



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

THIRD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT - YEAR C

A living, vibrant
faith community

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

OUR VISION:

To build a faith community centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and communal parish activities.

OUR MISSION IS TO:

- Develop relevant and prayerful Eucharistic celebrations
- Foster the experience of a personal relationship with God
- Provide Faith Formation opportunities
- Care for each other particularly the sick, lonely, aged and disabled
- Witness to God's love for our earthly common home and all its creatures that abound

WE WILL:

- Reach out to those in need
- Be committed to Catholic Social Justice principles
- Pray and work together with Christian Churches and all people of goodwill
- Engage with young people
- Care for our environment towards a sustainable future
- Strengthen bonds with First Nation peoples

MASS TIMES

VICTOR HARBOR

Weekend - Saturday 6.00pm;
Sunday 11.00am.

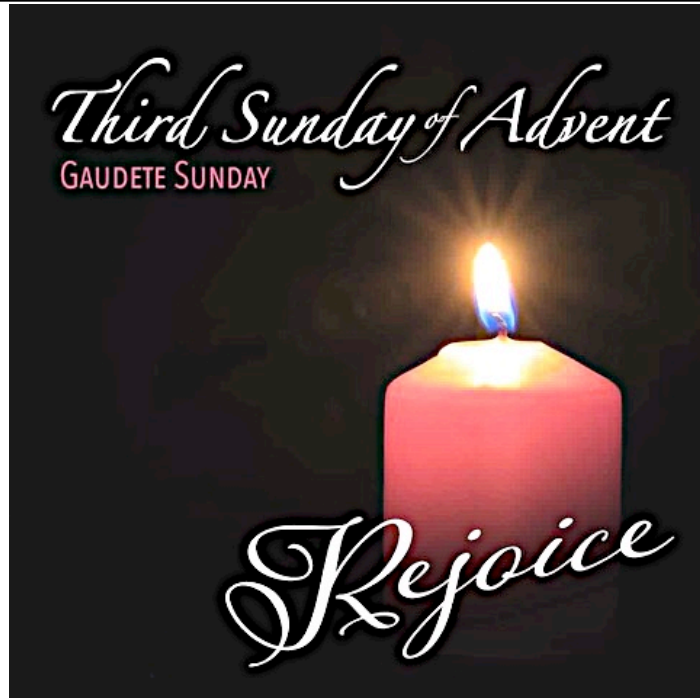
Weekdays - Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday 9.00am

GOOLWA

Weekend - Sunday 9.00am.
Weekday - Wednesday 9.30am

RECONCILIATION

St Joan's, Victor Harbor - Saturday
11am - 11.30am, or by appointment.



FIRST READING

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,
Israel, shout aloud!

Rejoice, exult with all your heart,
daughter of Jerusalem!

The Lord has repealed your sentence;
he has driven your enemies away.

The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your
midst; you have no more evil to fear.

When that day comes, word will
come to Jerusalem:

Zion, have no fear, do not let your
hands fall limp.

The Lord your God is in your midst,
a victorious warrior.

He will exult with joy over you, he
will renew you by his love; he will
dance with shouts of joy for you
as on a day of festival.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Isa 12:2-6

*Cry out with joy and gladness: for
among you is the great and Holy One
of Israel.*

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy
in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is
your happiness. Let your tolerance be
evident to everyone: the Lord is very
near.

There is no need to worry; but if there
is anything you need, pray for it,
asking God for it with prayer and
thanksgiving, and that peace of God,
which is so much greater than we can
understand, will guard your hearts and
your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Isa 61:1

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he
sent me to bring Good News to the
poor. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Luke 3:10-18

When all the people asked John,
'What must we do?' he answered, 'If
anyone has two tunics he must share
with the man who has none, and the
one with something to eat must do the
same.' There were tax collectors too
who came for baptism, and these said
to him, 'Master, what must we do?'
He said to them, 'Exact no more than
your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in
their turn, 'What must we do?' He
said to them, 'No intimidation! No
extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown
among the people, who were
beginning to think that John might be

