



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT -  
YEAR C

*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



### FIRST READING

*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.’

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Ps 84:8*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14*

*To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.*

### SECOND READING

*1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2*

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

### GOSPEL

*Luke 21:25-28, 34-36*

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken.

And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

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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)

Barbara Bond, John Wallace, Claire Hamish, Barry Wilks, Brian Smallacombe, Bob Willis, Bailey Smallacombe, Ann Tee Peter Harris, Josephine Proctor, Charlie Nicolson, Bette Higgins, Paula Collinson, June Lloyd, Emily Slattery, Eileen McCoey, Carmen Kernahan, West Family Margaret & Len Peake, Ron Harris

### ANNIVERSARIES

Francesco (Frank) Scriva

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Jim Huppatz.

### PARISH COLLECTION 20th & 21st November

1st (Presbytery) \$880.30  
2nd (Parish) \$1341.40

### VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 3rd December

W. & J. Baker

### 10th & 17th December

P. & J. Mezzino

### VICTOR MORNING TEA 28th November

A. Williss & R. Reid

### 5th December

M. Cunningham & J. Andrews

### VICTOR MEET & GREET November Saturdays

M. Farmer & E. O'Connell

### November Sundays

L. Sunman F. Harris

### GOOLWA MEET & GREET November

C. Rivers

### ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday

Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

### THE HOLY FATHER'S 2021



### PRAYER INTENTIONS: NOVEMBER

#### Universal intention: The

**Church.** We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find

support and a light that opens them up to life.

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### AN INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHRISTMAS EVENT AT ST JOAN'S



**Come along and welcome members of other churches to an evening of Scripture readings and Carols.**

**The last time we celebrated this event members of other churches remarked on our wonderful hospitality.**

**Let's welcome them again.**

**Where: St Joan's**

**When: Friday 10th December, 7.00pm.**

### DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

We are putting together Christmas hampers



to distribute to people in need and would appreciate any non-perishable items.

Please leave donations

in the boxes in the church up until Sunday 12th December so that we can prepare the hampers to deliver close to Christmas.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support!

### COMORO MONSTER SALE

The Comoro working group on behalf of the

entire parish would like to thank the **Goolwa Bakery** for their ongoing donations and the



**Goolwa Central Meats** for

their sponsorship of our Sausage Sizzle at the Monster Sale.

### FEAST DAYS FOR THE WEEK

Nov. 30th St Andrew, apostle

Dec. 3rd St Francis Xavier, priest

### WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY NOVEMBER 21st

#### A Better Future for Every Child

In the aftermath of World War II, the plight of Europe's children was grave, and a new agency created by the United Nations stepped in to provide food and clothing and health care to these children. In



1953, **UNICEF** (United Nations Children's Fund) became a permanent part of the UN.

Today, the agency works in more than 190 countries and territories, focusing special effort on reaching the most vulnerable and excluded children, to the benefit of all children, everywhere.

#### Food for thought:

The age of criminal responsibility is the age in which a child is considered by law to have understood that their actions were wrong and can face criminal charges. All Australian states and territories have this age set at only 10 years old. This means that across Australia, police have the power to arrest, strip-search and imprison children who are only 10. Many groups in Australia are working to change this law.

<https://www.amnesty.org.au/>

### Child Protection Unit

Catholic Diocesan Centre

39 Wakefield Street

ADELAIDE 5000 SA

P: (08) 8210 8231

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### CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

#### Friday 24th December - Vigil

Goolwa - 4.30pm

Victor Harbor - 6.00pm

#### Saturday 25th December - Christmas Day

Goolwa - 8.30am

Victor Harbor - 10.00am (No 6.00pm Mass)

#### Sunday 26th December

Goolwa - 9.00am

Victor Harbor - 11.00am

#### Saturday 1st January

Victor Harbor - 9.00am (No 6.00pm Mass)

Goolwa - 10.30 am

#### Sunday 2nd January

Goolwa - 9.00am

Victor Harbor - 11.00am

# Bulletin Board



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YR.C**

*To You, O Lord, I lift my soul.*  
Lord, make me know Your ways.  
Lord, teach me Your paths.  
Make me walk in Your truth, and teach me:  
for You are God my saviour.

