



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD -
YEAR A

*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:

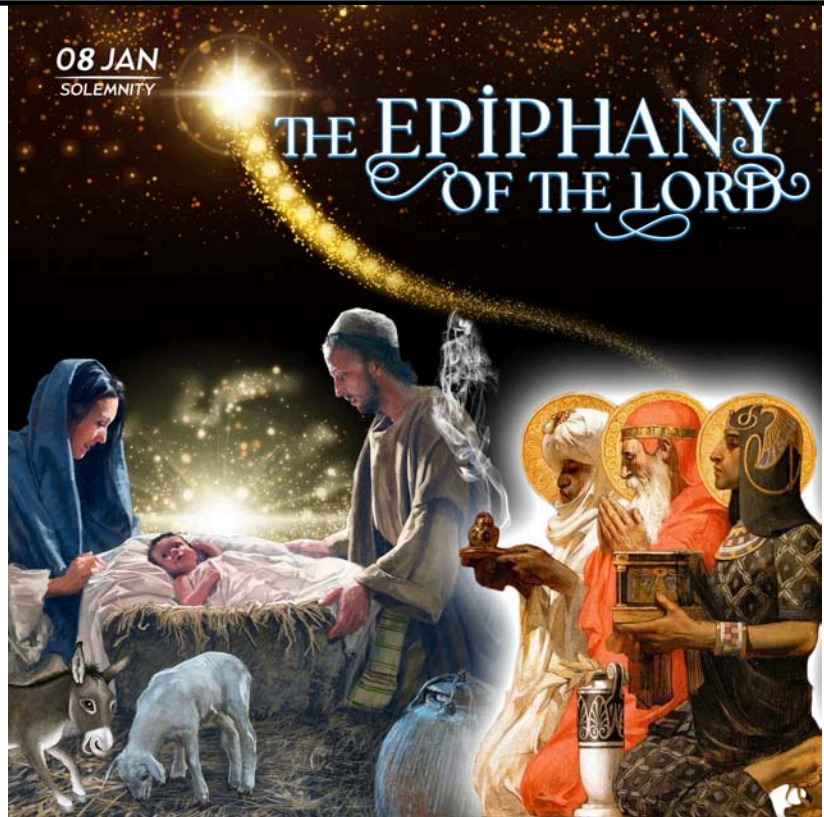
- Endeavour to develop relevant and prayerful Eucharistic celebrations.
- Foster the experience of a personal relationship with God.
- Provide faith formation opportunities for parishioners.
- Care for each other and the environment, particularly the sick, lonely, aged and disabled within our Parish.
- 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.

MASS TIMES

- **VICTOR HARBOR**
Weekend - Saturday 6.00pm;
Sunday 11.00am.
Weekdays - Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday 9.00am
- **GOOLWA**
Weekend - Sunday 9.00am.
Weekday - Wednesday 9.30am



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

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

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

Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

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

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Bulletin Board

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

John Wallace, Claire Hamish, Bob Willis, Jeffery Family, Bailey Smallacombe, Ann Tee, Peter Harris, Josephine Proctor, Rita Sullivan, Charlie Nicolson, Paula Collinson, June Lloyd, Eileen McCoey, Len Peake, Ron & Patrine Harris, Vin Slattery, Neil Cumming, Clancy Retallick, Ann & Kevin Hannagan, Mollie Davis, Jutta Millar, Cath Howard, Keith Fawkner. Campbell Smallacombe, Trudi McNamara, Elizabeth Nance, Allen Odgers

ANNIVERSARIES

Jim Clingan, Laurence Hanna, Margaret Ray

RECENTLY DECEASED

Brian Ferrari

PARISH COLLECTION

24th & 25th December
1st (Presbytery) \$1681.10
2nd (Parish) \$1816.35
Christmas Offerings \$345.00
Aboriginal Appeal \$1491.40

31st Dec & 1st January 2023

1st (Presbytery) \$1118.10
2nd Parish \$1220.20

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

13th & 20th January
M. Farmer & C. Pearsons
27th January & 3rd February
W. & J. Baker & F. Hanna

VICTOR MORNING TEA

8th January
F. Hanna & A. Temme
15th January
A. Williss & R. Reid

VICTOR MEET & GREET

January Saturday
M. Farmer & M. Tuckey

January Sunday

R. Reid & A. Rose

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

January
A. Turner

MORNING TEA

Starts February

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday
Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2023

PRAYER INTENTIONS



JANUARY: For Educators:

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching community rather than

competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable of all.

