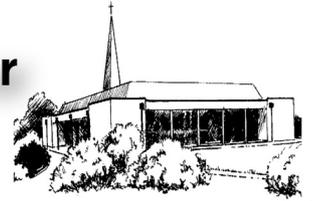




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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - ph 8552 1084, fax 8552 3439 or catholicvhg@bigpond.com
(*All items for the newsletter must be received no later than Wednesday evening*)

PARISH TREASURER

Mrs Margaret Meade

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

(*1st Sunday of the month - Family Mass*)

RECONCILIATION

Sunday 8.30am - 8.50am

CHILD PROTECTION UNIT

Sally Wellington (Manager)

Phone: 8210 8268



FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears.

The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown

to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately.

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Lucy Mary Lawlor, Val & John Glenn, Patricia Haynes, Rosemarie Kuske, Rona Nicholls, Pat Peters, Paul Culen, Michael and Bernadette O'Kane, Mary Darr.

ANNIVERSARIES

Marie Luke, Antonio Di Mauro, Andrew Cunningham, Kathy Vogt, Anne Trigg .

RECENTLY DECEASED

Peter Byrnes

PARISH COLLECTION:

27th & 28st December

1st Collection (Presbytery): \$1474.00

2nd Collection (Parish) \$1807.50

GOOLWA MORNING TEA ROSTER

January

D. Lee, I. Van Der Kamp, Anke, G. Johns, G. Seah.

VICTOR MORNING TEA ROSTER

January 11th

I. & R. Reid

January 18th & 25th

A. Williss, B. Murray

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

January 9th - 16th

W. & J Baker

January 23rd - 30th

R. Reid, B. Murray

VICTOR MEET & GREET ROSTER

January 3rd :

L. & M. Peake, M. Farmer

January 4th

G. Wilson, M. Cunningham

January 10th

L. & M. Peake

January 11th

H. Sampson, A. Wright

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

January : E. & J. Oates

February : J. McInnes & A. Turner

ST. JOHN'S GOOLWA CHURCH

SINGING GROUP

Practices are held in the Church every Tuesday at 3.00pm - all welcome.



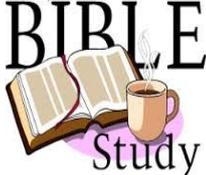
Bulletin Board

CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY

Next meeting Tuesday 6th January at 5.45 pm. Contacts:- Anne 0429 653 844 or Kathy 0434 375 720

BIBLE STUDY

COME JOIN OUR



Do you wish to deepen your understanding of each Sunday Gospel?

Please join us at 7.00pm - 8.00pm each Sunday in the Annex

Victor Harbor. ALL WELCOME .

ST. JOAN'S MAINTENANCE AND MORNING TEA GROUP



Maintenance days are on the second Wednesday of each month. The next will be on 14th January, followed by morning tea in the Annex at 11.00am, to which other

men are invited, without obligation or cost, to enjoy some male company.

ST JOHN'S SOCIAL CLUB

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd **February** 2015 at 2.00pm at St John's Church. All welcome

ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th **February** 2015 at 1.30pm at St Joan's Annex. All welcome .

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5th **February** after 9.00am Mass in St. Joan's Annex.

PARISH FINANCE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The next meeting will be held on 5th **February** at 11.00am at Victor Harbor.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th **February** at 7.00pm



THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Between Christmas Day and The Epiphany

On the surface it doesn't appear a Christian Christmas Carol, but there is more here than meets the eye.

From 1558 to 1829, Catholics in England were not able to practice their Faith openly, so they had to find other ways to pass on their beliefs. The song The Twelve Days of Christmas is one example of how they did it. Each of the items in the song represents something of religious significance.

The hidden meaning of each gift was designed to help young Christians learn their Faith. The song goes:

- On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me...The true love represents God and the me who receives these presents is the follower of Christ. The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ who died on a tree as a gift from God.
 - The two turtle doves were the Old and New testaments – another gift from God.
 - The three French hens were faith, hope and love – three gifts mentioned in 1 Corinthians 13.
 - The four calling birds were the four gospels which sing the song of Salvation through Jesus Christ.
 - The five golden rings were the first five books of the Bible also called the Books of Moses, or the Pentateuch.
 - The six geese a-laying were the six days of Creation.
 - The seven swans a-swimming were the seven spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit found in the New Testament.
 - The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.
 - The nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23.
 - The ten lords a-leaping were the ten Commandments.
 - The eleven pipers piping were the eleven faithful disciples.
 - The twelve drummers drumming were the twelve points of the Apostles Creed.
- May God the Father give you joy this Christmas Season and inspire your life to be a song for Him. May the Spirit give you courage to find new ways to speak the hidden truths of God and may the love of God's Son bring you safely to your Heavenly home.



FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Epiphany is one of the oldest Christian feasts. It has been celebrated since the end of the second century, before the Christmas holiday was established. It is commonly known as Twelfth Night, Twelfth Day, or the Feast of Epiphany. It means "manifestation" or "showing forth". Epiphany also refers to the church season that follows the day.

It commemorates the first two occasions on which Jesus' divinity, according to Christian belief, was manifested: when the three kings visited infant Jesus in Bethlehem, and when John the Baptist baptized him in the River Jordan. Various paintings, artworks and sketches show the three wise men and Jesus. Some paintings and artworks show the three wise men on the way to Bethlehem or adoring baby Jesus. The kings are important because their visit illustrates that Jesus was the king of all kings who came for the Jews and the Gentiles.



