. Marguerite established a school for Indian girls in Montreal. At 69 years, she walked from Montreal to Quebec in response to the bishop's request to establish a community of her sisters in that city. By the time she died, she was referred to as the "Mother of the Colony." Marguerite was canonized in 1982. *Franciscan Media*

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters. *Catholic Culture*



Through our baptism, we too, are daughters and sons of God. We are disciples of Jesus. As true disciples we are called to actively participate in our Catholic faith, not just be mere bystanders. This means working in collaboration with Holy Spirit and discerning how we are being asked to use our gifts. Using our gifts for the benefit of others and not just for our own interests and comfort. *Stewardship Reflection*

## This Week : 9th & 10th January

**VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm**  
Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 M. Farmer  
R.2 C. Sutherland  
E.M. M. Farmer

**VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am**  
Commentator: W. Baker

R1. P. Clingan  
R2 T. Hounslow  
E.M M. Ferguson

**GOOLWA Sunday 9am**  
Commentator: A. Fawkner

R1 C. May  
R2 M. Mulvihill  
E.M. S. Muller



## Next Week : 15th & 17th January

**VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm**  
Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 B. Bullen  
R.2 J. Ryan  
E.M. J. Jeffrey

**VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am**  
Commentator: R. Klecko

R1. J. Tregeagle  
R2 A. Rose  
E.M P. Clingan

**GOOLWA Sunday 9am**  
Commentator: J. Ryan

R1 M. O'Halloran  
R2 R. Lee  
E.M. M. Ryan

## 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

(Updated 14 December)

- Attendees at Mass must maintain social distancing of 1:2 sqm.
- Funerals are capped at 200 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- Weddings are capped at 200 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 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 - either with the QR code for smart phones, or the handwritten log - both 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

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## PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

- **PARISH PRIEST**  
Fr Vinh-Quang Tran (8552 1084; in an emergency - 0429 098 802)  
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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 [catholicvhg@bigpond.com](mailto:catholicvhg@bigpond.com) (All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening)

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faith. Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth – so that there are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water and the blood, and all three of them agree.

We accept the testimony of human witnesses, but God's testimony is much greater, and this is God's testimony, given as evidence for his Son.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*John saw Jesus approaching him and said: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.*

## GOSPEL

**Mark 1:7-11**

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

## REFLECTION FOR THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The Baptism of the Lord is the great event celebrated by the Eastern churches on the feast of Epiphany because it is the occasion of the first public revelation of all the Three Persons in the Holy Trinity, and the official revelation of Jesus as the Son of God to the world by God the Father. Hence, it is described by all four Gospels. It marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. The Christmas season, celebrating the Self-revelation of God through Jesus,

comes to an end with the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. Christmas is the feast of God's Self-revelation to the Jews, and Epiphany celebrates God's Self-revelation to the Gentiles. At his Baptism in the Jordan, Christ reveals himself to repentant sinners. The liturgical season of Christmas comes to a conclusion this Sunday with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord.

Neither John nor Jesus invented baptism. It had been practiced for centuries among the Jews as a ritual equivalent to our Confession. Until the fall of the Temple in 70 AD, it was common for Jewish people to use a special pool called a Mikveh -- literally a "collection of water" -- as a means of spiritual cleansing, to remove spiritual impurity and sin. Men took this bath weekly on the eve of the Sabbath; women, monthly. Converts were also expected to take this bath before entering Judaism. The Orthodox Jews still retain the rite. John preached that such a bath was a necessary preparation for the cataclysm that would be wrought by the coming Messiah. Jesus transformed this continuing ritual into the one single, definitive act by which we begin our life of Faith. In effect, He fused His Divine Essence with the water and the ceremony.

*"Vatican News"*

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(11 January - 17 January)

- **Monday, 11:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 1 (Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:21-28)
- **Tuesday, 12:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 1 (Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28)
- **Wednesday, 13:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 1 (Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39)
- **Thursday, 14:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 1 (Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45)
- **Friday, 15:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 1 (Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12)
- **Saturday, 16:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 1 (Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17)
- **Sunday, 17:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (1Sam 3:3-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42)

## 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).