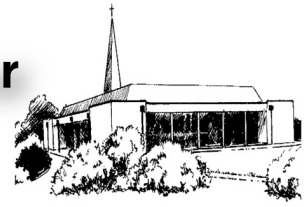


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(Part of the Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Cluster of Catholic Parishes)



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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

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PARISH NEWSLETTER
Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - ph 8552 1084, fax 8552 3439 or catholicvhg@bigpond.com) (*All items for the newsletter must be received no later than Wednesday evening)*

PARISH TREASURER
Mrs Margaret Meade

MASS CENTRES AND TIMES

ST JOAN OF ARC

30 Seaview Road, Victor Harbor
MASS TIMES
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 11.00am
RECONCILIATION
Saturday 11.00am - 11.30am
Saturday 5.30pm - 5.50pm

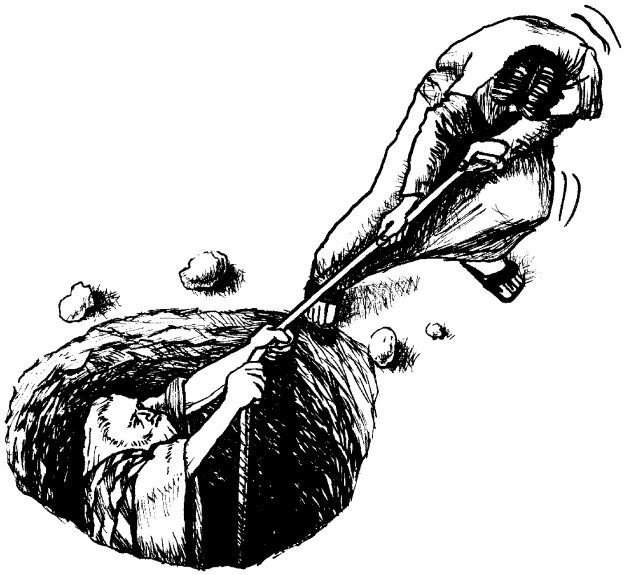
ST JOHN THE APOSTLE

10-14 Gardiner Street, Goolwa
MASS TIMES
Sunday 9.00am
(1st Sunday of the month - Family Mass)
RECONCILIATION
Sunday 8.30am - 8.50am

CHILD PROTECTION UNIT

Sally Wellington (Manager)
Phone: 8210 8268





FIRST READING

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well, where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 39:2-4, 18

Lord, come to my aid!

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and *from now on has taken his place at the right* of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already!

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS
Julie Bradley, Barbara Bond, Tony Sheehan, Mark Kelly, Simon Slagter , Father John Langtry, Leo Langtry, Paul Cullen, Frank Refchange, Gail Menner, Pat Proctor, Reilly Smith, Kevin Walz, Des Healy, Rosemary Powell, Patricia Sloan, Bill Wilson, Susan Anderson, Leo Ryan, Doris Donald, Patricia Rhodes.

ANNIVERSARIES
Father Peter Ward

PARISH COLLECTION
6th & 7th August

1st (Presbytery) $ 1,017.40
2nd (Parish) $ 1,391.20
Vocations Appeal $ 372.00

VICTOR MORNING TEA ROSTER

August 14th
M. Cunningham, A. Wright
August 21st & 28th
J. & W. Baker

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

August 19th
G. Woodhead, H. Sampson
August 26—Sep 2nd
M. Davis, F. Harris

VICTOR MEET & GREET

August Saturdays
L. & M. Peake, M. Farmer
August Sundays L. & M. Fracek

ST. JOAN'S CHOIR
Practice time is at 10.30am each Friday in the Church.

GOOLWA MORNING TEA ROSTER

August E. De Vries, Loudi D. McMahon,

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

August A. & K. Fawkner

ST. JOHN'S SINGING GROUP
Practice suspended until further notice.

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2016 PRAYER INTENTIONS - AUGUST
Sports: *That sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and may contribute to peace in the world.*

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY
Groups meet fortnightly on Thursday nights (mixed) 7.00pm - 9.00pm and Wednesday (women) 1.30 - 3.30 pm. Phone Rob and Jocelyne Randabel-Williamson for more information. 0402 341 071.

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL
Deepen your understanding of the Sunday Gospel at 7.00pm – 8.00pm each Sunday in the Annex, Victor Harbor. All welcome.

CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY
We meet for Lectio Divina (Scripture Reflection) and meditation on Monday evenings for 2016. Anyone is welcome. Please contact Anne Weygood for details 0429 653 844.