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

John Wallace, Claire Hamish, Jeffery Family, Natalie Millar, Ann Tee, Bailey Smallacombe, Charlie Nicolson, Jane Lloyd, Eileen McCoey, Len Peake, Neil Cumming, Mollie Davis, David Lee, Evelyn Liston, Ann Hannagan, Allen Odgers, Rose Munro, Geoff Munro, Andrew Nichols, John Slagter, William Ash, Eloise Ash, Gavin Schumacher, Jim Ryan, Leonie Hassan, Fr Vinh Tran, John Tregeagle, Greg Hope, Mairead Cummings, Maire Ryan, John McAuliffe, Meg Klecko, Stephen Vernon, Graham Blacket, Jo Andrews, Paul Fahey,

ANNIVERSARIES

Bub O'Shaughnessy, Frank Scriva, Peter Kennelly, Jim Clingan

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bill Pick

PARISH COLLECTION 8th & 9th December

1st (Presbytery) \$1185.60
2nd (Parish) \$1333.55c

VICTOR MORNING TEA December 22nd

W. & J. Baker
December 29th
F. Hanna & M. Cunningham

VICTOR MEET & GREET December Saturdays

M. Farmer & M. Tuckey
December Sundays
R. Reid & F. Harris

GOOLWA MEET & GREET December : C. Rivers

MORNING TEA

A. Turner, S. & R. Lee

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.
Claire Williams 0429 008 199

2024 VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

The Vinnies would like to thank you for your donations of non-perishable food to the Vinnies Christmas Hamper Program! **42 hampers have already been packed** and delivered to local families prior to the school holidays. We thank parishioners who contributed to this invaluable outcome!



PACKING HAMPERS AT ST JOAN'S

If you can help we invite you:

Tuesday 17th December 9.30a.m. (after Mass) to unpack donated food items.

Thursday 19th December 9.30a.m. (after Mass) to pack hampers.

Delivery drivers required.

You are invited to one or both days.

No need to RSVP.

EVERY LITTLE HELPS!



Envelopes are available at the Church door after

Masses. The relentless cost-of-living crisis is forcing families to make unimaginable choices - whether to keep the lights on or put food on the table. *Will you provide vulnerable families the urgent relief they desperately need this Christmas?* Vinnies

REPORT FROM COMORO

28th November 2024

- The current Comoro project is the

construction of a toilet block in the Tasi Tolu area. This has now been approved by both



parties and will go ahead as soon as possible.

\$7,000 is being contributed from our Comoro Fund.

- **A very supportive letter** was received from the Parish Priest, Father Apolinario Neto SDB (Salesians of Don Bosco): *"We are proud to be part of the sister Parishes between Victor Harbor/Goolwa Catholic Parish and Mary Help of Christians Comoro Parish. We extend our huge gratitude for your cooperation to support Comoro Parish through pastoral activities and others."*

Other news:

- Senior students in their Computer Hub now have an instructor and internet access.

- A total of 36 desks and 72 chairs are being delivered for use in Comoro schools.

50% of the cost has been provided from our Comoro Fund and 50% by Rotary Australia (\$1500 each).

THE THIRD CANDLE OF ADVENT SYMBOLISES JOY

As we continue to approach Christmas Day, our joy grows more and more. The third candle - coloured pink - takes us to the



joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus in Bethlehem, even before the Wise Men. On this third Sunday of Advent, which the Church calls "*Gaudete Sunday*," meaning '*Rejoice*', we light the third candle and rejoice with the shepherds.



KSC REPORT DECEMBER 2024.

After a great Victor Christmas celebration the Knights conducted the Goolwa Community celebration last Sunday night, which was also a great success. About 43

people attended with nearly a dozen apologies, and all seemed to enjoy themselves.

It was pleasing that several new parishioners attended on the night and we hope they also got to know the regulars a little better.

Many thanks to the great number who set up the hall in the arvo as well as those who cleaned up at the end of the night. Thanks to Jane and all who worked in the kitchen. We are deeply grateful to you all.

