



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

The Nativity of the Lord -  
Year B

*A living, vibrant  
faith community*

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## VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

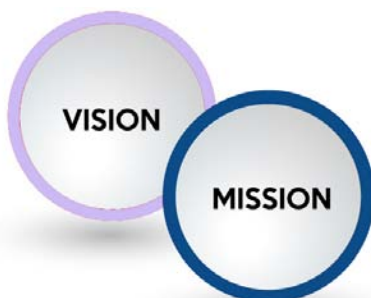
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

### 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.



### VIGIL MASS

*(celebrated during the afternoon  
or evening of 24<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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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## MASS TIMES

- **Victor Harbor** - Weekends - Saturday 6.00pm; Sunday 11.00am. Weekdays - Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.00am
- **Goolwa** - Weekend - Sunday 9.00am. Weekday - Wednesday 9.30am

## COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(Updated 14 December)

- Attendees at Mass must maintain social distancing of 1:2 sqm.
- Funerals are capped at 200 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- Weddings are capped at 200 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- No beverage or food consumption (ie cup of tea after Mass)
- Singing as a congregation is to be avoided.
- There should be no physical contact outside one's family or household group. There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- Every gathering must record contact details - either with the QR code for smart phones, or the handwritten log - both located at the entrance to the Church.
- Hand sanitizer is to be available at church entrance
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are encouraged not to attend.
- The obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage.

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## PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

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### • PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

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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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

## FR VINH'S

### 2020 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

What was the year 2020 with many natural disasters and Covid-19 pandemic?

As I reflect upon the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph. They had a hard time with many difficulties too.

Let us intimately share our current personal and global difficulties with Jesus. May we have strength to follow Jesus to the end.

May this year's Christmas celebration bring us peace.

May we encounter with Jesus as we move to 2021 with the presence of God: Emmanuel, God-is-with-us always.

God bless

Fr Vinh

## CHRISTMAS QUOTES

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

"Christmas is the day that holds all time together." (Alexander Smith)

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



## PASTORAL CARE

If you need a Priest for anointing of the sick or last rites contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).