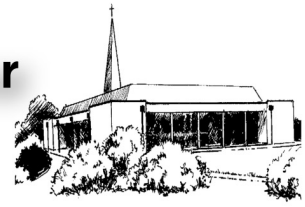


Welcome to

Catholic Community of Victor Harbor and Goolwa

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



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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

PARISH PRIEST
Fr Charles Gauci (involved in another ministry in 2017)

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR
Fr Vinh Tran (phone 8552 1084 - in emergency - mob 0429 098 802)

PARISH MANAGER
Mr Kevin Rucioch (mob 0499 005 714)

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

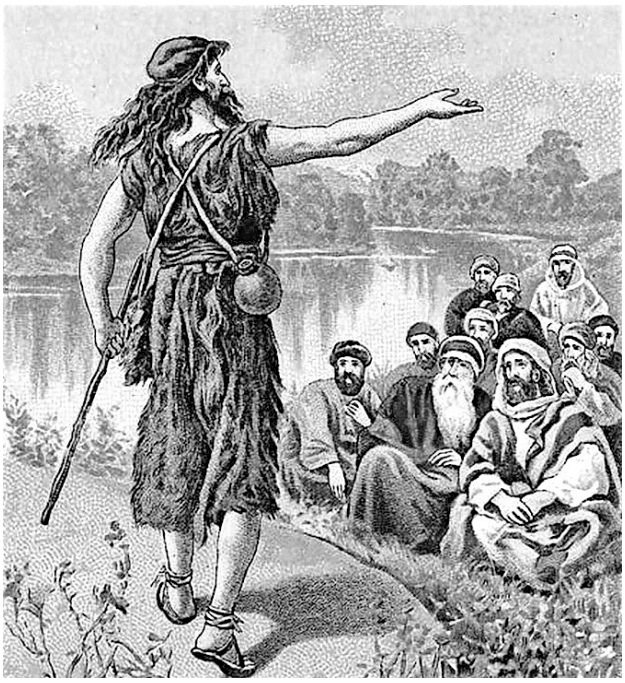
ST JOHN THE APOSTLE

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

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159
Child Safe contacts - Kevin Rucioch (0499 005 714) or Ian Reid (8552 4329)





FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.

'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels.

'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lk 1:46-50, 53-54

My soul rejoices in my God.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Isa 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 1:6-8, 19-28

A man came, sent by God.
His name was John.
He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him.

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Bulletin Board

SPECIAL INTENTIONS
Julie Bradley, Barbara Bond, Father John Langtry, Rosemary Powell, Susan Anderson, Peter Turner, Mary & Bob Davis, Donald Telford, Rosemary Scholefield , Angelo Falco, Vicki Sullivan, Valerie Londrigan, David Wark , Shirley & Ray Harrison, Daniel Holliday, Tania Capogreco, Maggie Smith, Bob Healey, Duncan Kaye, Jennifer Luistro, Helen Haylock, John Wallace, Adrian Langtry, Judith Murphy, Jenny Winchester, Josephine Proctor.

ANNIVERSARIES
Helen Mawdsley

RECENTLY DECEASED
Lyle Marchant, John Hardy, Syd West, Paul Van Toorenburg, Len de Brenni, Eileen Foxwell

PARISH COLLECTION
9th & 10th December

1st (Presbytery)	$1,279.00
2nd (Parish)	$1,442.90

VICTOR MORNING TEA ROSTER
17th December
R. & I Reid
24th & 31st December
M. Cunningham, A. Wright

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER
22nd December
M. Farmer, C. Pearsons
29th December & 5th January
P. Mezzino, E. O'Shaughnessy

VICTOR MEET & GREET
December Saturdays
M. Farmer
January Saturdays
M. Farmer
December Sundays
M. Fracek & J. Baker
January Sundays
J. & R. Randabel-Williamson

GOOLWA MORNING TEA ROSTER
December
E. DeVries, D. McMahon, Loudi, C. May

GOOLWA MEET & GREET
December
K.& A. Fawkner

ST JOHN'S CHOIR: Practice Tuesdays 2.30pm . Contact Athalea 8555 2165

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2017 PRAYER INTENTIONS: DECEMBER - The Elderly : That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

VICTOR HARBOR:
Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December (Family Mass) 7pm

Christmas Day Monday 25th Dec. 10am



NEW YEAR: 1st Jan. Monday 8.30am

GOOLWA: Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December (Family Mass) 5.30pm

Christmas Day Monday 25th Dec. 8.30am

NEW YEAR: 1st Jan. Monday 10am

CHRISTMAS CAROLS will be sung before Mass on Christmas Eve in St Joan's.

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Goolwa : Thursday 14th - 7.00pm.

Victor Harbor : Thursday 21st - 7.00pm.