Also thanks to parish managers Ray and Pat, as well as our great friend Fran, who attended from Victor. It was good to see you all. Pat who is Chair of the St Joan's Social Club presented the Knights with a donation of \$600 which was very much appreciated.

WINE RAFFLE Our Christmas wine raffle is coming to an end and will be drawn on Sunday Dec. 23rd at both Mass centres. Don't miss out on a chance to win 15 bottles of "champion" red wines. Tickets are \$10 each.

BBQ Our last Sunday BBQ raised \$115.80 and many thanks to those who supported with very generous donations. The next BBQ will be held on December 29th to cater for our many visitors expected. There will be no BBQ in January.

The Knights will now have a break for a couple of months but will return in February for hopefully another successful year.

Finally, we wish all our fellow parishioners a holy and happy Christmas and if travelling, take care.

**PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF
UKRAINE AND THE
HOLY LAND**



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.RESPONSORIAL PSALM 3rd SUNDAY of ADVENT – YR.C/1

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

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.



OUR NEW CARDINAL IS SWORN IN



At the age of 44, Cardinal Bychok becomes the youngest member of the College of Cardinals, Australia's highest-ranking Catholic, and the first cardinal from Australia

since Cardinal George Pell.

The Ukrainian-born missionary, who moved to Melbourne four years ago, said he "never expected" this. **He said he aims to be a cardinal who is "flexible, holy, accessible and without eminence".**

Mykola Bychok was born and raised in Ternopol, in western Ukraine. He joined the Redemptorists at the age of 17 and professed his first vows the following year. He was ordained as a priest in Lviv seven years later, and has also studied and served in Poland, Russia, and the United States. In January 2020, he moved to Melbourne after Pope Francis appointed him as the Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Church of Melbourne. Now he becomes Cardinal of the whole Australian Catholic Church.

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION, CONFIRMATION & HOLY COMMUNION 2025

Do you know any children who want sacrament preparation, if you do please pass this notice on to them.
We will commence early February 2025.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASSES

Christmas Eve

Goolwa 5.00pm
Victor 7.00pm

Christmas Day

Goolwa 8.30am
Victor 10.30am

New Year's Eve

Victor 6.00pm

New Year's Day

Goolwa 9.30 am

No Tuesday Morning Mass

CHRISTMAS ROSTER

GOOLWA

Tues 24th Dec. - 5.00pm Christmas Vigil

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R. 1 C. May **R. 2** L. Healey

EMHC T. Siciliano

Wed 25th Dec. - 8.30am Christmas Day

Commentator: D. Huppatz

R. 1 E. Bourne **R. 2** R. Lee

EMHC A. Turner, R. Austin, S. Muller

VICTOR HARBOR

Tues. 24th Dec. - 7.00pm Christmas Vigil

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 M. Cunningham **R. 2** C. Sutherland

EMHC M. Libutan, E. O'Shaughnessy

Wed. 25th Dec. - 10.30am Christmas Day

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 **R. 2**

EMHC M. Libutan, J. Baker

NEW YEAR'S ROSTER

VICTOR HARBOR

Tues 31s December - Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Commentator:

R. 1 K. Dudley **R. 2** P. Clingan

EMHC M. Libutan, A. Rose

GOOLWA

Wednesday 1st Jan - 9.30 am New Year

Commentator: J. Ryan

R. 1 P. Kennelly **R. 2** M. Freeborn

EMHC M. Ryan

HUMAN SOLIDARITY DAY 20TH DEC.

Sometimes all we can see are our differences – different colour, different history, different education. Sometimes we can feel superior to others who may not have had our opportunities in life. Human Solidarity Day reminds us that to tackle the challenges of our times is to do so together.



THE SOUTHERN CROSS

December edition will be inserted in *The Advertiser* this weekend.
Free copies in our porches.