ST. JOAN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP
Please note this friendship group meets every Tuesday afternoon 2.00 - 4.00pm in the annex.
We have the heater on, a movie to watch, computer assistance available and always a game of Scrabble!! All welcome

ST. JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB BBQ & SOUP NIGHT



St. Joan's Social Club invites everyone to come along and enjoy a night of fun and friendship on Friday 26th August 5.30pm for 6pm. BYO salad & sweets to share.
Please phone:
Margaret Peake 8552 7162
Patrine Harris 8554 3061

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mass will be held on Monday 15th August at 8.30am at St. Joan's followed by the Rosary. Mass at St. John's will be at 10.00am

KSC WINE RAFFLE

K S C wine raffle will begin at St. Joans on weekend of Sat 20 August and Sunday August 21. We have a collection of 15 quality red wines, with tickets to be sold for $10 each, with a total of 30 tickets available for sale. The next week the raffle will be available at St. Johns.

READERS & MINISTERS
Please Note: Mary Ferguson is doing the next roster up until Christmas. If you are going to be away please let her know dates asap. Any new readers or ministers contact Mary on 8552 5747 you would be most welcome

URGENT NOTICE
TO ALL GROUPS WHO USE THE ANNEX KITCHEN. PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK THAT ALL ELECTRIC APPLIANCES ARE SWITCHED OFF BEFORE LOCKING THE KITCHEN DOOR.

FILIPINO CHOIR
will be singing at 6pm Mass at St. Joan's on Saturday 3rd September.



All Welcome.
Please bring a plate to share and join them for refreshments in the Annex after Mass.

MUSIC AT MASS



Parish musicians and all parishioners interested in music at Mass are invited to attend a workshop on the new "Catholic Worship Book II" in St. Joan's on Saturday 20th August, 9.30am -11.30am, to explore the riches of this new resource and to see how to make best use of it in our parishes. Please book a place with Lyn at the Office for Worship 8152 7806 or email : worship@ow.adelaide.catholic.org.au

ANNUAL MASS FOR ANNIVERSARIES
The annual Diocesan Mass for Clergy, Religious Sisters and Brothers and married couples who are celebrating significant years of ordination, professed life or marriage in 2016, will be held on Sunday September 11 at 2.30pm in St Patrick's Church, Grote Street, Adelaide.



Archbishop Wilson invites everyone celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 or more years of ordination, profession or marriage in 2016 to attend this Mass.

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS
The Knights of the Southern Cross have requested parishioners to pray the Rosary from 6th -15th August for the relief of all the problems of the world. This novena finishes on the Feast of the Assumption

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PSALM 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lord, come to my aid !

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and He stooped down to me;
He heard my cry.

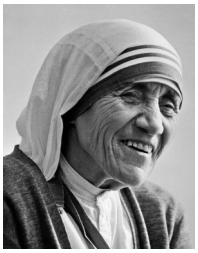
He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm.

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise to our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord.

As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay.

Lord, come to my aid !

THE BETTER PART OF RECEIVING IS GIVING



Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta often told this story in her talks and reflections:
"Some time ago a man came to our house and said: "Mother, there is a Hindu family that has eight children. They have not eaten for a long time. Do something for them." So I took some rice and went.
When I arrived at their house, I could see the hunger in the children's eyes. Their eyes were shining with hunger. I gave the rice to the mother. She took it and divided it in two, and then she went out. When she came back, I asked her, "Where did you go? She said, "They are hungry also." Her neighbours were also hungry. What struck me most was not that she gave the rice but that she knew they were hungry. Because she knew, she shared. I did not bring more rice that night. I waited until the next morning so that they could experience the joy of sharing and loving."
from Total Surrender)

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Feast day August 15th



Mary's passage into Heaven is called the "Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary", in which we celebrate the happy departure of Mary from this physical life on Earth, and the assuming of her body into Heaven.
We believe that from the first moment of her conception Mary was free from all sin, including original sin, by a special favour of Almighty God.
The Archangel Gabriel recognized her as "full of grace," "blessed among women" and "one with the Lord."
The place or circumstances of the death of Virgin Mary are unknown.
The bible does not inform us about the circumstances of the death of the mother of Jesus .The stories about it took shape in the first centuries after her death.

ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

Feast Day 20th August

(1090 – 20 August 1153)
Bernard's life in the Church was more active than we can imagine possible today.
His efforts produced far-reaching results. But he knew that they would have availed little without the many hours of prayer and contemplation that brought him strength and heavenly direction. His life was characterized by a deep devotion to the Blessed Mother. His sermons and books about Mary are still the standard of Marian theology. *(Catholic online)*

ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

Feast Day 16th August



On Aug. 16, the Catholic Church celebrates the feast day of King Saint Stephen of Hungary, the monarch who led his country to embrace the Christian faith during the 11th century. In 1038, on the feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, Stephen delivered his final words to leaders of the Church and state, telling them to protect and spread the Catholic faith. St. Stephen of Hungary died on Aug. 15, 1038 .

MASS ROSTER

This Week : 13th & 14th August

VICTOR HARBOR 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 V. Wyld
R. 2 A. Williss
E.M. P. Harris,

VICTOR HARBOR 11am

Commentator: K. Rucioch

R.1 F. Hanna
R.2 V. Coffey
E.M. A. Weygood, P. O'Brien
M. Cunningham, M. Lloyd, R. Reid.

