



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD -
YEAR A

*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.

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



*(These readings are those for during
the morning on Christmas Day)*

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness, proclaims salvation, and tells Zion, 'Your God is king!'

Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, they shout for joy together, for they see the Lord face to face, as he returns to Zion.

Break into shouts of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord is consoling his people, redeeming Jerusalem.

The Lord bares his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:1-6

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

SECOND READING

Heb 1:1-6

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to

inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father, or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

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

Jn 1 1-18

In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men,

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS (These names will be removed after one month. To keep names on this list please contact Parish Office)

John Wallace, Claire Hamish, Bob Willis, Jeffery Family, Bailey Smallacombe, Ann Tee, Peter Harris, Josephine Proctor, Rita Sullivan, Charlie Nicolson, Paula Collinson, June Lloyd, Eileen McCoey, Len Peake, Ron & Patrine Harris, Vin Slattery, Neil Cumming, Clancy Retallick, Ann & Kevin Hannagan, Mollie Davis, Jutta Millar, Cath Howard, Keith Fawkner, Campbell Smallacombe, Trudi McNamara, Elizabeth Nance, Allen Odgers

ANNIVERSARIES

Jim Clingan, Laurence Hanna

RECENTLY DECEASED

Brian Ferrari

PARISH COLLECTION 17th & 18th December

1st (Presbytery) \$976.95
2nd (Parish) \$1,066.25

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 30th December & 6th January

W. & J. Baker & F. Hanna
7th & 8th December
M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

VICTOR MORNING TEA

No morning tea on Christmas or New Year's Day.

VICTOR MEET & GREET December Saturday

M. Farmer & M. Tuckey

December Sunday

R. Reid, W. Baker

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

December

K. & A. Fawkner

MORNING TEA

December

A. Turner, R. Austin, G. Kennedy, J. Henderson

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday

Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2022

PRAYER INTENTIONS

DECEMBER: For Volunteer not-for profit organisations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations, committed to human development, find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international co-operation.

MASS TIMES FOR NEW YEAR WEEKEND

New Year's Eve - Saturday 31st Dec.

6.00pm Victor Harbor

New Year's Day - Sunday 1st Jan. 2023

9.00am Goolwa and

11.00am Victor Harbor

There will be no cuppa/bbq after Mass for Christmas and New Year.

RECYCLING BONANZA!

Thank you to all in the recycling of



aluminium team!

In Goolwa - Jan Henderson,

Ingrid Johannson,

Lennie Longworth,

Anne Fawkner, Marie Ryan and

Kaye O'Shea. In Victor - Fran Hanna,

Anne Temme and Wendy Baker.

This has been a most amazing collection ever - 4 kgs! And for aluminium that's lots. We collected \$6. But there is more! Some have also brought in 91 recyclable bottles which added to our total this half yearly sum with a grand total of \$15.10 and very importantly less in waste and more for caring for our shared home. Thank you everyone.

Rosemary Austin

A reminder that in Victor aluminium can be deposited in the flower room.

THE SOUTHERN CROSS – FREE DECEMBER EDITION FOR CHRISTMAS

Please note that the December edition of the Southern Cross is free. There are still copies available in our Church porches.

There will be no edition of *The Southern Cross* published in January.

Thank you for your support in 2022 and a happy Christmas and New Year from the Catholic Communications team.

Jenny Brinkworth, Editor Southern Cross.

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP O'REGAN



In his annual Christmas message, Catholic Archbishop of Adelaide Patrick O'Regan has reminded us that even in our darkest times,

Christ came into the world to "light our way toward justice and peace".

"After another year of difficulty at home and abroad we shall soon gather once more to remember the birth of a child filled with hope and promise.

"Hope is important in times such as ours where families struggle with the cost of living, some homeless and suffering hunger; where climate change threatens the gift of God's creation. We look across the globe with concern at battles that rage in Ukraine.

"At such times it can feel as if we are alone, that nobody stands behind us.

Yet into that fear, into that darkness comes the Promised One, the light who is Christ, the light which becomes the light that lights our way toward justice and peace."

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND NEW YEAR GOOD WISHES TO OUR COMORO SISTER PARISH! IN TETUM LANGUAGE



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

APPEAL FOR ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY AT CHRISTMAS MASSES

The Otherway Centre in Stepney is the home of the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (ACM). Money raised from the Christmas Day Appeal helps fund activities that bring the community together and provide vital healing and yarning opportunities to strengthen cultural and spiritual connections.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, Christmas

"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us..." JOHN 1:14

God made us to be in relationship with Him. He loves each of us individually. Christmas isn't about the material gifts we receive, it's about the love that God, Our Father, gave us by giving us His Son, Jesus.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM
The NATIVITY of the LORD, YR. A

VIGIL MASS

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through all ages.'

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of Your face,
who find their joy every day in Your name,
who make Your justice the source of their bliss.

'He will say to me: "You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me."
I will keep my love for Him always;
for Him my covenant shall endure.'