Please come and celebrate God's love for us before Christmas

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REFLECTIONS FOR ADVENT
Instead of the regular Gospel Exploration on Sunday nights, there will be reflections during the four Sundays of Advent. All welcome to come and meet at 7.00 pm in the annex.

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

CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY
We meet for Lectio Divina (Scripture Reflection) and meditation on Monday evenings for 2017. Anyone is welcome. Please contact Anne Weygood for details. 0429 653 844.

CHRISTMAS ROSTERS VICTOR HARBOR ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH PORCH FOR READERS AND MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

ST VINCENT de PAUL



We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations of gifts and Christmas hamper items. Now … the hamper boxes of food and the bags of toys need to be packed and delivered on Tuesday 19th December. Any help with this job would be much appreciated, please! Time: 9.35am (after Mass) on 19th.
Venue: Annex, St Joan's.
Any enquiries 0419 046 147.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Saturday 23rd December for moving the chairs to cater for the large holiday crowds attending our Masses at Goolwa

ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB
Thank you to all who contributed to our Christmas Tea. It was a very enjoyable evening. Special thanks to all who helped on the night.

APPEAL FOR ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY
The traditional Christmas Day Appeal in the Archdiocese will be collected in the Churches at Christmas Masses.

K.S.C. NEWS
* **Wine Raffle Winner:** Peter Carpenter (V.H.)
* **45 Club Final Draw Winner:** Jan Henderson (Goolwa)
* **Melbourne Cup Day:** Thanks to Phil Burns, Bill Longworth and Peter Sullivan for their efforts

* **This years fundraising efforts** resulted in $200 being donated to each of the following charities. St Vincent de Paul, Caritas and Purple bus project as well as $100 to the following: Goolwa Primary School chaplaincy, Mary Potter Foundation, Net Ministries, Aust. Needs Fatima and SCC Community Foundation. Thanks to all for your support.

* **Goolwa Pageant:** Thanks to all from our Catholic community who represented our Parish

* **Next meeting** Thursday 21st December at Victor Harbor, followed by drinks and nibbles. Partners welcome.

A happy and Holy Christmas to all parishioners.

Bulletin Board

PSALM FOR 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

My soul rejoices in my God

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on His servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy is His name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear Him .

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, His servant,
remembering His name.

My soul rejoices in my God.

THE ADVENT WREATH

The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday.



On this day we celebrate that our waiting for the birth of Jesus on Christmas day is almost over.

Rose is a liturgical colour that is used to signify joy, so we light the single pink candle on the third Sunday of Advent.

PUT *CHRIST* BACK INTO *CHRIST*MAS

Children, parents and grandparents are invited to pick up, from the porch, copies of the templates and simple instruction for making your own Christmas Nativity scene.



CALLING ALL CHILDREN

If you would like to take part in the Nativity Scene on Christmas Eve, please arrive in the foyer at about 5.15pm for Goolwa or 6.45pm for Victor Harbor.

BRING AND SHARE - PLANTING THE SEEDS OF HAPPINESS

As part of our appreciation of all God's gifts we are giving out packets of sunflower seeds. You may like to plant them or share with your neighbour. A big thank you to our team of helpers who bundled up the seeds.



THE PHOENIX CATHEDRAL

In September 1994, Rabaul, the then capital of the East New Britain Province of Papua New Guinea, was covered in 2 metres of ash from a volcanic eruption. Only a few buildings remained, including St Francis Xavier Cathedral, but it was severely damaged.



The city was abandoned with the Bishop establishing a new Cathedral in Kokopo, the current provincial capital. Later many people returned and the clean up, still ongoing, was begun. Despite lack of funds, the community worked hard to restore the church over a 20 year period, so that it is now fully functional. To complete the project $250,000 is needed, but so far has reached less than half.

We were fortunate to speak with the parish Priest, a Filipino from Australia, to learn the story of the church. An example of the work done was to remove heavy layers of ash from inside the roof which was causing the ceiling to collapse. So far the interior timberwork and pressed steel ceilings have been restored, with new stations of the cross coming from Australia. The church was originally going to be abandoned, but determination of community has literally raised it up from ashes, to now be the diocese co-cathedral. *From Peter and Helen Sampson*

PARISH WEBSITE - CHILDREN'S PAGE

There is a new page on our website for children and youth, including the Nativity scene to download. Please visit the site at <www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au>

ST JOHN OF KANTY December 23rd.