DEATH OF POPE EMERITUS

BENEDICT XVI



January 1st was World Peace Day in our Catholic calendar. In these times where peace seems precarious in so many nations, it is timely to

remember **Pope Benedict's contribution to Catholic Social Teaching on peace.**

He insisted that nonviolence *is realistic because it takes into account that in the world there is too much violence, too much injustice, and therefore that this situation cannot be overcome except by countering it with more love, with more goodness.*

This "more" comes from God. For Christians, nonviolence is not merely tactical behaviour but a person's way of being, the attitude of one who is so convinced of God's love and power that he or she is not afraid to tackle evil with the weapons of love and truth alone.

Benedict XVI (per Peter Laffan)

Another quote from Pope Benedict:
"Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person"

— *Jesus Christ.*

May we and our world live with more love and with more goodness this year.

May we renew our relationship with Jesus.

May Pope Benedict rest in peace.

ST JOAN'S MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS

will hold their next meeting on Wednesday 11th January from 9.30 - 10.30am followed by morning tea. All welcome.



PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE



A PRAYER FOR THE EARTH

Pope Francis



All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this Earth, so precious in your eyes.



Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.



2023 - A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

To all our families, dear friends and members of our parish community.

We are blessed to share each other's lives.



May this new year bring love to our hearts, health to our bodies, peace to our homes and joy to our lives.

Throughout the new year may God's power guide us, His presence uphold us, His eyes watch over us and his wisdom instruct us.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

One suggestion for a New Year's resolution is: **Cultivate gratitude** by each night thanking God for one thing in your day.

St Paul encourages us: "Pray with gratitude, and the peace of God which is beyond all knowledge, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The EPIPHANY of the LORD, YR. A

Lord, every nation on earth will adore You.

O God, give Your judgement to the king,
to a king's son Your justice,
that he may judge Your people in justice
and Your poor in right judgement.

In His days, justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay Him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring Him gifts.

Before Him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve Him

For He shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Feast Day 9th January



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*

SYNODALITY (WALKING TOGETHER) AND MISSION: SR NATHALIE BECQUART IN ADELAIDE

February 1, 2023, Grange Golf Course 5:30pm (dinner) 6:30-8:30pm Program

Sister Nathalie Becquart is the Undersecretary to the Secretariat for the Synod on Synodality at the Vatican. Sr Nathalie will be in Adelaide on February 1, 2023, as part of a visit to Australia/Oceania. RSVP essential, register online at www.trybooking.com/CEUOA by January 27, 2023. For information visit www.adelaidediocesanassembly.org.

HAPPY FEASTDAY GREETINGS TO OUR GOOLWA COMMUNITY FOR

THE FEAST OF SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE WHICH OCCURRED ON THE 27TH DECEMBER

May we all be blessed by

his devotion to Jesus, the Word of God.



Born in Bethsaida, John was called while mending his nets to follow Jesus. He became the beloved disciple of Jesus. He wrote

the fourth Gospel, three Epistles and the Apocalypse. So we see him with a quill in his hand. His passages on the pre-existence of the Word, who by His Incarnation became the light of the world and the life of our souls, are among the finest of the New Testament. With James, his brother, and Simon Peter, he was one of the witnesses of the Transfiguration. At the Last Supper, he leans on the Master's breast. At the foot of the cross, Jesus entrusts His Mother to his care. John's pure life kept him very close to Jesus and Mary in years to come. John was exiled to the island of Patmos under Emperor Domitian. *Catholic Culture*

RESOLUTIONS!!

