



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT - YEAR A

*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

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together, with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

*Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.*

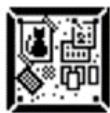
1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. <R>
2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. <R>
3. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. <R>
4. May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. <R>

SECOND READING

Romans 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus,

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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)

Graham Blacket, Paul Fahey,
John Tregeagle, Betty Berry,
Geoff & Rose Munro, Mark Kelly,
Tommy & Eileen McCoe, Mairead & Neil Cummings,
Mary Ferguson, Pat Mezzino,
Pat Chigwidden, Robyn Kelly,
Stephen Chalmers, Lourdes Carle,
Sandy Lee, Tony Mawdsley,
Janet Murray, Claire Galpin,
Rosene Edwards, Shaun Edwards

ANNIVERSARIES

Dan Kennelly, Chris McCarthy,
Jim Huppatz, Reginald Meade,
Frank Scriva

ANNIVERSARIES – JANUARY

Keith Fawcner

PARISH COLLECTION 29th & 30th November

1st (Presbytery) \$988.35
2nd (Parish) \$1559.00

VICTOR MORNING TEA 7th December

F. Hanna & L. McCallum

14th December

E. Dabinett & Y. Rogers

VICTOR MEET & GREET December Saturdays

M. Tuckey

December Sundays

R. Reid & A. Rose

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

December

P. Kennelly

MORNING TEA

December

A. Turner, R. Lee

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.

Claire Williams 0429 008 199

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE and

THE
HOLY
LAND



HOLY FATHER'S 2025 PRAYER INTENTIONS:

FOR DECEMBER: For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - FAITH



The second candle, also purple, represents FAITH.

It is sometimes called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. Mary and Joseph would have been feeling apprehensive about the journey to Bethlehem in the midst of winter. What was God thinking?

*Sometimes we wonder where God is in our lives,
in our world. What are you doing Lord? Where are you in all of this?
Lord increase our faith.*

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - Feast Day 8th December



That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Blessed Pope Pius IX proclaimed on the 8th December 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

2025 VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPERS - CAN YOU HELP?

Tuesday 16th December 9.30am St Joan's Annex to unpack donated food items

Thursday 18th December 9.30am St Joan's Annex to pack Christmas Hampers.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

'While Christmas is meant to be the happiest time of the year, it's become a financially stressful time for three in five (59 percent) Australians,' said the Society's National President, Mark Gaetani.

ENVELOPES IN THE PORCHES OF OUR CHURCHES



LAST CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS FOR

RAFFLE FOR COMORO with FOUR EXCITING PRIZES

including a basket of goodies from Terry White Chemists.

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and sold after Mass.

CHALICE

The Archbishop wants to bring back the Chalice during Mass. Our parish has expressed our interest in having communion with both bread and wine. In the New Year our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be trained and be ready to distribute communion with the host and chalice.

THANK YOU

Our thanks to the **St Joan's Social Club** for a very enjoyable Christmas meal last Friday evening. 73 people attended, one of our biggest gatherings so far. Our thanks to those Goolwa parishioners who so generously attended.

ANNIVERSARIES FOR JANUARY

We will not be publishing our centre pages of the Encounter during January.

If you would like to include anniversaries of loved ones that occur in January please let us know their names and we will include them this month.

Thank you. Phone or text Fran 0415 124 010.

RENEW YOUR REQUEST FOR NAMES IN SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Names in the Special Intentions column will be deleted at the end of December.

If you would like to keep names in the column or add others please give names in writing to Pat or Elaine at Victor or Rosemary at Goolwa or you can text Fran on 0415 124 010. Thank you.

Bulletin Board



45 CLUB WINNERS FOR THE BIG \$150 PRIZE WERE JOHN AND WENDY BAKER, WITH SECOND PRIZE OF \$50 GOING TO MAARINA OHALLORAN. MANY THANKS TO ALL PLAYERS WHO SUPPORTED US DURING THE YEAR.

GOOLWA NEWS. MANY THANKS to Vivi for her inspiring Advent display as you enter the Church at Goolwa, as well as her display of more Comoro photos. Also to John and Charlie for looking after the Christmas display in the Church, as well as to Henry for installing the plaque for Bill Longworth which will be unveiled officially after Mass next Sunday.

KNIGHTS SAY THANK YOU to Pat and all at St Joan's Social Club for their wonderful donation to our branch of \$1000 which we will donate to Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Whilst doing the Christmas tree display we noticed that the baptismal font at Goolwa was also donated back in 1988 by the St Joan's Social Club for the then opening of the new church.

