



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

THE NATIVITY OF
OUR LORD - YEAR C

*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



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

Ps 88:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29

*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

Ps 95:1-3, 11-13

*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
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COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 21 December, 2021)

- Places of Worship are restricted to 3 people per 4 square metres with social distancing of 1.5 metres. If more than 50 people are present, there must be an independent COVID Marshal. QR codes and/or handwritten logs are essential.
- Only 5 people to sit in a pew and there is to be no kneeling.
- Wearing of masks is mandatory, except when going to Communion. (A doctor's certificate must be produced on request, if claiming an exemption.)
- Attendees at indoor religious services may sing during worship and members of choirs or chorus groups may perform or rehearse indoors, if they wear masks while doing so.
- Obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage. You may wish to access: [Mass for You at Home – The official website of Mass For You At Home, Australia](#) online and on Channel 10 every Sunday at 6 am.

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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!*

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

Ps 97:1-6

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 2021

After nearly two years of the pandemic, we rejoice as the country slowly recovers and we regain our freedoms thanks to the great work of getting people vaccinated.

During this special season of thanking God for becoming one of us, let's reflect on how the God of love makes himself known to us in our daily lives.

Christmas is God coming to us in human form and showing us that we are loved inherently, abundantly and eternally. Jesus is the fullness of God's revelation of love for us and for all of creation. This means that no matter who we are: male or female, black or white, straight or gay, rich or poor, high or low, citizen or refugee, God's love embraces us and reverences us all.

We cannot worship the Christ child in truth without honouring him in the needy, the poor and marginalised. The incarnation also means that God has embraced the world and the cosmos. Jesus is not only God's yes to humans but God's yes to all forms of life.

We need a radical new way of relating and living that brings harmony and sustainability to all of life. We humans are part of the interconnected cosmic web of creation and we need to live a new paradigm of communion with all that is.

We must learn to envision a new economy that shifts away from consumption and exploitation to one that celebrates radical interdependence and reciprocity within diverse webs of life. Only by taking less from the earth can we move to an alternative model of living in radical harmony and deep connection with the planet.

The pandemic has highlighted how vulnerable and interconnected everyone is. If we do not take care of one another, we cannot heal the world.

Let us follow the footsteps of Jesus as we listen and respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

*Bishop Vincent Long - Parramatta
(excerpts from a longer message)*

MERRY CHRISTMAS