Our resolution last year could have been to "eat less fruit", instead we went with "trust people more"!!



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Epiphany of the Lord



"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

MATTHEW 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

THIS WEEK 7th & 8th January

VICTOR HARBOR

Saturday 6.00pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 C. Sutherland

R.2 J. Jeffery

E.M. M. Farmer

Sunday 11.00am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 T. Hounslow

R. 2 P. Clingan

E.M. F. Hanna

GOOLWA

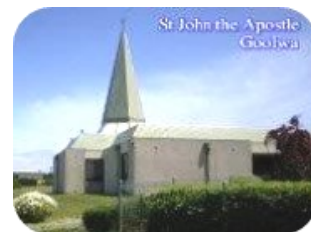
Sunday 9.00am

Commentator: M. O'Halloran

R1 E. Bourne

R. 2 V. Scriva

E.M. M. Glazewski



NEXT WEEK 14th & 15th Jan

VICTOR HARBOR

Saturday 6.00pm

Commentator: C. Huppertz

R.1 S. Duong

R.2 L. Blacket

E.M. E. O'Connell

Sunday 11.00am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 K Dudley

R. 2 F. Hanna

E.M. P. Clingan

GOOLWA

Sunday 9.00am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R. 1 G. Byrne

R. 2 L. Healey

E.M. R. Austin

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 06/01/23)

- If you have tested positive for COVID-19, please follow the SA Health instructions in regard to isolating and other government health protocols. Stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- The density requirement has been updated to full capacity in all churches and also includes funerals and weddings.
- Wearing of face-masks in Church is recommended. (Show you care and wear a mask.)
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home and not attend services.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.

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• PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - ph 8552 1084 or catholicvhg@bigpond.com (All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening)

• PARISH TREASURER

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• CHILD PROTECTION

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Goolwa (Cathy May 0401 584 237)
Victor Harbor (Parish Office 8552 1084)

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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.

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.

EXPLORING THE WORD

The key to understanding this highly symbolic gospel lies in the response to Jesus of the various actors. The wise men are not of the house of Israel; they are foreigners from the East. And yet it is they who recognise the signs and embark on a journey to find the newborn king and worship him. The opposite response comes from the very people who should know better. Herod, the King of the Jews, and the chief priests and scribes, the interpreters of Scripture, have not seen what is there before them and, when they do come to understand, seek only to do harm to Jesus. This is the first hint of the harm that will

ultimately come to him from similar characters much later in his life. They are not open to the revelation of God in this child.

Imagine the disappointment the wise men must have felt when they find a poor child born in a simple house instead of a mighty king. But they are open to the revelation of God and bow down before him. The expensive gifts of the wise men are highly symbolic: gold was presented to kings, frankincense was offered to God, and myrrh used in anointing for burial. Thus they refer to the kingship of Jesus, his divinity and his salvific death.

SHARING THE TRADITION

This feast of the Epiphany originated in the Eastern Church and took hold in Rome some time during the fourth century. The main focus given to the feast was that of celebrating the coming to faith of the gentiles. Over time, the Magi of the gospel became the three kings of folklore and eventually even developed names: Balthasar, Melchior and Caspar. These three are often depicted as Asian, African and European, representing the three known continents of the time. What is important in this later development is that it retains the original meaning: that Christ came to all nations and is the salvation of all people who recognise him.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(09 - 15 January)

- **Monday, 09:** The Baptism of the Lord (Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Mt 3:13-17)
- **Tuesday, 10:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 1 (Heb 2:5-12 ; Mk 1:21-28)
- **Wednesday, 11:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 1 (Heb 2:14-18 ; Mk 1:29-39)
- **Thursday, 12:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 1 (Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45)
- **Friday, 13:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 1 (Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12)
- **Saturday, 14:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 1 (Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17)
- **Sunday 15:** 2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34)

PASTORAL CARE

If you need a priest for anointing prior to medical treatment or if you are ill (not necessarily life-threatening) or for last rites please contact: (08) 8552 1084 or in an emergency 0429 098 802.