Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

A living, vibrant faith community

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

IT IS OUR MISSION TO:

- Endeavour to develop relevant and prayerful Eucharistic celebrations.
- Foster the experience of a personal relationship with God.
- Provide faith formation opportunities for parishioners.
- Care for each other and the environment, particularly the sick, lonely, aged and disabled within our Parish.
- Care for our environment towards a sustainable future.

WE WILL:

- Reach out to those in need in the local community.
- Be committed to Catholic Social Justice principles.
- Pray and work together with Christian Churches and all people of goodwill.
- Protect and engage with young people in our local area.
- Strengthen bonds with indigenous people in our region.

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



FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together, with a little boy to lead them.The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13,17

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

SECOND READING

Romans 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS (These names will be removed after one month. To keep names on this list please contact Parish Office)
John Wallace, Claire Hamish, Bob Willis, Jeffery Family, Bailey Smallacombe, Ann Tee, Peter Harris, Josephine Proctor, Rita Sullivan, Charlie Nicolson, Paula Collinson, June Lloyd, Eileen McCoey, Len Peake, Ron & Patrine Harris, Vin Slattery, Neil Cumming, Clancy Retallick, Ann & Kevin Hannagan, Mollie Davis, Jutta Millar, Cath Howard, Keith Fawkner. Campbell Smallacombe, Brian Ferrari, Trudi McNamara, Elizabeth Nance, Allen Odgers

ANNIVERSARIES
Francesco Scriva,
Bub O'Shaughnessy

PARISH COLLECTION
26th & 27th November

1st (Presbytery)	$ 711.45
2nd (Parish)	$ 915.80

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER
9th December
W.&J. Baker & M. Cunningham
16th & 23rd December
M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

VICTOR MORNING TEA
4th December
L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden
11th December
A. Williss & R. Reid

VICTOR MEET & GREET
December Saturday
M. Farmer & M. Tuckey

December Sunday
R. Reid, W. Baker

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

December
K. & A. Fawkner

MORNING TEA
December
A. Turner, R. Austin, G. Kennedy, J. Henderson

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP
Practice time 2pm Wednesday

Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

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THE HOLY FATHER'S 2022 PRAYER INTENTIONS



DECEMBER: For Volunteer not-for profit organisations
We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations, committed to human development, find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international co-operation.

ST. JOHN'S GARDENING GROUP



The next clean up day is on **Tuesday 6th December from 9.30 - 11.30 am**. All welcome.

ST JOAN'S PASTORAL CARE GROUP
meets on Saturday 10th December at 4.30pm in the Annex. All welcome.

CAN YOU HELP?



VINNIES NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PREPARE AND DELIVER THEIR CHRISTMAS HAMPERS!

Tuesday 13th December 9.30a.m:
- Unpack donated food

Thursday 15th December 9.30a.m:
- Pack hampers
- Delivery drivers required

No need to RSVP. Just turn up on the day. Thank you for your time!

DEADLINES FOR Vinnies Christmas Hampers:



You are invited to donate non-perishable food for families who need a hand-up this Christmas. Please place items in the Christmas boxes in both churches until **Sunday 11th December.**

Victoria House and Immanuel Care:
Thank you to all who took cards for residents! Please bring your gifts to the church by **Sunday 4th December**. Much appreciated!

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE



KNIGHTS' CHRISTMAS PARTY



The Knights will hold their annual Christmas Party on Sunday December 4th at 6.00pm at St John's.
There will be a full BBQ meal, with chops, hamburgers, sausages and salad for only $5.00.
BYO drinks.
There will be a door prize of $100.
Come along and join in the fun.
This event is to show the Knights' appreciation for all the support given them throughout the year.

ROSTERS FOR
1. Christmas & New Year Masses Victor Harbor.
Sheets are in the porch at Victor Harbor for Mass Ministries. Please place you name on the sheet if you are available to assist at these special celebrations.

2. Christmas - Easter 2023 Victor Harbor.
I am currently preparing the new rosters for Victor Harbor Masses. If you would like to be added into one of these important ministries, please contact me as soon as possible. Also, if you are unavailable any time during the next roster period, please let me know.
***Carol Sutherland*. 0418 856 799**

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

Christmas Eve:	**Goolwa 4.30pm**
	Victor Harbor 6.00pm
Christmas Day:	**Goolwa 8.30am**
	Victor Harbor 10.00am

New Year Mass: Victor Harbor Sat. 6.00pm
Victor Harbor Sun. 11.00am
Goolwa Sun. 9.00am

ADVENT APPEAL FOR UKRAINE There will be a third collection next weekend for the people of Ukraine following a request from Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR. There are 3 focus areas: Evacuation of people, food packages for people and shelters for displaced people.

