



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT - YEAR B

*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.



Advent Week One

Hope

FIRST READING

Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, 'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down! – at your Presence the mountains would melt.

No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each

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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, Bailey Smallacombe, Ann Tee, Charlie Nicolson, Jane Lloyd, Eileen McCoe, Len Peake, Neil Cumming, Dave Rivers, Clancy Retallick, Ann Hannagan, Mollie Davis, Cath Howard, Keith Fawkner, Trudi McNamara, Elizabeth Nance, Allen Odgers, Jan Henderson, Jesse Walker, Richard Eisenkoeck, Rose Munro, Bill Woodhead, Andrew Nichols, John Slagter

ANNIVERSARIES

Jim Huppatz, Frank Scriva, Reginald Meade

RECENTLY DECEASED

Margaret Wark, Chris McCarthy, Mon. Robert Aitken, Anna Pacitti.

PARISH COLLECTION
25th & 26th November

1st (Presbytery) \$ 813.40
2nd (Parish) \$ 976.00

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER
1st & 8th December

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons
15th & 22nd December
W. & J. Baker, F. Hanna

VICTOR MORNING TEA
3rd December

L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden
10th December
A. Williss & F. Hanna

VICTOR MEET & GREET
December Saturdays

M. Farmer & M. Tuckey
December Sundays
M. Cunningham, F. Harris

GOOLWA MEET & GREET
December J. McInnes

GOOLWA MORNING TEA

December A. Turner, S. Lee, R. Lee, T. Siciliano

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.
Claire Williams 0429 008 199

HOLY FATHER'S 2023 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER :

FOR PERSONS WITH

DISABILITIES: We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



LECTIO DIVINA 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.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS CARDS HAVE ARRIVED!

Be quick, only 10 packs at each end of our Parish. 10 cards per pack, \$5 a pack.

PACKING VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPERS:

Keep the Date

Can you help at St Joan's:
Tues. 12th December 9.30a.m.

Unpack donated food items.

Thursday 14th December 9.30a.m.

Pack hampers

Delivery drivers required

No need to RSVP. Thank you for your time!



DID YOU MISS YOUR CHANCE TO DONATE GOODS FOR CHRISTMAS

Vinnies Christmas Hampers:

Final Date: Sunday 10th December

Please place non-perishable food items in both churches Thank you!

VICTORIA HOUSE

Please see Meredith Cunningham and Margaret Chalmers (St Joan's) for a card to purchase a Christmas gift for a resident.

LONELINESS A GLOBAL HEALTH THREAT

The World Health Organisation has declared loneliness to be a pressing global health threat, with the US Surgeon General saying that its mortality effects are equivalent to smoking 15 cigarettes a day. Source: The Guardian.

“Loneliness transcends borders and is becoming a global public health concern affecting every facet of health, wellbeing and development. Social isolation knows no age or boundaries.”

The health risks are as bad as smoking up to 15 cigarettes a day, and even greater than those associated with obesity and physical inactivity.

Is there someone you can reach out to today?

GOOLWA CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Put the date in your diary.
10th December from 6.00 pm
Just \$10 a head to thank you all for your great support for the many projects we donate to.

Victor people welcome to join in.

KNIGHTS' BBQ THIS SUNDAY AFTER 9am MASS

**BEST QUALITY,
BEST VALUE
BEST CHEF IN THE AREA!!!**



GOOLWA GARDEN DAY

Tuesday 5th December
9.30 - 11.30 am. All help appreciated as we give our large grounds a final clean up before the holiday period.

DEFIBRILLATOR REFRESHER PRESENTATION

For Goolwa parishioners there will be a defibrillator refresher presentation to be held at the church on Wednesday 6th December at 10am after Mass. This will be run by Henry Cowell from St John Ambulance.

The presentation including Q&A session will last 30 to 45 minutes. We all need to be proficient in using the defibrillator as we never know when we will be called upon to use it or benefit from it.

Hope to see you all there.

Cathy May (OH&S Coordinator)

ADVENT



The new liturgical year marks the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. The entire Liturgy of the Advent season will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a 'vigilant' disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming: let us live this time of waiting not only to celebrate a historical memory but to repeat this memory in our lives and in the service of others. To wait for the Lord who comes, means to wait and to watch so that the Word of Love enters inside us and focuses us every day of our lives.

Catholic Culture

THANK YOU

Thanks to the kind people who helped Meredith search for lost Toyota car keys last Tuesday. A spare key has saved the day and a cavity in the kitchen wall is under suspicion.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT Yr. B
Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
 shine forth from Your cherubim throne.
 O Lord, rouse up Your might,
 O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, turn gain, we implore,
 look down from heaven and see.
 Visit this vine and protect it,
 the vine Your right hand has planted.

May Your hand be on the man you have
 chosen,
 the man You have given Your strength.
 And we shall never forsake You again:
 give us life that we may call upon Your
 name.



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Feast Day 8th December



Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her

conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Blessed Pope Pius IX proclaimed on December 8, 1854: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin." — *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

16 Days of Action Against Domestic Violence 25th Nov – 10th Dec

The 16 Days of Action Against Domestic Violence is an international campaign that seeks to address and combat domestic violence, which disproportionately affects women and marginalized communities. *We pray that you would give us courage to face this epidemic with all that we have. To make changes to education, implement early intervention and resource front-line responders. We ask that the Australian government will start to recognise this tragedy for what it is. Most importantly, we ask that your people would be the hands, feet, and voices for change. Amen.*

THE ADVENT WREATH - HOPE



The first candle, which is purple, symbolises hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ.