AT THE MASS DURING THE DAY

*All the ends of the earth have seen the
saving power of God.*

Sing a new song to the Lord
for He has worked wonders.
His right hand and His holy arm
have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known His salvation;
has shown His justice to the nations
He has remembered His truth and love
for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord.

GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY!

*"Joy is the true gift of
Christmas. We can give the
gift of this joy simply, with a
smile, a kind gesture, a little
help, forgiveness. And the joy
we give will surely come back
to us. Let us pray that this presence of
liberating joy shines forth in our lives."*



NATIVITY SCENE

The representation of the scene of the
Nativity is a tradition that is
almost a thousand years
old.



In the year 1223

St Francis decided to celebrate the feast of
Christmas in a new way. His aim was to
help people to better call to mind the poor
surroundings in which Jesus was born and
to make the wondrous event of the
incarnation more real to the people of the
time. In the town of Greccio, with the help
of a local landowner, a nativity scene was
set up with a stable, animals and
straw. *People came at night from the
town with candles and torches to attend
holy Mass by the crib and seeing the
scene, be reminded of God's love for us
in sending his only son to be born in
the poverty of a manger.*

THE HOLY FAMILY

Feast Day 30th December



Scripture tells us
practically nothing about
the first years and the
boyhood of the Child
Jesus. All we know are
the facts of the sojourn in
Egypt, the return to
Nazareth, and the
incidents that occurred
when the twelve-year-old

boy accompanied his parents to
Jerusalem. In her liturgy the Church hurries
over this period of Christ's life. The general
breakdown of the family, however, at the
end of the past century and at the
beginning of our own, prompted the popes,
especially the far-sighted Leo XIII, to
promote the observance of this feast with
the hope that it might instil into Christian
families something of the faithful love and
devoted attachment that characterize the
family of Nazareth. The primary purpose of
the promotion of this feast is to present the
Holy Family as the model and exemplar of
all Christian families. *Catholic Culture*

THIS WEEK 24th&25th December

**VICTOR HARBOR Saturday
Christmas Eve 6.00pm**

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 L. Blacket
R.2 A. Fawkner

E.M. E. O'Connell, M. Farmer,
E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 10.00am Christmas Day

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 K Dudley
R. 2 T. Hounslow

E.M. J. Baker

**GOOLWA Saturday 4.30pm
Christmas Eve**

Commentator: P. Kennelly

R. 1 J. Henderson
R. 2 G. Byrne

E.M. R. Austin, C. May,
S. Mueller

Sunday-Christmas Day 8.30am

Commentator: M. O'Halloran

R1 E. Bourne
R. 2 L. Healey

E.M. A. Turner

NEXT WEEK 31st Dec/1st Jan

**VICTOR HARBOR Saturday
New Year's Eve 6.00pm**

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 L. Blacket
R.2 A. Fawkner

E.M. E. O'Connell

Sunday 11.00am New Year's Day

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 K Dudley
R. 2 A. Williss

E.M.

GOOLWA 9.00am New Year's Day

Commentator: M. Freeborn

R. 1 D. Huppatz
R. 2 J. Ryan

E.M. M. Ryan

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 22/12/22)

- If you have tested positive for COVID-19, please follow the SA Health instructions in regard to isolating and other government health protocols. Stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- The density requirement has been updated to full capacity in all churches and also includes funerals and weddings.
- Wearing of face-masks in Church is recommended. (Show you care and wear a mask.)
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home and not attend services.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.

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• PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

• PARISH TREASURER

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• CHILD PROTECTION

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a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself.

The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John appears as his witness, He proclaims: 'This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me.'

Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received – yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.

No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

CHRISTMAS READINGS

- **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25
- **Night:** Is 9:1-7; Titus 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
- **Dawn:** Is 62:11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
- **Day:** Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18



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.

FR VINH'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



Christmas is very imminent, I wish you and your family a blessed and safe Christmas and New Year. May the year 2023 bring us with many blessings.

Thank you for your actively participating and involving in our parish.

In looking back, one event stood out was our Annual General Assembly (AGA) with 95 parishioners attended. This event among many other parish activities brought our parish together. Let us continue to work, to identify and to celebrate what we will achieve in 2023.

May God continue to bless you and your family in 2023. I wish that we all experience Jesus the Emanuel, God is with us.

Fr Vinh-Quang Tran

WEEKDAY READINGS

(26 December - 01 January)

- **Monday, 26:** St Stephen (Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22)
- **Tuesday, 27:** St John (Is 7:10-14; Jn 20:2-8)
- **Wednesday, 28:** The Holy Innocents, (1 Jn 1:5 - 2:2; Mt 2:13-18)
- **Thursday, 29:** 5th day in Octave of the Nativity (1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35)
- **Friday, 30:** The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23)
- **Saturday, 31:** 7th day in Octave of the Nativity (1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18)
- **Sunday 01:** MARY, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD (Num 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21)