Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph -

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

Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull, and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

There she left him, for the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

1. How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God. **<R>**

2. They are happy, who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise. They are happy, whose strength is in you; they walk with ever growing strength. **<R>**

3. Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer, give ear, O God of Jacob. Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, took on the face of your anointed. **<R>**

SECOND READING

1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

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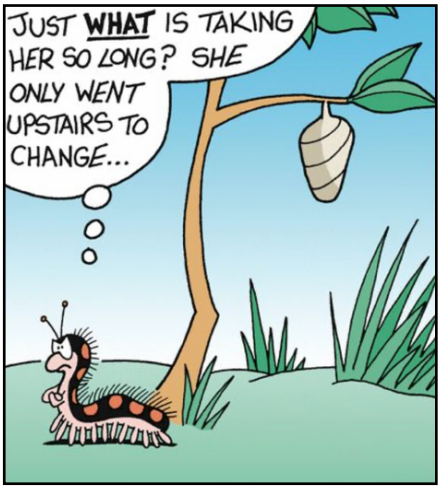
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(*All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening)*

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My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Acts 16:14
Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 2:41-52
Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.

'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(December 30 - January 5)

- ***Monday, 30:*** 6th day, Octave of the Nativity (1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40)
- ***Tuesday, 31:*** 7th day, Octave of the Nativity (1 Jn 2:18-21; Gal 4:4-7; Jn 1:1-18)
- ***Wednesday, 01:*** MARY, the Holy MOTHER of GOD (Num 6:22-27; Lk 2:16-21)
- ***Thursday, 02:*** Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen (1Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28)
- ***Friday, 03:*** Friday before the Epiphany (1 Jn 2:29–3:6; Jn 1:29-34)
- ***Saturday, 04:*** Saturday before the Epiphany (1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42)
- ***Sunday 05:*** The EPIPHANY of the LORD (Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12)



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.