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
He guides the humble in the right path;  
He teaches His way to the poor.

His ways are faithfulness and love  
for those who keep His covenant and will.  
The Lord's friendship is for those who  
revere Him;  
to them He reveals His covenant.



**ST ANDREW  
Feast Day 30th November  
(d. c.60)**

St. Andrew was a native fisherman of Bethsaida in Galilee. Andrew was Saint Peter's brother, and was called with him. "As [Jesus] was walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is now called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him" (Matthew 4:18-20). Andrew is said to have been martyred at Patras in southern Greece on an X-shaped cross. This type of cross has long been known as "St. Andrew's cross." *Catholic Culture & Franciscan Media*



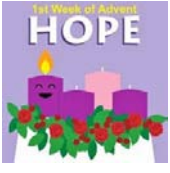
**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER  
Feast Day 3rd December  
(1506-1552)**

Francis Xavier was ordained a priest in Venice in 1537 after working with Ignatius of Loyola's Society of Jesus for 3 years After ordination Xavier travelled for 10 years to Lisbon, the East Indies and Goa in India, always helping the ill and impoverished. He ministered in Malaysia and then Japan, where he died. His remains are enshrined in the Church of Good Jesus in Goa. *Franciscan Media*



**CANDLE FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: HOPE**

The first Advent 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 are we hoping for this Christmas?**



**GOOLWA CHRISTMAS SOCIAL  
Sunday 5th December at 6pm**

**All parishioners welcome!!**  
A free BBQ will be held on Sunday 5th Dec at the Goolwa Church Hall beginning at 6.00 pm. There will be a raffle, \$5 for 3 tickets, with some great prizes donated by local business people. The BBQ will include chops, sausages and burgers with delicious salads. Please give your name to Paul or Mike, or phone Mike on 0416102678.

**CHRISTMAS LETTER**

Thank you to those volunteer parishioners who processed our parish Christmas letter. We invite parishioners to take a bundle from the foyer and distribute them. The main purpose is to contact your nearby Catholic neighbours. Please pick a location and deliver to those in the pink highlighted map area. Enjoy walking during the "Summer"

**COVID UPDATE**

- ◆ The wearing of masks is mandatory under the Emergency Management Direction 2021. Penalties apply for noncompliance
- ◆ Masks must cover both the nose and the mouth.
- Provisions exist to accommodate people with health issues however they are required to provide proof they have an exemption.
- **Choir members must also wear masks while singing.**

**This Week : 27th & 28th November**

**VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm**

**Commentator:** J. Ryan

- R.1 M. Farmer
- R.2 L. Blacket
- E.M. S. Duong

**VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am**

**Commentator :** P. O'Brien

- R.1. A. Willis
- R.2 J. Tregeagle
- E.M L. Sunman

**GOOLWA Sunday 9.00am**

**Commentator:** Marie Riddle

- R1 M. Mulvihill
- R2 Michael Riddle
- E.M. M. Glazewski



**Next Week : 4th & 5th December**

**VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm**

**Commentator:** E. O'Shaughnessy

- R.1 J. Ryan
- R.2 C. Sutherland
- E.M. J. Jeffery

**VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am**

**Commentator :** P. O'Brien

- R.1. A. Willis
- R.2 J. Tregeagle
- E.M L. Sunman

**GOOLWA Sunday 9.00am**

**Commentator:** P. Kennelly

- R1 G. Byrne
- R2 C. May
- E.M. S. Muller

## COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 23 November, 2021)

- Places of Worship are restricted to 3 people per 4 square metres with social distancing of 1.5 metres. If more than 50 people are present, there must be an independent COVID Marshal. QR codes and/or handwritten logs are essential.
- Only 5 people to sit in a pew and there is to be no kneeling.
- Wearing of masks is mandatory, except when going to Communion. (A doctor's certificate must be produced on request, if claiming an exemption.)
- Attendees at indoor religious services may sing during worship and members of choirs or chorus groups may perform or rehearse indoors, if they wear masks while doing so.
- Obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage. You may wish to access: [Mass for You at Home – The official website of Mass For You At Home, Australia](#) online and on Channel 10 every Sunday at 6 am.

## VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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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](mailto:Vinh2511@bigpond.com)
- **PARISH MANAGERS**  
Mr Ray Klecko (0438 364 870)  
Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)  
Email: [Parish\\_manager@bigpond.com](mailto:Parish_manager@bigpond.com)
- **PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - ph 8552 1084 or [catholicvhg@bigpond.com](mailto:catholicvhg@bigpond.com) (All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening)
- **PARISH TREASURER**  
Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)  
Email: [Parish\\_treasure@bigpond.com](mailto:Parish_treasure@bigpond.com)
- **CHILD PROTECTION**  
Child Protection Unit (8210 8159)  
Goolwa (Cathy May 0401 584 237)  
Victor Harbor (Parish Office 8552 1084)
- **CSHW SA (Safety, Health & Welfare)**  
Parish (Cathy May 0401 584 237)

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When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

## THE ADVENT OF A NEW YEAR

I was terrified to start my first year of high school. While I was excited about the prospect of learning, I was afraid to go forward alone. My classmates from primary school were attending a different high school. I wasn't sure I would how I'd make it without the friends I had been with since kindergarten. I was sure my first day of high school would be the end of me.

As the summer holidays wound up, my mum encouraged me to check out a flyer from the soccer team about tryouts. I was a tough defender in other sports, so I figured I'd probably do well in the soccer team about the goal posts. My mum rearranged her schedule so that she could drive me to tryouts and then for practice after I made the team. I spent two weeks running drills with the team before school started. I got to know my teammates and found that a few of us shared the same classes. By the first day of high school, I had a few friends - and even some sports cred.

While it was tough to arrive at the end of what I had known for most of my life, it was also necessary for the great new adventure to begin. And people like my mum would be with me, giving me strength and encouragement - and car rides - all along the way.

As we start this first week of Advent, we remember that we go forth not alone but with our faith community. In this season of hope, we can trust that together we will find strength and encouragement for whatever

adventures and challenges lie ahead.

Proclaim the coming of Christ! We believe wholeheartedly that evil will be crushed. Act justly with compassion. We will, even if it costs us dear. Give with generosity of all your diverse gifts. We will look hopefully with the disheartened and depressed. Look beyond your present horizons to a yet more glorious shore. God is with us, in time and beyond time. *GPBS eNews*

## PROMISES, PROMISES

When we read end-of-the-world passages in Scripture, we usually focus on destruction unleashed on the unsuspecting world. “Apocalypse now” sounds really scary - and it's supposed to. But not to us believers. Be not afraid is one of the most oft-repeated pieces of advice in the New Testament. If you're with Jesus, there's nothing to fear, even when the boat is rocking in a violent storm.

Fearful living is not faithful living. For believers there's no disaster large enough to be bigger than God's sovereignty. And though at first glance it seems strange to begin Advent and the new church year on such a note, on further examination it is the perfect place to start. We know we're not really waiting the coming of the Christ child but rather the coming of Christ the King. Redemption is at hand. We have nothing to fear. *GPBS eNews*

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(November 29 - 05 December)

- **Monday, 29:** Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> week of Advent (Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11)
- **Tuesday, 30:** St Andrew (Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22)
- **Wednesday, 01:** Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> week of Advent (Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37)
- **Thursday, 02:** Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> week of Advent (Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27)
- **Friday, 03:** St Francis Xavier (Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31)
- **Saturday, 04:** Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> week of Advent (Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 6-8)
- **Sunday 05:** SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT ( Baruch 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6)

## PASTORAL CARE

If you need a Priest for anointing of the sick or last rites contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).