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 Marie Riddle
R.2 D. West.
E.M. A. Fawkner, K. Fawkner.
M. Glazewski, L. Healey, D. Huppatz



Next Week : 20th & 21st August

VICTOR HARBOR 6pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 B. Bullen
R. 2 M. Farmer
E.M. D. McLaughlin, R. Kuske

VICTOR HARBOR 11am

Commentator: E. Temme

R.1 K. Howard
R.2 P. Chigwidden
E.M. M. Cunningham, R. Reid,
P. Clingan, P. O'Brien, M. Lloyd

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: P. Burns

R.1 J. Ryan
R.2 M. Davis.
E.M. B. Longworth, J. McInnes,
J. McMahon, M. Meade, S. Muller

REGULAR MASS TIMES IN OUR CLUSTER CHURCHES

ALDINGA
Mary of Galilee, the First Disciple
cnr Quinliven and Howe Roads
Saturday 5.30pm
Tuesday 9.15am

GOOLWA
St John the Apostle, 10-14 Gardiner St
Sunday 9.00am
Wednesday 9.30am

KINGSCOTE
Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
cnr Todd and Giles Streets
Sunday 9.30am
4th Sunday (Youth Mass) 6.00pm

NOARLUNGA
St Luke, the Evangelist,
cnr Honeypot Rd and Goldsmith Dve
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 9.00am
1st Sunday 11.00am (Spanish Mass)
2nd Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)
Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm
Monday 9.00am
Tuesday (2nd, 4th, 5th week) 9.00am
Tuesday (1st, 3rd week) 9.45am
Wednesday 7.00am, 7.30pm
Thursday 9.00am (St John's School)
Friday 10.00am

NORMANVILLE
St Peter, Cape Jervis Road
1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 10.30am
2nd, 4th Sundays 8.30am
1st Friday 6.00pm

PARNDANA
4th Sunday 4.00pm

PENNESHAW
St Columba, North Terrace
(shared with Anglicans)
1st Sunday 2.00pm

SEAFORD
Seaford Ecumenical Mission, Grand Bvd
Sunday 10.45am
Wednesday 9.00am

VICTOR HARBOR
St Joan of Arc, 30 Seaview Road
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 11.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Thursday 9.00am
Friday (other than 1st) 9.00am
1st Friday 11.30am

WILLUNGA
St Joseph, 12 St Judes Street
1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 8.30am
2nd, 4th Sundays 10.30am
Wednesday 9.00am
Thursday 9.00am
Friday 9.00am

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There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Having reminded the apostles and the crowd that facing the coming judgment takes patience, Jesus now goes on to speak of how difficult it will be to wait. He tells them that he has come to set the earth on fire. Recall that in chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptising with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptise with the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire Jesus speaks of here is the distress caused by the coming judgment. It is also the fire of the Spirit that Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, will describe descending on the disciples on Pentecost. That fire will strengthen them to go out to the whole world to preach the good news of Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus will be the first to experience the distress of the coming judgment. His baptism will be the conflict into which he will be immersed as he approaches Jerusalem and his death on the cross. His followers will not be spared that distress. The angels at Jesus' birth proclaimed peace on earth, and Simeon, holding the baby Jesus in the Temple, said to God: "Master, now you may let your servant go in peace." Here Jesus tells the crowd not to think he has come to bring peace; he has come to bring division. Simeon said as much when he turned to Mary and said that the child was destined for the rise and fall of many and to be a sign that will be contradicted. Peace is the ultimate end of the Kingdom of God, but peace has a price. Jesus is warning the crowd that wherever the Word of God is heard and acted upon, division occurs. Fathers will be divided against sons and mothers against daughters.

The coming judgment forces us to look at the implications of our commitments. As Jesus warned in last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment of faith requires us to change our attitude toward material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. Here he reminds the crowd that those who commit to him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members. The angel who announced the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah said John would go before Jesus to turn the hearts of fathers toward their children. But a commitment to Jesus forces us to change the way we live our lives, and this can put strains on relationships.

We don't expect to hear such difficult words from Jesus in the Gospel. But it is good to be reminded once in a while that the decision to do the right thing, the good thing, is not always easy and without conflict. Jesus himself did not make easy decisions and avoid conflict. In today's reading, he reminds his followers to be prepared for difficult decisions and conflict as well. *Loyolapress website*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS
(15 August - 21 August)

- **Monday, 15:** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Apoc 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; 1 Cor 15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56)
- **Tuesday 9:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30)
- **Wednesday 10:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Apoc 21:9-14; Jn 1:45-51)
- **Thursday 11:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51)
- **Friday 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13)
- **Saturday 13:** St Monica (1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30)
- **Sunday 14:** 21st Sunday in Ord Time (Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24; Lk 14:1m 7-14)