



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:

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

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.’

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.

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!

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.

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

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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)

John Wallace, Claire Hamish, Jeffery Family, Natalie Millar, Ann Tee, Bailey Smallacombe, Charlie Nicolson, Jane Lloyd, Eileen McCoe, Len Peake, Neil Cumming, Mollie Davis, David Lee, Evelyn Liston, Ann Hannagan, Allen Odgers, Rose Munro, Geoff Munro, Andrew Nichols, John Slagter, William Ash, Eloise Ash, Gavin Schumacher, Jim Ryan, Leonie Hassan, Fr Vinh Tran, John Tregeagle, Greg Hope, Mairead Cummings, Maire Ryan, John McAuliffe, Meg Klecko, Stephen Vernon, Graham Blacket, Jo Andrews, Paul Fahey,

ANNIVERSARIES

Bub O'Shaughnessy, Frank Scriver.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Dorothy West, Bill Pick

PARISH COLLECTION November 23rd & 24th

1st (Presbytery) \$1161.10
2nd (Parish) \$1044.50

Direct Debit Details :
BSB 085 005 A/C 489786431

VICTOR MORNING TEA

December 8th
A. Temme & M. Chalmers
December 15th
M. Cunningham, E. Dabinett

VICTOR MEET & GREET

December Saturdays
M. Farmer & M. Tuckey
December Sundays
R. Reid & F. Harris

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

December : J. McInnes

MORNING TEA

A. Turner, S. & R. Lee

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.

HOLY FATHER'S 2024 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER: FOR PILGRIMS OF HOPE :



Let us pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year will strengthen us in our faith; helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Parishioners are invited to bring along non-perishable food to place in the Christmas boxes in both churches until Sunday 15th December. Your generosity was much appreciated by 76 local families last year !! Thank you !!



PACKING VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



Keep the Date
Can you help at St Joan's or St John's.

ST JOHN'S

Wednesday 4th December 10.00am (after Mass)

Pack hampers

ST JOAN'S

Tuesday 17th December 9.30am (after Mass)

Unpack donated food items.

Thursday 19th December 9.30am (after Mass)

Pack hampers.

Delivery drivers required.

Thank you for your time.

VICTOR HARBOR COMBINED CHURCHES CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE COMMUNITY



We are invited to the Newland Uniting Church on **Wednesday 11th December at 7.00pm** to enjoy **St Peter's Cathedral Choir** for an inspiring night of candles, carols and readings

celebrating the Story of Christmas.

A wonderful chance to hear a world class choir.

ADMISSION IS FREE

(There will be a leaving collection if you wish to contribute towards the South Coast Schools Pastoral Care Program and South Coast Christian Community Care.)

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.

VICTORIA HOUSE/IMMANUEL CARE

Please see Meredith Cunningham and Margaret Chalmers (St Joan's) and Pat Stone and Denise Mulvihill (St John's) for a card to purchase a Christmas gift for a resident.

Leave presents in our Church porches in the box provided. Please do not wrap them.

POPE TELLS G20 LEADERS

that ending world hunger should be their top priority Pope Francis has called attention to the scandal of world hunger, worsened by armed conflicts and the huge amounts of money spent on weapons rather than helping to feed three billion people without access to food or adequate nutrition. *Vatican News.*

ZONTA FILM NIGHT

ZONTA is a global organization whose members advocate for women's rights, education and equality. Several parishioners are members.

On Mon 2nd Dec 2024 6:30 - 10:30pm

at the Victa Cinema, Zonta is screening "Lee" which tells the story of Elizabeth Lee Miller, an acclaimed war correspondent for Vogue magazine during World War Two.

Admission is \$20 and includes soft drink or bubbles and cheese and biscuits.

You can book online at

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1286755>

or just pay on the night.

ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLET

is available in the porch. It has easy to follow suggestions for each Sunday in Advent.

Hopefully we can each spend a few moments with the booklet in our hectic lead up to Christmas.



Bulletin Board



.RESPONSORIAL PSALM 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YR.C/1

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.



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*

16 DAYS OF ACTION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 25th Nov 25 – 10th Dec

The 16 Days of Action Against Domestic Violence is an international campaign that seeks to address and combat domestic violence, which disproportionately affects women and marginalized communities.



PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE & THE HOLY LAND



KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS NEWS

As the Knights had their final meeting for the year recently, we would like to wish all members of our parish a very happy and holy Christmas and if going away, safe travels.

DONATIONS

At our final meeting we made the following donations: \$1000 Vinnies, \$300 each to South Coast Christian Community Care, Hutt St for Homeless, Goolwa Open House, Whalers Group and Catherine House who support abused women. Thanks to all who supported us during the year to make these donations possible. Our group will have our Christmas get-together at the Goolwa Hotel on 11th December for dinner.

ANNIVERSARY This year is the fifth year of the sad passing of Phil Burns. Phil was a great servant of the Knights at all levels as well as for the parish in general. May he rest in eternal peace.

GOOLWA GARDEN GROUP will have their final clean up before Christmas this Tuesday 3rd Dec. Thanks so much for the great job you have done all year to keep our vast grounds in great condition.

GOOLWA CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY NIGHT

The Knights are arranging this night on 8th Dec from 6.00pm. It is free, not even a raffle! We will supply the chicken and ham and could guests bring their own salads, drinks and glasses. ALL are welcome, including our friends from Victor, but we need bookings in by Wed 4th Dec. to arrange catering. See you there. Ring Paul on 0402 852 825.



GOOLWA PAGEANT will start from our Church grounds on 15th December at 6.30pm. Stalls will arrive from 12.30 pm and we have been asked for use of our toilets. The Knights are forming a roster to watch over those using our facilities, but are hoping some parishioners, ladies or men, will volunteer to assist as well. Please see Paul. *The Pageant will start from our Church grounds at 6.30pm.*

THE NEXT KNIGHTS' BBQ is on this Sunday, 1st Dec. after 9.00 am Mass.

THIS WEEK: 30th Nov. & 1st Dec.

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 C. Huppatz
R.2 M. Mulvihill

EMHC J. Jeffery

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 P. Clingan
R. 2 P. O'Brien

EMHC A. Rose

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: V. Scriva

R. 1 P. Kennelly
R. 2 M. O'Halloran

EMHC A. Turner



NEXT WEEK: 7th & 8th December

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: T. White

R.1 L. Blacket
R.2 A. Fawcner

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 M. Cunningham
R. 2 A. Weygood

EMHC K. Dudley

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R. 1 M. Mulvihill
R. 2 M. Freeborn

EMHC M. Ryan

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA PARISH

NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

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• PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please forward items for the
newsletter to the Parish Office -
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(*All items for the newsletter by
Wednesday evening*)

• PARISH TREASURER

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• CHILD PROTECTION

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Goolwa (Cathy May 0401 584 237)
Victor Harbor (Office 8552 1084)

• CSHW SA (Safety, Health, Welfare)
Cathy May (0401 584 237)

DID YOU KNOW?

- A recurring theme in the gospels read during Advent is looking towards the end times, when Christ will come again.
- Today begins the cycle of readings for Year C. This means that most of the gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of Luke.
- The Advent wreath is one way of preparing for the coming of the Christ child. The circle of greenery is a symbol of God's love without beginning or end, while the candles represent the four weeks of preparation time. One candle is lit each Sunday during Advent, and the final, central candle is lit on Christmas Day.

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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 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 in order 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.

PROMISES, PROMISES

(Luke 21:25-28, 34-36)

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.

Some may die of fright when disaster strikes, whether it's apocalyptic or a mere crisis of modern living. We all know people who die a thousand deaths when the bank account is overdrawn. 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 (remember, last Sunday?) Redemption is at hand. We have nothing to fear.

KIDS' CORNER

When we're faced with a difficult choice, it would be easier if there were big arrow signs reading: GOD'S WAY. But God's way can't be found on a map. They are found in God's Word, in Jesus and through the Holy Spirit working in our hearts. How do we tune in? Prayer. Spend quiet time with God each day, and you will come to know what God wants for you and from you. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(December 02 - 08)

- **Monday, 02:** Monday, 1st week Advent (Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11)
- **Tuesday, 03:** St Francis Xavier (Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24)
- **Wednesday, 04:** Wednesday, 1st week Advent (Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37)
- **Thursday, 05:** Thursday, 1st week Advent (Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27)
- **Friday, 06:** Friday, 1st week Advent (Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31)
- **Saturday, 07:** St Ambrose (Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 – 10:1, 6-8)
- **Sunday 08:** 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 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.