CHRISTMAS LETTERS
We are sending Christmas letters to those who are not with us on Sundays. I ask you to deliver them to their home address.
HOW: pick up a pack using the map of the area, then a yellow highlighted sheet where you live.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM
SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT, YR. A
Justice shall flourish in His time,
and fullness of peace for ever.

O God, give Your judgement to the king,
to a king's son Your justice,
that He may judge Your people in justice
and Your poor in right judgement.

In His days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

For He shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor.

May His name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in Him,
all nations bless His name

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THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Feast day 8th December
Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what



the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Blessed Pope Pius IX proclaimed on 8th December, 1854: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin." — *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

THE ADVENT WREATH
Second Sunday FAITH



The second candle represents **faith.** It is called the **"Bethlehem Candle"** as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

INTERNATIONAL DAY
OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

is held on 3rd December each year. The theme this year will be **innovation and transformative solutions for inclusive development**, in three different areas, **in employment, in reducing inequality, in sport.** Nowadays technology and creativity can come together in new and powerful ways to make our society more inclusive of those with a 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.
Help us Lord to be respectful of the dignity of those with disabilities.

WHO'S LISTENING?



There's an old story
about a man
Who built a boat
in the middle of a
waterless plain.
When the deluge came,
His family and a whole zoo
Joined him in lock-down.

As it was in the days of Noah,
So it is now. **'Who's listening?'**
It's an Advent question.

We are seldom still
For the purpose of listening.
We are seldom quiet
Enough to hear the natural sounds.
We are seldom aware
Of what another is saying to us.

But this season invites
A quietness, a stillness, an awareness,
In which the still small voice
Penetrates our hearts
And prepares us to celebrate BIRTH.

May this Advent prepare you and me
For the Birth of what we are least expecting.
The Word made flesh in our very selves.
Di Shearer

THIS WEEK 3rd & 4th December

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm
Commentator: C. Huppatz

R.1 L. Blacket
R.2 C. Sutherland

E.M. E. O'Connell

Sunday 11.00am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 L. Sunman
R**. 2** S. Duong

E.M. P, Clingan

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: M. O'Halloran

R. 1 M. Mulvihill
R. 2 L. Healey

E.M. M. Glazewski



NEXT WEEK 10th & 11th December

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm
Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 B. Bullen
R.2 J. Jeffery

E.M. M. Farmer

Sunday 11.00am

Commentator: T. Hounslow

R. 1 P. O'Brien
R**. 2** A. Williss

E.M. M. Taylor

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: D. Huppatz

R. 1 C. May
R. 2 E. Bourne

E.M. A. Turner

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 02/12/22)

- If you have tested positive for COVID-19, please follow the SA Health instructions in regard to isolating and other government health protocols. Stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- The density requirement has been updated to full capacity in all churches and also includes funerals and weddings.
- Wearing of face-masks in Church is strongly recommended. (Show you care and wear a mask.)
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home and not attend services.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.

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• PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - ph 8552 1084 or catholicvhg@bigpond.com) (*All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening)*

• PARISH TREASURER

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)
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• CHILD PROTECTION

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

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: All people shall see the salvation of God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

RING IN THE HOLIDAYS BY WAITING

A commercial on all four radio stations on our black-and-white RCA television convinced me I wanted a set of handbells, with lyrics to songs in colours that matched similarly coloured bells, guaranteeing I would produce beautiful music. I asked Mum and, despite being told by my older brother that he didn't exist, I also asked Santa, surreptitiously, when he was on the corner ringing a Salvation Army bell. My bases were covered. All I had to do was wait for the payoff Christmas morning after Mass.

I couldn't wait. I searched and found my gift under the stairs by the never-used front door. I grabbed my box, shook it, and heard bells. I knew it!

Christmas morning came. Everyone was excited – except me. I tried to fake my surprise and subsequent elation. I wasn't a good actor. Later in the day Mum told me she could tell I knew. I did like those bells. But if I had waited, there would have been a lot more joy. Our Advent readings this week invite us to wait and, importantly, to actively prepare for all that the Saviour's birth will bring us. For me, the first note at Midnight Mass, especially if struck by a handbell, will fill me beyond what I could possibly anticipate.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(05 - 11 December)

- ***Monday, 05:*** Tuesday, 2nd week Advent (Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14)
- ***Tuesday, 06:*** St Ambrose (Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30)
- ***Wednesday, 07:*** Wednesday, 2nd week Advent (Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30)
- ***Thursday, 08:*** The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Gen 3:9-15, 20; Lk 1:26-38)
- ***Friday, 09:*** Friday, 2nd week Advent (Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19)
- ***Saturday, 10:*** Friday, 2nd week Advent (Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:10-13)
- ***Sunday 11:*** THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT (Is 35:1-6, 10; James 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11)

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.