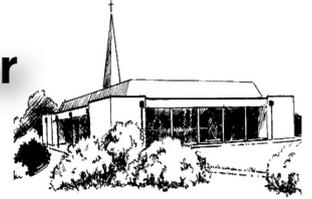




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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Charles Gauci (involved in another ministry in 2017)

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Fr Vinh Tran (phone 8552 1084 - in emergency - mob 0429 098 802)

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Mr Kevin Rucioch (mob 0499 005 714)

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

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

Child Safe contacts - Kevin Rucioch (0499 005 714) or Ian Reid (8552 4329)



VIGIL MASS

(celebrated during the afternoon or evening of 24th December)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

God's grace brings about the conversion of his unfaithful people. With a new-found integrity they (and we) will be called by a new name, and their relationship (and ours) with God will lead to an intimacy beyond their (and our) wildest imaginings. God will rejoice in them (and us).

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

Paul introduces the Jews and non-Jewish believers in the God of Israel to the new thing that God has done for them in Jesus, whom he has raised up for them as Saviour.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed: the Saviour of the world will be our king.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 1:1-25

This reading from the beginning of Matthew's Gospel reminds us of the

mortality and even the sin the Son of God took on himself in becoming one of us, through his birth from the Virgin Mary, in order to save his people from their sins and restore us to God's friendship.

MIDNIGHT MASS

(Celebrated at midnight on 24th Dec)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-7

Light shines in the darkness and overcomes it, because a child is born for us, a son given to us, and his name is Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father Prince-of-Peace.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Today is born our Saviour,

Christ the Lord.

SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14

God's grace, given in his Son, has made salvation possible for the whole human race. This Son sacrificed himself to set us free from all wickedness, so that our sole ambition might be to do good.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Good News and great joy to all the world: today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Alleluia!

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CLUSTER CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

KANGAROO ISLAND PARISH

- **Christmas Eve** •
4.00pm - Penneshaw
7.30pm - Kingscote
- **Christmas Day** •
8.30am - Kingscote

NOARLUNGA/SEAFORD PARISH

- **Christmas Eve** •
6.00pm - Seaford
7.30pm - Noarlunga
Midnight - Noarlunga
- **Christmas Day** •
9.00am - Noarlunga
- **New Year's Day** •
9.00am - Noarlunga

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA PARISH

- **Christmas Eve** •
5.30pm - Goolwa (Family)
7.00pm - Victor Harbor (Family)
- **Christmas Day** •
8.30am - Goolwa
10.00am - Victor Harbor
- **New Year's Day** •
8.30am - Victor Harbor
10.00am - Goolwa

WILLUNGA PARISH

- **Christmas Eve** •
6.00pm - Normanville
6.30pm - Aldinga
7.00pm - Willunga (Family)
Midnight - Willunga
- **Christmas Day** •
9.00am - Normanville
9.00am - Willunga
- **New Year's Day** •
9.00am - Willunga
9.00am - Normanville

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GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-14

In an out-of-the-way little town in Judea, a child is born. He is announced by angels to nearby shepherds as the Christ of the Lord, and the sign confirming this is a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. An early example of "God's Easter methods".

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

(Celebrated during
the day of 25th December)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

The Prophet proclaims good news to the disheartened people of Judah and Jerusalem - their God has not abandoned them, but is coming to save them. Good news to us too - God's salvation is for all peoples.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*All the ends of the earth have seen
the saving power of God.*

SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-6

God spoke his word through his prophets and in various ways. Now he speaks to us through his Son, who is the radiant light of God's glory. He has veiled that glory with our humanity so that we can prepare by lives of faith for the full revelation of that glory in Heaven.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*A holy day has dawned upon us.
Come, you nations and adore the
Lord. Today a great light has come
upon the earth.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

The gospel passage encourages us to ponder reverently the mystery of the Word who was with God in the beginning, who was God, and who became man in Jesus and dwelt among us.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FR CHARLES

Dear friends,
This my last Christmas message as your Pastor. It is with sadness that I finish my appointment in the Cluster of Parishes in the Southern Regions. My life has forever been enriched by being with you.

I know that Fr Josie and Fr Roy will be great in Noarlunga, Willunga and KI Parishes and Fr Vinh in Victor Harbor/Goolwa Parish.

I believe that God wants me to be in my new appointment in the Cathedral Parish. Please pray for me. I will come back and say good bye to each Parish.

Blessings upon you and your families at this time. *God bless,*



CHRISTMAS QUOTES

*"Christmas is not a time nor a season,
but a state of mind. To cherish peace
and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy,
is to have the real spirit of Christmas."
Calvin Coolidge*

*"I will honor Christmas in my heart,
and try to keep it all the year."
Charles Dickens*

*"Christmas waves a magic wand over
this world, and behold, everything is
softer and more beautiful."
Norman Vincent Peale*



*May joy be your
gift at Christmas
and may faith,
hope and love be
your treasures in
the New Year.*