A great thing when we work as one in our two Mass communities.

**KNIGHTS BBQ AFTER MASS SUNDAY AT GOOLWA.
A SELL OUT LAST TIME. LET'S DO IT AGAIN!**

MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS

Meeting on Wednesday 10th December at 9.30am followed by morning tea.

VINNIES' MEETING

Thursday 11th December 9.30am at Victor.
Christmas break-up morning tea.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

GOOLWA: Christmas Eve **5.00pm**
Christmas Day **8.30am**

VICTOR: Christmas Eve **7.00pm**
Christmas Day **10.30am**



NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

GOOLWA: 6.00pm New Year's Eve
VICTOR: 10.00am New Year's Day

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2026 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

A parish pastoral council's duties are to assist the parish priest by acting as a consultative and planning body. Members work towards community building, fostering spiritual growth, developing pastoral plans and supporting parishioners. *Don't forget you can always talk to one of our PPC members at any time.*

New Office Holders:

Anne Fawcner: Chairperson
Paul Kennelly: Vice-Chairperson
Marilyn Freeborn: Secretary

Continuing members: Pat Clingan (Parish Manager), John Buchan, John Dunthorne, Robin Reid, Stephen Muller, Sue McCarthy, Rose Mulraney (Vision and Mission Statement Co-Ordinator)

New members: Trish Riding, Ken Bradley, Paul Mulraney.

**Thank you all for volunteering to be part of this important group in our parish.
May the Holy Spirit be with you in all your deliberations.**

THIS WEEK: 6th & 7th December

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 C. Huppertz
R.2 J. Jeffery
EMHC A. Fawcner

Sunday 11am

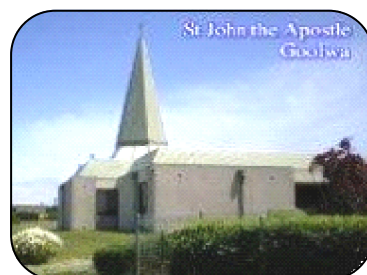
Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 K. Dudley
R. 2 P. O'Brien
EMHC P. Clingan

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R1 R. Lee
R2 E. Bourne
EMHC M. Ryan



NEXT WEEK: 13th & 14th December

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: A. Fawcner

R.1 L. Blacket
R.2 C. Allen
EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 W. Baker
R. 2 A. Rose
EMHC J. Baker

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R1 M. O'Halloran
R2 Michael Riddle
EMHC T. Siciliano

**VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA
CATHOLIC PARISH**
NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• **PARISH PRIEST**

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in an emergency - 0429 098 802)
Email: Vinh2511@bigpond.com

• **PARISH MANAGER**

Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)
(Monday & Thursday: 10am - 12 noon)
Email: Parish_manager@bigpond.com

• **PARISH ENCOUNTER**

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

• **INTEGRITY & SAFEGUARDING**

We are a safeguarding Organisation which is committed to the care, well-being and protection of children, young people and adults at risk.

- Andy Nicholls
(VH/G contact - 0475 893 521 or andrewnicholls6@gmail.com)
- Integrity and Safeguarding Dept
(8210 8150 - select Option 2)
- CSHW SA (Work, Health and Safety) please contact Jim Dabinett



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so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: All people shall see the salvation of God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

*A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.*

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire.

I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

KIDS' CORNER

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you. (Romans 15:7)

No matter what happens, God will never stop loving you. That's true not only for you, but for everyone else too. God shares his love with each one of us, and it's a gift that will never be taken away. That's why God asks us to love one another. It wouldn't make sense of exclude or hurt someone God loves.

We all belong to God's family. We all share the gift of God's presence that God has planted in our hearts. Imagine how much better things would be for everyone if we loved others as God loves us.

Loving God, please help me share your love with others.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(08 - 11 December)

- **Monday, 08:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Gen 3:9-15, 20; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Tuesday, 09:** Tuesday, 2nd week Advent (Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14)
- **Wednesday, 10:** Wednesday, 2nd week Advent (Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30)
- **Thursday, 11:** Thursday, 2nd week Advent (Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15)
- **Friday, 12:** Friday, 2nd week Advent (Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19)
- **Saturday, 13:** St Lucy (Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:10-13)
- **Sunday 14:** Third Sunday, Advent (Is 35:1-6, 10; James 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11)

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.