



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING
OF THE UNIVERSE - 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

2 Samuel 5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 121:1-5

*Let us go rejoicing to the
house of the Lord.*

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
"Let us go to God's house." And
now our feet are standing within
your gates, O Jerusalem. <R>
2. Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact. It is there that
the tribes go up, the tribes of the
Lord. <R>
3. For Israel's law it is, there to
praise the Lord's name. There
were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. <R>

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:12-20

We give thanks to the Father who has
made it possible for you to join the
saints and with them to inherit the
light.

Because that is what he has done: he
has taken us out of the power of
darkness and created a place for us in
the kingdom of the Son that he loves,
and in him, we gain our freedom, the
forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation, for in
him were created all things in heaven
and on earth: everything visible and
everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities,
Powers – all things were created
through him and for him. Before
anything was created, he existed, and
he holds all things in unity. Now the
Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to
be born from the dead, so that he
should be first in every way; because
God wanted all perfection to be found
in him and all things to be reconciled
through him and for him, everything
in heaven and everything on earth,
when he made peace by his death on
the cross.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 11:9,10

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Blessed is he who inherits the
kingdom of David our father; blessed
is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Luke 23:35-43

The people stayed there before the
cross watching 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 McCoey,
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, Dorothy Higgins,
Reginald Meade, Frank Scriva

RECENTLY DECEASED

Fred Tee

PARISH COLLECTION 15th & 16th November

1st (Presbytery) \$1069.00
2nd (Parish) \$1007.75

VICTOR MORNING TEA 23rd November

F. Hanna & V. Coffey

30th November

W. Baker & F. Hanna
VICTOR MEET & GREET

November Saturdays

H. Anderson

November Sundays

R. Reid & F. Harris

GOOLWA MEET & GREET November

R. Lee

MORNING TEA

November

V. Scriva, C. Rivers,

P. Stone, P. Lowe

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 NOVEMBER. For the prevention of suicide. Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community and be open to the beauty of life.

2025 VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Parishioners are invited to bring non-perishable food to place in the Christmas Boxes in both Churches until Sunday 14th December.



CONGRATULATIONS

to Fritz Maranon who made his

First Communion last Sunday.

A wonderful moment in Fritz's journey of faith.

JUDY SORENSON - OUR QUIET ACHIEVER

Judy (St Joan's) was recently presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by the Salvation Army for the beanies she knits for the homeless.

She has knitted 76 beanies since February!! Judy previously knitted clothes for disadvantaged children and sent baby clothes to Papua New Guinea.

Thank you Judy for your generosity. *Fleurieu Sun*

VINNIES' CHRISTMAS CARDS

Now on sale, \$8 per pack of 10.

This year's lovely designs reflect the true meaning of Christmas.

Columban Calendars also available for \$11.00

"ZONTA SAYS NO TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN"



ZONTA FOUNDATION in 16 Days of Activism with various events around the Fleurieu starting on 25th November with the *International Day for the Elimination of*

Violence Against Women and ending on 10th December with *Human Rights Day*.

The Zonta Club of the Fleurieu Peninsula is having a movie night at the Victa Cinema in Ocean St, Victor Harbor on Monday 1st December at 6.30 pm, as their major activity to raise awareness for this year's 16 Days of Activism campaign.

Tickets are \$25 each, which includes a glass of bubbly or juice, and snacks.

You need to book online at

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1478689>

There will be raffle and door prizes drawn on the night.

All money raised goes towards our Women's Health Projects.

Our thanks to parishioners Colleen Pearsons and Anita Williss who are members of Zonta and involved in this important work on behalf of women.

REMINDERS

There are boxes in our churches for gifts for Victoria House and Emmanuel Care. Show your care by donating this Christmas

ADVENT TEA at

Redeemer Lutheran Church invites everyone to their Advent Tea on Sunday 30th November from 6-9pm at St John the Apostle Church Goolwa.

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CHRISTMAS DINNER 2025

*Step through the Christmas Arch into our
Social Club Christmas Dinner
at St Joan's on Friday 28th November at 6.00pm.
Start the Christmas Season with wonderful
company, food and BYO drinks and glass.
Always a great night.*

Organise your table or if you prefer we can do it for you.

The cost is the same as last year ...

*\$20 per head for turkey, ham and salad dinner with
Christmas pudding and custard or fruit salad and ice cream.*

*There will be a Christmas Hamper raffle and
maybe the chocolate wheel.*

*Ring or text Pat Clingan before 21st November
with your numbers and money on 0410 593 617.*

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS IN GOOLWA

SUNDAY DEC 7TH FROM 6PM.

