



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

The PRESENTATION
of the LORD - 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

Malachi 3:1-4

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fullers' alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 23:7-10

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord.

1. O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! <R>
2. Who is the king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war. <R>
3. O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory. <R>
4. Who is he, the king of glory? He, the Lord or armies, he is the king of glory. <R>

SECOND READING

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 2:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

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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, Jeffery Family, Natalie Millar, Ann Tee, Bailey Smallacombe, Charlie Nicolson, Jane Lloyd, Eileen McCoe, 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 Tregagle, Greg Hope, Mairead Cummings, Maire Ryan, John McAuliffe, Meg Klecko, Stephen Vernon, Graham Blacket, Jo Andrews, Paul Fahey,

ANNIVERSARIES

Peter McInnes

PARISH COLLECTION 25th & 26th January

1st (Presbytery) \$1,348.40
2nd (Parish) \$1,203.75

VICTOR MORNING TEA February 5th

L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden
February 12th
A. Temme & M. Chalmers

VICTOR MEET & GREET February Saturdays

M. Farmer & E.O'Connell
February Sundays
R. Reid & L. Sunman

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

February C. Rivers

MORNING TEA

February T. Curtis, E. Bourne,
B. Hallion

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.
Claire Williams 0429 008 199

HOLY FATHER'S 2025 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY:



FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE:

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS COLUMN

We are updating our *Special Intentions Column*. If you would like to keep your name or that of a family member or friend in the list please text or email Pat Clingan by Tuesday 12th February or email: catholicvhg@bigpond.com or 0410 593 617

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Do you have your child, 10 years old or older? Please come to our first session on Thursday 6th Feb at 4.30pm in the Annex, Victor Harbor. For more information please contact Fr Vinh.

GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP

Sunday 5pm in the Annex
You are welcome to join this group to reflect on the Gospel of the day.
Phone Carol Sutherland. 0418 856 799.

CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY

We meet for Lectio Divina (Scripture Reflection) and meditation on Monday afternoons at 4.00. Please contact Anne Weygood for details. 0429 653 844.

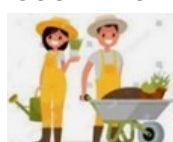
THE CENACLE

You are invited to join us in The Cenacle held every Wednesday at 9.30am in St Joan of Arc Church. We start by praying the Rosary, reading, meditating and reflecting on one of the messages given to Father Gobbi by Mary our Mother and making an act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
Gemma Woodhead 0492 849 414

ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB

will hold their first meeting of 2025 on Tuesday 11th February at 1.30pm in the Annex. All welcome.

GOOLWA GARDEN GROUP



will have their first clean up this Tuesday 4th February. All are welcome.

WELCOME TO OUR FIRST EDITION OF THE ENCOUNTER FOR 2025

The Encounter Team has been very grateful for the break over January. Our thanks to Gael Maloney who sent us the readings each week and continues to do so during the year. We hope she can continue sharing her cartoons!!! Can we ask once again for news of *special birthdays, wedding anniversaries or any other celebrations or parish news* that we can share in the Encounter.

SENIOR AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR

Christian Brother Thomas Oliver (Oily) Pickett has been named 2025 Senior Australian of the Year. Br Pickett, 84, co-founded Wheelchairs For Kids in 1996 to provide adjustable wheelchairs and occupational therapy expertise for children in developing countries. His volunteer-run organisation has built and fitted more than 60,000 custom-made wheelchairs for children in 80 countries. Wheelchairs For Kids is the largest volunteer-led charity in Western Australia with more than 250 retirees pitching in to help.

DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD APPEAL

8th and 9th February 2025

A special collection is being taken up next weekend in support of the work undertaken by *Birthing Pregnancy Support* and *Genesis Pregnancy Support Inc.*



The Day of the Unborn Child assists us to focus on those people in our families and communities who have experienced any sort of child-bearing loss, whether miscarriage, still-birth, the death of a baby soon after birth, or abortion. We thank you in anticipation for your generous support of those who work tirelessly with individuals and families who require these important resources and services.

WALK FOR LIFE NEXT SATURDAY

The Vicar General Fr Dean Marin is encouraging everyone to attend the upcoming 'Walk for Life' which will be held on Saturday, February 8th at Pennington Gardens, opposite St Peter's Cathedral, from 10am till 12 noon. This year's theme is "Love the Next Generation".

Please find information about one person's concern about abortion in Australia. www.drjoannahowe.com

COMORO WORKING GROUP REPORT

Members of our Working Group are making preparations for our **2025 GARAGE SALE ON THE LONG WEEKEND, 8TH MARCH**. Please think about what you might be able to donate. Arrangements for donations of goods are still being sorted out and will be announced soon. **Also, there is the possibility of a visit by a representative of our Sister Parish in the near future!**



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Feast Day 2nd February



At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an

unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations she describes is the Epiphany, the observance of Christ's birth, and the gala procession in honor of his Presentation in the Temple 40 days later. Under the Mosaic Law, a woman was ritually "unclean" for 40 days after childbirth, when she was to present herself to the priests and offer sacrifice—her "purification." Contact with anyone who had brushed against mystery—birth or death—excluded a person from Jewish worship. This feast emphasizes Jesus' first appearance in the Temple more than Mary's purification.