It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

What do you hope for this Christmas?

Tell God about it and ask for help.

What hills need to be levelled and valleys filled in your life, e.g., making up with a family member, friend or relative?

Make a start today.

Jesus, in the midst of our daily lives when the future looks bleak, help us to HOPE in your loving plan.

GOOD NEWS FROM COMORO

Over the past month 80 youths of Comoro Parish came together to cement the surface of the futsal* court at Beto Multifunction Centre. All handmade on the weekends. These young men were given a small wage and some food for their efforts. And then the money goes into the community as well.



Interviews have been conducted for a coordinator and a facilitator for the Learning Centre and will be selected soon.

So in Timor-Leste our contributions are being well utilized to assist the youth and disadvantaged of our Sister Parish. It will be an ongoing story. The Comoro Group will soon get together to plan for the future of our co-operative relationship.

* Futsal is a high intensity, fast paced, dynamic, non-violent and enjoyable 5-a-side version of football. Futsal is played on a smaller, hard-court surface and usually indoors, making it the perfect sport for all weather conditions.

Football Federation Australia

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT VICTOR HARBOR

The Anglican choir of St. Peter's Cathedral will be singing carols at the Newlands church at 7.00 pm on Thursday 14th December. Admission is free but a donation to the Children's Chaplaincy Service to State Schools would be appreciated.

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE



THIS WEEK 2nd & 3rd DECEMBER

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 J. Ryan

R.2 S. Duong

EMHC M. Farmer

Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 T. Hounslow

R. 2 P. Clingan

EMHC P. O'Brien

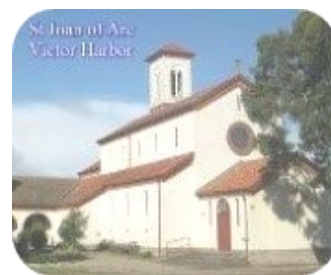
GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: M. O'Halloran

R. 1 M. Mulvihill

R. 2 R. Lee

EMHC A. Turner



NEXT WEEK 9th & 10th DECEMBER

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 J. Jeffery

R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 K. Dudley

R. 2 F. Hanna

EMHC P. Clingan

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R. 1 M. Freeborn

R. 2 D. Huppatz

EMHC M. Ryan

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA
NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

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• **PARISH MANAGERS**

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• **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)



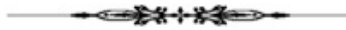
COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(*Current from 01/12/23*)

- If you have tested positive for COVID-19, please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact.

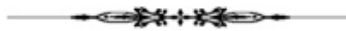
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with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - PEACE

After a tumultuous year, there is comfort to be found when we pause to read, pray, and reflect over the course of the Advent season in which believers eagerly anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth. This first Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to centre our thoughts on hope.



SLOW DOWN, YOU'RE MOVING TOO FAST

"So, stay at your post, watching. You have no idea when the homeowner is returning, whether evening, midnight, cockcrow, or morning. You don't want anyone showing up unannounced, with you asleep on the job. I say it to you, and I'm saying it to all: Stay at your post. Keep watch!" (Mark 13:35-37)

Like so many others before and after me, when I was in university I discovered the power of caffeine. I could stay up all night and prepare for an exam. With my photographic memory it was just a matter of going over the material enough times to imprint it in my brain. The combination of NoDoz and strong espresso did the trick for a factual kind of exam. But, if the test meant using my cognitive abilities or writing an essay, I was in trouble. My mind would race too quickly for me to sort things out. It would have been easier to have rested before those exams.

Advent begins with the encouragement to stay awake and be ready for the coming of our saviour. There are no short cuts or artificial ways to do this. And we have only four weeks (actually three this year!) to prepare ourselves. It's a short period of time, especially when we are ironically so

busy with all the preparations for what we are trying to celebrate.

So what are we to do? We need to take the time to remember why we have all these traditions: the tree, ornaments, presents, parties – all of this must be put in their context. We can either walk through them like we are asleep, or become frantic and overstimulated by it all. Or we can make the conscious choice as Advent begins to pray and reflect on what the birth of Jesus means to us and to our world and how we can make the presence of Jesus more real for ourselves, our loved ones, and people of good will. Today we have the time. But we know how quickly this time will pass.

Go from here, as people ready to follow God's way:

- We are ready to welcome a faithful change in our daily routine.
- We are ready to see local families reflected in the image of the struggling holy family.
- We are ready to say, "It can be done".
- We are ready to overcome prejudice with acceptance.
- We are ready to live as if the coming few days were the biblical last days.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(*4 - 10 December*)

- **Monday, 4:** Monday of 1st week Advent (Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11)
- **Tuesday, 5:** Tuesday of 1st week Advent (Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24)
- **Wednesday, 6:** Wednesday of 1st week Advent (Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37)
- **Thursday, 7:** St Ambrose (Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27)
- **Friday, 8:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Saturday, 9:** Saturday of 1st week Advent (Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 6-8)
- **Sunday 10:** Second Sunday of Advent (Is 40:1-5m 9-11; 2 Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8)

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.