The star that guides the wise men to Christ also symbolizes Epiphany, as well as the three gifts they gave to Jesus: gold (fit for a king); frankincense (used to worship at a temple); and myrrh (used for embalming, as well as a salve for irritations). Other paintings depict the story of Jesus' baptism.

MASS FOR YOU AT HOME

For those who might not be able to get to Sunday Mass, maybe through illness or incapacity, you can still hear Mass online by logging on to the following website.

<https://thesundaymass.org/>

The Passionists of the St. Paul of the Cross Province began their television ministry in New York in December of 1970. From the first broadcast, The Sunday Mass was enthusiastically received by the home bound and the infirm. Today, hundreds of thousands now join in the celebration of The Sunday Mass worldwide via the internet.

POTATO CHIPS



beer and started his journey.

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew that it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with a bag of potato chips and a six-pack of root

When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old man, sitting in the park, just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his suit case. He was about to take a drink from his root beer and noticed that the old man looked hungry, so he offered him some chips. He gratefully accepted them and smiled at him. His smile was so pretty that the boy offered him a root beer. Again, he smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As twilight approached, the boy realized he was tired and he got up to leave; he turned to the old man and gave him a hug. He gave him his biggest smile ever.

When the boy got home his mother was surprised by how happy he looked. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? He's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old man radiant with happiness returned home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and he asked, "Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?"

He replied "I ate potato chips in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime! Embrace all equally .

THIS WEEK - 3rd & 4th JANUARY

VICTOR HARBOR: 6.00PM VIGIL

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 M. Farmer

R.2 C. Sutherland

EM: T. Sheehan, D. McLaughlin, E. O'Shaughnessy

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00 AM

Commentator: M. Ferguson

R.1 P. O'Brien

R.2

EM: M. Von Holst, I. Reid, R. Reid

GOOLWA 9.00 AM

Commentator: Helen Harris

R.1 A. Fawkner

R.2 K. Fawkner

EM: D. Elliott, L. Elliott, U. Marechal, B. Longworth, P. Kennelly.



NEXT WEEK - 10th & 11h. January

VICTOR HARBOR: 6.00PM VIGIL

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 J. Ryan

R.2

EM: D. McLaughlin, P. Harris, T. Sheehan

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00 AM

Commentator: M. Ferguson

R.1 R. Reid

R.2

EM: M. Von Holst, I. Reid, P. O'Brien

GOOLWA 9.00 AM

Commentator: A. Fawkner

R.1 J. Harrap

R.2 P. Kennelly

EM: B. Longworth, J. McInnes, J. McMahan, M. Meade, K. Milne.

REGULAR MASS TIMES IN OUR CLUSTER CHURCHES

ALDINGA

*Mary of Galilee, the First Disciple
cnr Quinliven and Howe Roads*
Saturday 6.00pm
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
2nd Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)
Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm
Monday 9.00am
Tuesday 8.00am
Wednesday 7.00am
Thursday 9.15am (St John's School)
Friday 10.00am

NORMANVILLE

St Peter, Cape Jervis Road
1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 10.30am
2nd, 4th Sundays 8.30am
1st Friday 6.00pm

PARNDANA

4th Sunday 4.00pm

PENNESHAW

*St Columba, North Terrace
(shared with Anglicans)*
Saturday before 4th Sunday 7.00pm

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 (other than 1st) 9.00am
1st Friday 11.30am

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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He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM

"Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society. This demands that we be docile and attentive to the cry of the poor and to come to their aid."

*Para 187 from Evangelii Gaudium,
Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013*

FEAST DAY OF THE WEEK

St Raymond of Penyafort (Jan 7)

As a member of the Spanish nobility, St Raymond had the resources and the education to get a good start in life.

By the time he was 20, he was teaching philosophy. In his early 30s he earned a doctorate in both canon and civil law. At 41 he became a Dominican. Pope Gregory IX called him to Rome to work for him and to be his confessor.

One of the things the Pope asked him to do was to gather together all the decrees of popes and councils that had been made in 80 years since a similar collection by Gratian. Raymond compiled five books called the Decretals. They were looked upon as one of the best organised collections of Church law until the 1917 codification of canon law.

Earlier, Raymond had written for confessors a book of cases. It was called Summa de Casibus Poenitentiae. More than simply a list of sins and penances, it discussed pertinent doctrines and laws of the Church that pertained to the problem or case brought to the confessor.

According to the American Catholic website, he is the patron saint for lawyers and solicitors.

NOTES ON THE TEXT

Magi comes from the Greek word, magoi. No single word adequately describes them. In a sense they were all of the following: kings and wise men; scientists, astrologers and physicians; magicians, sorcerers and wizards; teachers and Zoroastrian priests. They came from Media, Persia, Assyria, Babylonia and all the lands of the Parthian Empire. In all probability their journey of 1000 – 1200 miles may have lasted as long as two years. Like Abraham, the Magi were called by God to a foreign land. Like Abraham they traveled by faith, not knowing where they were going.

WORDS OF WISDOM

"Mary was raised to the dignity of Mother of God for sinners rather than for the just, since Jesus Christ declares that he came to call not the just, but sinners." St Anselm

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(5 January - 11 January)

- **Mon, 5:** Weekday of Christmas
Time (1Jn 3:22- 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25)
- **Tue, 6:** Weekday of Christmas
Time (1Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44)
- **Wed, 7:** Weekday of Christmas
Time (1Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52)
- **Thu, 8:** Weekday of Christmas
Time (1Jn 4:19 - 5:4; Lk 4:14-22)
- **Fri, 9:** Weekday of Christmas
Time (1Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16)
- **Sat, 10:** Weekday of Christmas
Time (1Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30)
- **Sun, 11:** Baptism of the Lord (Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mk 1:7-11)