The observance spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the Church in the West celebrated Jesus' birth on 25th December, the Presentation was moved to 2nd February 40 days after Christmas. *Franciscan Media*

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN!!

Vinnies would once again like to thank you for your support for the Christmas Hamper drive with 76 hampers being handed out.

As well a big thank you for your support for residents of VICTORIA HOUSE I n Victor and IMMANUEL CENTRE in Goolwa. They were delighted with their gifts. Our thanks to our Vinnies' members who co-ordinated these projects.

THE VINNIES' CHRISTMAS APPEAL RAISED \$8,110.00 WHICH IS TRULY REMARKABLE.

So far this month the Vinnies have received 19 calls for assistance which is also high for this time of year.

A Vinnies' member collects money after each of our Masses if you would like to help during the year.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

We give a warm welcome to Piricy Bobby During the last three months, Piricy has attended Mass at St John the Apostle. She now resides in Pt Elliot and attends Mass at St Joan's.

THE 2025 JUBILEE YEAR IS HERE Pilgrims of Hope



This year, 2025, is a special year in the life of the Church – a Jubilee year, which is held every 25 years.

A Jubilee Year is like

going on a year-long retreat. It is time to take stock of ourselves and renew our commitment to God and to our faith. It can be a time of great grace in our lives and in our world.

Throughout the year there will be **special jubilee days** for various parts of the Church.

This Sunday we celebrate the Jubilee of Consecrated Religious Life.

Many of us were educated by the "nuns" and "brothers" who have played a vital role in Catholic Education in Australia. Before Government assistance they managed on what little their students could afford to give them. Religious still play an important role in the life of the Archdiocese.

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEATIFICATION OF MARY MACKILLOP



Beatified on 19th January 1995, by Pope John Paul II, Mary MacKillop was recognized for her

profound faith, compassion, and tireless dedication to education.

ST JOAN'S PASTORAL CARE GROUP

will meet on Saturday 8th February at 4.30pm in the Annex.

GOSPEL OF LUKE LEAD BY MARK WILCOCK

Goolwa will be showing the first of 4 video presentations of *Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled* by theologians Jeff Cavins & Dr Jeffrey Morrow. With *Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled*, you will discover how God has been faithful throughout the ages and how this can deepen your desire to draw closer to Jesus. The first session will be shown at 10am after Mass on Wednesday 5th February. For more details please take a flier from the front of the church.

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE AND THE HOLY LAND



THIS WEEK: 1st & 2nd February

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: T. White

R.1 J. Jeffery
R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: T. Hounslow

R. 1 L. Sunman
R. 2 W. Baker

EMHC M. Taylor

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: D. Huppatz

R. 1 P. Kennelly
R. 2 V. Scriver

EMHC T. Siciliano



NEXT WEEK: 8th & 9th February

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 C. Sutherland
R.2 A. Fawcner

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 T. Hounslow
R. 2 G. Ryan

EMHC P. O'Brien

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: J. Ryan

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

EMHC M. Ryan

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NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• **PARISH PRIEST**

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Email: Vinh2511@bigpond.com

• **PARISH MANAGERS**

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Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)
Email:
Parish_manager@bigpond.com

• **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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

• **PARISH TREASURER**

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)
Email: parish_treasure@bigpond.com

• **CHILD PROTECTION**

Child Protection Unit (8210 8159)
Goolwa (Cathy May 0401 584 237)
Victor Harbor (Office 8552 1084)

• **CSHW SA (Safety, Health, Welfare)**

Cathy May (0401 584 237)



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Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

MARY'S YES: HUMILITY AND SORROW AT THE TEMPLE

At the Presentation of the Lord, Mary showed her obedience to God's law.

Although she was the Mother of God, she did not seek special treatment. The law required a sacrifice, and Mary humbly followed this rule, bringing two doves to the Temple. Her actions show her deep humility and her willingness to submit to God's will in all things. Mary lived her life in obedience, even when she could have claimed a unique exception as the mother of the Messiah.

When Simeon saw Jesus, he spoke of the joy and the challenges ahead. He called Jesus a "sign of contradiction" and warned that many would oppose Him. Then he turned to Mary and said a "sword will pierce your own soul." This was a prophecy of Mary's future sorrow as she shared in her Son's suffering. This moment earned Mary the title "Our Lady of Sorrows." Simeon's words prepared her for the pain she would feel as she watched Jesus' life unfold, especially at the cross.

Mary's humility and submission at the Presentation of the Lord serve as a powerful example for Catholics today. Mary did not always understand what God was asking of her, but she said "yes" without hesitation. She trusted God's plan even when it meant difficulty or pain. In this way, Mary shows us how to surrender to God's will with faith. Catholics can look to her example in their own struggles, learning to say "yes" to God in their own lives. *young-catholics.com*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(03 - 09 February)

- **Monday, 03:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20)
- **Tuesday, 04:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43)
- **Wednesday, 05:** St Agatha (Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6)
- **Thursday, 06:** St Paul Miki and companions (Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13)
- **Friday, 07:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 4 (Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29)
- **Saturday, 08:** Saturday, Ord Time 4 (Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34)
- **Sunday, 09:** 5th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 6:1-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11)

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.