Cold meats and salad will be supplied. BYO drinks and glasses.
Our choir group will provide some Christmas carols to sing along
with. As this is a night conducted by the Knights where we wish
to show our appreciation for support given during the year from all our parish.

The price to join us is just \$10 per head.

We encourage parishioners to attend each others' Christmas celebrations.



THE KNIGHTS' HAVE MADE A DECISION NOT TO HOLD THEIR CHRISTMAS RAFFLE. THE COMORO RAFFLE WILL CONTINUE.



**RAFFLE FOR COMORO
with FOUR EXCITING PRIZES**
including a basket of goodies from
Terry White Chemists

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5
Sold after Mass

45 Club Winner last Saturday was David Wilkinson with ticket No. 25.

Next Saturday is the last draw for the \$25 prize.

The following week will be the last draw for the \$25 prize.

The following week will be the big draw with the first supplementary

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - NEW MEMBERS WANTED



The work of the Council is a vital one. It is to oversee the Parish
Vision and Mission statement as well as the general running of the
parish. Parishioners who may be interested in joining the Council
please contact Pat or Fr Vinh at Victor or Paul or Marilyn at Goolwa.

RETREATS

Father Vinh is on his annual Retreat this week. As well, six of our parishioners are going to
Sevenhill on a two day retreat. Keep them all in your prayers.

THIS WEEK: 22nd & 23rd
November

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: T. White

R.1 M. Mulvihill
R.2 C. Sutherland
EMHC J. Jeffery

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. Clingan

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

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: V. Scriva

R1 P. Kennelly
R2 A. Cowley
EMHC T. Siciliano



NEXT WEEK: 29th & 30th
November

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

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

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 A. Rose
R. 2 G. Ryan
EMHC P. O'Brien

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R1 M. Freeborn
R2 M. Mulvihill
EMHC R. Austin

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

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• **PARISH PRIEST**

Fr Vinh-Quang Tran (8552 1084;
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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As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

HOPE IN THE CARPARK

Hannah sat alone in her parked car outside the parish after-school program, gripping the steering wheel. She'd just picked up her son, Caleb, who had been suspended earlier that day for swearing at a teacher. He was now silent in the back seat, staring out the window, refusing to talk. Everything inside Hannah felt heavy – embarrassment, frustration, worry. She wondered where she had gone wrong, and whether anyone at church would even look at her the same way again.

Just then, someone tapped on her window. It was Tom who ran the after-school program, holding a small bag of leftover afternoon-tea biscuits. He smiled, as if he'd been expecting her. "Rough day?" he asked gently. She nodded, unable to speak. Caleb wouldn't meet his eyes.

Tom crouched down beside the open car door. "You know," he said, "in the Gospel, there's a man who turns to Jesus at the very end of a very messy life. He says, 'Remember me.' And Jesus doesn't shame him. He doesn't lecture him. He just says, 'Today you will be with me.' That's the kind of God we have."

Caleb finally looked up, eyes wet. "Even if I've stuffed up?" he whispered.

"Especially then," Tom replied.

Something softened in Hannah – like a knot loosening. They weren't being judged. They weren't being written off. They were being remembered.

Caleb reached for the bag of biscuits. Hannah let out a breath she didn't know she was holding. It wasn't a fix. It wasn't all better. But it was hope. And for that moment, it was enough.

GPBS eNews

ADVENT



Advent is the season of new beginnings. A new liturgical year begins on the First Sunday of Advent (next Sunday - 30 November) and it beckons to us with images of transformation and hope. It is the season of the impossible becoming possible. In the scriptures we read of the dry, barren wilderness bursting into bloom; of broken hearts healing; of a barren woman and a young virgin both conceiving children. It is the season of longing and light. Week by week, candles are lit on the Advent wreath signifying our longing for the light of Christ, as the time of his birth draws near.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(24 - 30 November)

- **Monday, 24:** Sts Andrew Dũng-Lac and companions (Dan 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4)
- **Tuesday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 34 (Dan 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11)
- **Wednesday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 34 (Dan 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19)
- **Thursday, 27:** Weekday, Ord Time 34 (Dan 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28)
- **Friday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 34 (Dan 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33)
- **Saturday, 29:** Weekday, Ord Time 34 (Dan 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36)
- **Sunday 30:** FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT (Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44)

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.