



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

THE NATIVITY OF
THE LORD - 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.



CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

God's grace brings about the conversion of his unfaithful people. With a new-found integrity they (and we) will be called by a new name, and their relationship (and ours) with God will lead to an intimacy beyond their (and our) wildest imaginings. God will rejoice in them (and us).

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 88:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

Paul introduces the Jews and non-Jewish believers in the God of Israel to the new thing that God has done for them in Jesus, whom he has raised up for them as Saviour.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed: the Saviour of the world will be our king.
Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 1:1-25

This reading from the beginning of Matthew's Gospel reminds us of the mortality and even the sin the Son of God took on himself in becoming one of us, through his birth from the Virgin Mary, in order to save his people from their sins and restore us to God's friendship.

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

The Prophet proclaims good news to the disheartened people of Judah and Jerusalem - their God has not abandoned them, but is coming to save them. Good news to us too - God's salvation is for all peoples.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:1-6

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

SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-6

God spoke his word through his prophets and in various ways. Now he speaks to us through his

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• **PARISH PRIEST**

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• **PARISH MANAGER**

Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)
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• **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**

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• **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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Son, who is the radiant light of God's glory. He has veiled that glory with our humanity so that we can prepare by lives of faith for the full revelation of that glory in Heaven.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

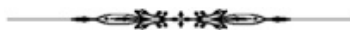
Alleluia, alleluia!

*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

John 1:1-18

The gospel passage encourages us to ponder reverently the mystery of the Word who was with God in the beginning, who was God, and who became man in Jesus and dwelt among us.



**2025
CHRISTMAS MESSAGE
FROM FR VINH**

I wish you and your family a Blessed, Joyful and Safe Christmas and New Year. May 2026 bring God's blessings.

Thank you for your active participation in the parish throughout the year and for your personal care and concerns for my well being. Thank you also for your Christmas wishes and gifts that I have received.

May God continue to bless you and your family with his presence among us.

Fr Vinh

CHRISTMAS QUOTES

*"Want to keep Christ in Christmas?
Feed the hungry, clothe the naked,
forgive the guilty, welcome the unwanted,
care for the ill, love your enemies,
and do unto others as you would have done unto you."*

Steve Maraboli

"Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmastime."

Laura Ingalls Wilders

"Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful." Norman Vincent Peale

"Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas."

Calvin Coolidge

"Maybe Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas... perhaps... means a little bit more!" Dr. Seuss

"Christmas is the perfect time to celebrate the love of God and family and to create memories that will last forever. Jesus is God's perfect, indescribable gift. The amazing thing is that not only are we able to receive this gift, but we are able to share it with others on Christmas and every other day of the year."

Joel Osteen



May joy be
your gift at
Christmas and
may faith, hope
and love be
your treasures
in the
New Year.