



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

FIRST 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 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into plough-shares, their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9

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. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. 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>
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray: 'Peace be to your homes! May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!' <R>
4. For love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you!' For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. <R>



Stay awake!
For you do not
know on which
day your Lord
will come.

Matthew 24:42

SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples, 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away.

It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left;

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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

Reginald Meade, Frank Scriva

PARISH COLLECTION 22nd & 23rd November

1st (Presbytery) \$1001.20
2nd (Parish) \$1012.95

VICTOR MORNING TEA 30th November

W. Baker & F. Hanna

7th December

L. Sunman & J. Davidge

VICTOR MEET & GREET November Saturdays

H. Anderson

November Sundays

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.

THE ADVENT WREATH



serves as a spiritual compass on our journey in preparation for the Nativity of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The candles symbolise hope, peace, joy and love, each representing a week leading up to the birth of Christ.

The first candle, which is purple, symbolises hope.

What do you hope for this Christmas?

For yourself, for your loved ones, for our world?

Talk to God about it and ask for help.

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

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER

is a day to understand and respect people with disability.

Jesus reached out to so many people with disabilities.

He treated them with dignity and respect: What can I do for you? Was often his question, giving back to the disabled person the power over his or her own 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 2025. Your generosity was much appreciated by 76 local families last year. Thank you!



VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL ENVELOPES

'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 AT IN THE PORCHES OF OUR CHURCHES



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.

THE ZONTA CLUB OF THE FLEURIEU PENINSULA

is hosting a movie night at the Victa Cinema in Ocean St, Victor Harbor this Monday 1st December at 6.30 pm,. 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>

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

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

The Anglican Church is celebrating a Blue Christmas (remembering and praying for those who have died) on Sunday 7th December at 5pm, St Augustine's Church.

This is an opportunity to pray for a loved one who has died.

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.

Bulletin Board



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS IN GOOLWA SUNDAY DEC 7TH FROM 6PM.

Come along to a delicious meal of cold meats and salads
and delightful desserts.

Our choir group will provide Christmas carols
to sing along with.

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

This has been arranged by the Knights to show our appreciation for support
given during the year from all our parish.

Victor Parishioners speak to Pat Clingan 0410 593 617
if you would like to come along and support us. Car pooling can be arranged.

DON'T MISS OUT ON A FUN-FILLED EVENING!



45 CLUB WINNER last Saturday was John Dunthorne with ticket No. 5

This week is the big draw with the first supplementary number worth \$150 and the
second number to be drawn worth \$50. Good luck to all players.

INTER CONNECT CHURCH REPORT MEETING 12th November 2025

A firm message will be sent to the pageant committee that we request no more
pageants on Sunday morning. The group was introduced to new Uniting Church
minister, Christine Manning. The group will present a trophy to a Goolwa PS
student for application and leadership during the year. Church of Christ Minister
David Spence will do the presentation. Our Church will be the host church next year
and I am very grateful to Marilyn Freeborn who will act as minute secretary.

KNIGHTS' CHRISTMAS RAFFLE has been cancelled for reasons given last
Sunday at all weekend masses. With the Melbourne Cup Luncheon cancelled this
year due to lack of support we are not able to donate to the Vinnies' Christmas
Appeal and as we are expecting a downturn in turnover next year we will only be
supporting local charities.

PPC PLAN FOR 2026

Most of our Parish monthly appeals are set by the Archdiocese.

Other fundraising efforts are undertaken by individual groups across the year.

Next year the PPC will allocate particular times for each group to avoid overlap.

As always thank you for your continued support.

GOOLWA GARDEN DAY THIS TUESDAY

2ND DECEMBER FROM 9.30 AM. Many thanks to this group for looking
after the grounds so very well during the year.



BILL LONGWORTH PLAQUE A plaque, donated by the Knights of the Southern
Cross, will be unveiled after Mass at Goolwa on Sunday December 14th.
Bill gave great service to the Knights as well as Vinnies, and took on many other
roles in the parish. He was a real gentleman and liked by all within the parish.
May he rest in eternal peace.

SPECIAL REQUEST

Mrs Robin Marcar: Thank you for your regular donation to the parish.

Please provide us with your contact details so that we can record your donations.

You can contact our treasurer Merv Mallett on 0412 103 443.

THIS 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 E. Dabinett

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R1 M. Freeborn

R2 M. Mulvihill

EMHC R. Austin



NEXT 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

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

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• **PARISH PRIEST**

Fr Vinh-Quang Tran (8552 1084;
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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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of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house.

Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

THE MOMENT YOU LOOK UP

There was a teacher named Liam who volunteered each week at his parish’s community pantry. One Thursday afternoon, after a long day of classes and meetings, he arrived tired and distracted. He kept thinking about the emails he still had to answer and the lessons he hadn’t finished planning. As he sorted boxes in the storeroom, he barely noticed the people coming in and out.

Then a young girl arrived with her mum. She couldn’t have been more than eight. While her mum spoke quietly with a volunteer, the girl wandered over to Liam and asked if she could help. He handed her a loaf of bread to place on the shelf. She took it carefully, almost reverently, and said, “Mum says this place helps people feel seen.” Her words hit him harder than he expected.

In that simple moment he realised how absent he had been not just here, but all week. He had been moving, teaching, serving and speaking, but without truly seeing. The girl smiled, placed the bread neatly on the shelf, and skipped back to her mum. Liam felt something shift. His tiredness didn’t magically disappear, but his awareness returned. He slowed down, looked up, noticed the faces around him and greeted each person as if they mattered because they did.

That night as he drove home, he thought about how easily we can miss God’s presence when we rush through life. Grace had entered the room through an eight year old offering nothing more than her attention.

Advent invites us into that same kind

of attentiveness. Whether we are in classrooms, staffrooms, parish halls, homes or workplaces, God is already present. The question is whether we are awake enough to notice. This season calls us to pause, to look up, to recognise the needs before us and respond with generosity, presence and hope.

The challenge is simple and demanding. Slow down. Notice someone. Offer a kindness. Make room for grace. Be awake to the moment because Christ is already at the door.

The Commissioning

- Go from here ready for the coming of Jesus. *We are aware of those who are far away from home.*
- Go from here ready for the coming of Jesus. *We are aware of those for whom this is a stressful time.*
- Go from here ready for the coming of Jesus. *We are aware of those for whom loss is a harsh reality.*
- Go from here ready for the coming of Jesus. *We are aware of those whose hopes or dreams have come to nothing.*
- You will be ready for the coming of God’s promised one, *and our celebrations will include a full measure of compassion.*

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(01 - 04 December)

- **Monday, 01:** Monday 1st week Advent (Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11)
- **Tuesday, 02:** Tuesday 1st week Advent (Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24)
- **Wednesday, 03:** St Andrew (Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22)
- **Thursday, 04:** Thursday 1st week Advent (Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27)
- **Friday, 05:** Friday 1st week Advent (Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31)
- **Saturday, 06:** St Francis Xavier (Is 30: 19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 6-8)
- **Sunday 07:** SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT (Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12)

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.