John of Kanty is a typical saint: He was kind, humble, and generous, he suffered opposition and led an austere, penitential life. Most Christians in an affluent society can understand all the ingredients except the last: Anything more than mild self-discipline seems reserved for athletes and ballet dancers. Christmas at least is a good time to reject self-indulgence. *(Excerpt: Franciscan media)*

MASS ROSTER

This Week : December 16th & 17th

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 J. Randabel-Williamson

R.2 B. Bullen

E.M. D. McLaughlin, R. Kuske

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : E. Temme

R. 1 T. Hounslow
R.2 P. O'Brien
E.M. K. Rucioch, P. Clingan, J. Baker, I. Reid, R. Reid

GOOLWA 9.00am
Commentator: J. Ryan
R.1 A. Fawkner **R.2** K. Fawkner
E.M. T. Siciliano, J. Slagter, D. West, C. Williams, P. Burns

Next Week : Dec. 23rd, 24th & 25th

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm Dec. 23rd
Commentator: F. Hanna
R.1 M. Farmer **R.2** V. Wyld
E.M. E. O'Connell, L. Blackett

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am Dec. 24th
Commentator : Kevin Howard
R. 1 A. Weygood **R.2** F. Hanna

E.M. K. Rucioch, P. Clingan, M. Ferguson

V.H. December 24th 7pm
Commentator: Jim Ryan
R. 1 A. Williss **R. 2** L. Sunman
E.M. P. Clingan, E. O'Shaughnessy, A. Rose, P. Harris

V.H. December 25th 10am
Commentator: M. Ferguson
R.1 J. Randabel-Williamson
R.2 W. Baker
E.M. R. Kuske, J. Baker, K. Rucioch

GOOLWA 9.00am Dec. 24th
Commentator: A. Fawkner
R.1 J. McMahon **R.2** D. McMahon
E.M. K. Milne, M. Glazewski, L. Healey, K. Fawkner

GOOLWA Dec. 24th 5.30pm
Commentator: M. Riddle
R.1 L. Longworth **R.2** B. Longworth
E.M. L. Healey, D. Elliott, T. Siciliano, J. McInnes, L. Elliott

GOOLWA: Dec. 25th 8.30am
Commentator: M. Freeborn
R.1 L. Healey **R.2** P. Kennelly
E.M. J. McInnes, S. Muller, M. O'Halloran, T. Siciliano

REGULAR MASS TIMES IN OUR CLUSTER CHURCHES

ALDINGA
Mary of Galilee, the First Disciple
cnr Quinliven and How 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

NOARLUNGA
St Luke, the Evangelist,
cnr Honeypot Rd and Goldsmith Dve
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 9.00am
1st, 3rd Sundays 11am (Spanish Mass)
2nd Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)
Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm
Monday 9.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Tuesday 1st week 9.00am *and* 9.45am
(later Mass followed by Tuesday Chats)
Wednesday 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
2nd, 4th Sunday 3.00pm

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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He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

> a voice that cries in the wilderness:
> Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

DID YOU KNOW?

- In the early years, there was rivalry between the disciples of John the Baptist and of Jesus. This gospel makes it clear that John does not see himself as a rival to Jesus but as a witness to him. It is Jesus who is the one sent from God.
- The quote from Isaiah comes from a section of his Book which is addressed to the people in Exile in Babylon in the sixth century BC. It is designed to bring comfort and promises that, when the paths are made straight, the Lord will be revealed.
- Bethany, as mentioned in this gospel text, is not the same town which was home to Mary, Martha and Lazarus. They lived close to Jerusalem but the Bethany mentioned here lies on the east bank of the Jordan River.

EXPLORING THE WORD

In contrast to last week's text on John the Baptist, this one comes from the last of the written gospels. The Gospel of John was penned at the very end of the first century. One common characteristic, however, is clear: the Baptist is again presented as the forerunner. John the Baptist rejects all messianic or quasi-messianic titles. He throws human expectation into chaos. He claims for himself only the role of the 'voice' of Isaiah 40, but the evangelist presents him as the most reliable of witnesses, 'Sent by God … to speak for the light'. The only other person in John's Gospel to come from God is Jesus himself. Before an audience of the leaders of the religion of Israel, John witnesses with an authority and a truthfulness that has its source in God.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(18 - 24 December)

- ***Monday, 18:*** Monday, 3rd week Advent (Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-24)
- ***Tuesday, 19:*** Tuesday, 3rd week Advent (Judges 13:2-7, 24-25; Lk 1:5-25)
- ***Wednesday, 20:*** Wednesday, 3rd week Advent (Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38)
- ***Thursday, 21:*** Thursday, 3rd week Advent (Song 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45)
- ***Friday, 22:*** Friday, 3rd week Advent (1 Sam 1:24-28; Lk 1:56-56)
- ***Saturday, 23:*** Saturday, 3rd week Advent (Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66)
- ***Sunday 24:*** Fourth Sunday of Advent (2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38)

THE YEAR OF YOUTH

Celebrate Youth
The Life You're Living
YEAR of YOUTH 2018

PASTORAL CARE

If you (or someone you know) is house-bound, in hospital or in residential care and would appreciate a visit from a Priest or someone from the Parish, please let us know.
Contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552),
Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).