THIS WEEK: 14th & 15th December

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 M. Mulvihill

R.2 C. Sutherland

EMHC M. Farmer

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. Clingan

R. 1 T. Hounslow

R. 2 R. Klecko

EMHC M. Taylor

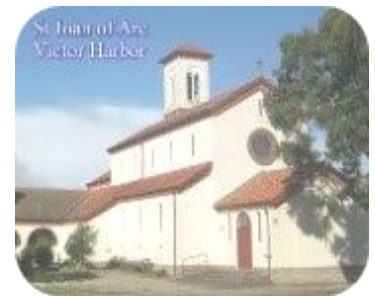
GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: V. Scriver

R. 1 E. Bourne

R. 2 R. Lee

EMHC T. Siciliano



NEXT WEEK: 21st & 22nd December

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 C. Huppatz

R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 R. Klecko

R. 2 A. Rose

EMHC L. Sunman

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R. 1 L. Healey

R. 2 Michael Riddle

EMHC A. Turner

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RAMINDJERI land

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(*All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening*)

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

• CSHW SA (Safety, Health, Welfare)
Cathy May (0401 584 237)

DID YOU KNOW?

- Tax collectors at the time of Jesus were disliked immensely for two reasons. They collaborated with the Roman oppressors and they skimmed additional monies from the people for themselves.
- The Jewish people of this time were hopeful that a Messiah would come to overthrow the tyranny of the Roman Empire and set them free.
- The word Messiah in Hebrew means 'anointed one'; the word Christ has exactly the same meaning in Greek.

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the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

DESERT VOICES

The people around John are odd. What seems to attract them is who he is not: not the anointed Saviour of Israel, not Elijah come to announce the end of the world, not the great prophet the Samaritans were expecting. But the evangelist John also tells us who the Baptist is: the testimony to the great light to follow.

What is your life's testimony? Does it proclaim fidelity, honesty, generosity? If you had to name ten things you stand for, would any of them be holy? These are hard questions. If I pose them to myself, my answer is wishy-washy: depends on when you ask. Some days are less exemplary than others. Sometimes I'm a shining example of Christian virtue, and I wish my Mum were here to see me. Other times I'm grateful she isn't and wish no one was. John the Baptist, cousin of Jesus and the fruit of a miracle birth, may have had a head start on his testimony. Or maybe he had to work out all the bugs like the rest of us in the years before he turned up at the Jordan.

But the truth is: whatever our origins, they can't be an excuse for who we are or are not, "what we've done, or failed to do." John's desert voice summons me to train mine, to learn to present another clear testimony to the light. *GPBS eNews*

CHRISTMAS JOY

The Church calls this Gaudete Sunday, which means "rejoice." Gaudete Sunday always reminds me of Fezziwig. Fezziwig is a character in

Dickens' A Christmas Carol, a man from Scrooge's memory of Christmas Past. Fezziwig was a businessman who had hired the young Scrooge. He was a good man. A generous man. A man who hosted a wondrous Christmas feast at which family, friends, and employees alike shared in abundant food and wine and gifts and music and dancing. Fezziwig was a perfect counterpoint to what Scrooge had lately become: stingy, cramped, bitter, and small of heart.

Christmas puts the choice plainly before us: Will we choose to be like Fezziwig or Scrooge? Too many people have the idea that God is more likely to say, "Bah humbug!" than "welcome to the feast!" The prophet Zephaniah knows different. He predicts that "on that day ... the Lord your God will rejoice over you with gladness and renew you in God's love, God will sing joyfully because of you as one sings at festivals."

Can you imagine the Lord your God singing joyfully because of you? The almighty God belting out songs about you? Behold Fezziwig and he might just make a believer out of you.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(December 16 - 22)

- **Monday, 16:** Monday, 3rd week Advent (Num 24:2-7, 15-17; Mt 21:23-27)
- **Tuesday, 17:** Tuesday, 3rd week Advent (Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17)
- **Wednesday, 18:** Wednesday, 3rd week Advent (Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-24)
- **Thursday, 19:** Thursday, 3rd week Advent (Judges 13:2-7, 24-25; Lk 1:5-25)
- **Friday, 20:** Friday, 3rd week Advent (Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Saturday, 21:** Saturday, 3rd week Advent (Song 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45)
- **Sunday 22:** FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT (Micah 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-44)

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.