



Welcome to

# Willunga Catholic Parish

Mary of Galilee, Aldinga; St Peter's, Normanville; St Joseph's, Willunga

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

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## **MASS CENTRES**

- Mary of Galilee, cnr Quinliven and How Roads, ALDINGA - Galilee
- St Peter's, Cape Jervis Rd, NORMANVILLE
- St Joseph's, St Judes St, WILLUNGA

## **MASS TIMES**

- SATURDAY EVENING 5.30pm  
Aldinga Beach (Mary of Galilee)
- FIRST, THIRD, FIFTH SUNDAYS  
8.30am Willunga (St Joseph's)  
10.30am Normanville (St Peter's)
- SECOND, FOURTH SUNDAYS  
8.30am Normanville (St Peter's)  
10.30am Willunga (St Joseph's)



## **FIRST READING**

*Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11*

'Console my people, console them' says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Ps 84:9-14*

*Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.*

## **SECOND READING**

*2 Peter 3:8-14*

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Lk 3:4, 6*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Perpare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.*

*Alleluia!*

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# Bulletin Board

## PARISH MASSES WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon No Masses - Willunga Parish  
9.00am - Noarlunga  
Tue 9.15am - Aldinga  
Wed 9.00am - Willunga  
12.00noon - Normanville  
Thur 9.00am - Willunga  
Fri 9.00am - Willunga

## WEEKEND MASSES

(Times on front page of this bulletin)

### Please Note

We will be operating with very restricted numbers again this weekend (05/06 December) to satisfy the current 1:4sqm restriction. There will be significantly more space at Galilee than at either St Joseph's or St Peter's, because the wall between Galilee Church and the Hall will be opened to accommodate extras. St Joseph's can only have 37 attendees and people will be turned away once that number is inside.

Bookings are required for St Peter's - please phone Patricia Litvinsky (0448 783 288).

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

### • Christmas Eve (Thur, Dec 24) •

4.00pm St Peter's, Normanville  
6.30pm Mary of Galilee, Aldinga  
7.00pm St Joseph's, Willunga  
(Family Mass)  
12 midnight St Joseph's, Willunga

### • Christmas Day (Fri, Dec 25) •

9.00am St Peter's, Normanville  
\*\*10.30am St Peter's, Normanville  
9.00am St Joseph's, Willunga  
\*\*10.30am St Joseph's, Willunga

\*\*Extra Masses have been provided for both St Peter's and St Joseph's in the event we still have restrictions on numbers - more details when they become available.

## NORMANVILLE MASS

There will be no Mass at Normanville on Wednesday, December 23.

## SALE OF CHRISTMAS CARD PACKS

St Vincent de Paul produced Christmas Card packs will be on sale at the three Mass Centres from this weekend until sold out. They are excellent value at \$5.00 for a pack of ten cards. All proceeds from the sales go to St Vincent de Paul Willunga Conference. *Mario Bacchin*

## QR CODES FOR WILLUNGA PARISH COMMUNITIES

From Tuesday 1 December it is mandatory for all public activities with a Covid-Safe plan to display a QR code.

A QR code is like a barcode, consisting of black and white squares. When you arrive at a venue or business, you will use the COVID SAfe Check-In feature in an app on your smart phone to scan the business' unique QR code instead of signing in manually.

If you do not have a compatible smart phone, a paper record will still be available for you to provide your details.

If you would like more details about the QR code, please go to this link: [https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0004/329413/20101130-COVID-SAfe-Check-In-FAQs-for-Individuals-final.pdf](https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0004/329413/20101130-COVID-SAfe-Check-In-FAQs-for-Individuals-final.pdf)

## ST JOSEPH'S, WILLUNGA VOLUNTEERS

If you are not already helping out with the rosters at St Joseph's, please give it some consideration. We desperately need some extra cleaners and people to help with laundering the Church linen. Neither job is too arduous if we can get a few more people to take their turn. Please get in touch with Michael Hynes if you can help.

As most people would know, John and Pauleen Hounslow have left our community and moved to Moonta. What many people might not know, is that John has for many years, worked part of one day every week in the gardens at St Joseph's - mowing, spraying, watering, pruning etc. He is going to be greatly missed.

We very much appreciate the fantastic job Bruce Summers does, using his own equipment, on the large grassed areas near the cemetery and on the Chapel Street land, but we need someone to help with the areas closer to the Church. Please contact the Office and leave a message if you can help out (8556 2132).

## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES

There are Christmas Giving Trees at Mary of Galilee and St Joseph's Churches. On the trees can be found tags with suggested items of food or

toys that may be donated to the Willunga Conference to add to the Christmas Hampers. If you would like to make a donation of food or toys please take tags and return the items to either Galilee or St Joseph's Churches by next Sunday (13 December).

We are preparing the Christmas Hampers on the following weekend (19, 20 December) for distribution on Monday 21 December.

*Mario Bacchin*

## ATTENTION: ONKAPARINGA RATEPAYERS

The City of Onkaparinga invites you have your say on the draft Aldinga Sports Park Master Plan.

The Aldinga Sports Park, located adjacent the Aldinga township, is a Regional Active Park currently home to nine clubs including bowling, croquet, netball, football, cricket, soccer, hockey and equestrian. An Aldinga Sports Park draft Master Plan has been prepared to guide the future development of sport and recreation facilities in response to current and projected growth in population and sport participation levels in the Aldinga region.

The draft Master Plan sets a long-term vision for the Park with staged development to occur over the next 15+ years.

We are now seeking feedback on the draft Master Plan until Friday 11 December.

For more information, including the draft Master Plan Report, and to provide feedback, please visit the [Draft Aldinga Sports Park Master Plan Your Say Page](#).





**“THE SOUTHERN CROSS”  
CHRISTMAS EDITION**

Once again the December issue of “The Southern Cross” will be inserted in “The Advertiser” with additional copies provided to parishes for distribution over the Christmas period (December 12 Advertiser).

**THEOLOGY STUDY GRANT**

The Good Samaritan Sisters are offering some finance (up to \$8000) for women over 30 interested in study in the area of theology and spirituality and are in some form of leadership role.

**Criteria**

- Catholic women - 30 yrs and over
- Interest in both the study and mentoring components of the program;
- Identification of current study being undertaken or a proposed course at a recognised theological institution; and
- Evidence of leadership exercised in any context. Leadership experience in a not-for-profit organisation or a faith-based institution will be highly regarded.

Special consideration will be given to women who are experiencing financial hardship or who live in isolated communities. Link to website and application package: <https://www.goodsams.org.au/2020/10/20/study-and-mentoring-leadership-program-focuses-on-womens-gifts/>

**STORY STARTER**

When Henry Ford put the Model T on the first assembly line, he boasted that you could have it in any colour you wanted - as long as it was black. Since those early days, imagine how many cars have been built and how many different designs and colours have been offered. Every year car

enthusiasts await each new model eagerly.

It is interesting that there is a trend these days to make new cars look vaguely like some classic older models, a “retro” look, it is called. The new Volkswagen Beetle, Chrysler’s PT Cruiser, and new Ford Thunderbirds are examples of this trend.

Isaiah bombards our senses with all sorts of images and models: filled valleys, levelled mountains, fiery prophets, gentle shepherds. They are all familiar to us but were new when Isaiah prophesied. At the same time, we are to patiently await the new heaven and earth the Messiah will bring, says Peter, even if it takes a thousand years.

Mark gives us a “retro” prophet, an Old Testament figure to begin his New Testament gospel, a character out of synch with his time.

But isn’t that the real message of Advent? What is new is old. God has always loved us. The Messiah is the ultimate sign of that love. And what is old is new. The message of salvation is as fresh today as it was 2000 years ago. God’s promise of love remains for us if we remain faithful to God. Advent is what brings the old and new together, like John the Baptist.

*GPBS eNews*



**PLEASE KEEP THESE  
PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Sick:** Val and George Gater, Abbey McIver, Veronica Shortland, Muriel Smith, Jeff Gray, Judy Hore, Kate Hall, Tilly Kirtland, Arthur Jones, Leonie Zeven, Violet Gilli, Colin and Roma Whitford, Helen Jarvis, Walter Litvinsky, Deanne Bostock

**DATES**

- Dec 12 School holidays begin
- Dec 13 Third Sunday of Advent
- Dec 18 Yankalilla Carols in your car
- Dec 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Dec 25 Christmas Day
- Jan 1 New Year’s Day
- Jan 26 Australia Day
- Jan 27 First School Term 2021 begins
- Mar 8 Adelaide Cup Day
- 2 Apr Good Friday
- 3 Apr Holy Saturday
- 5 Apr Easter Monday
- 9 Apr Last day School Term 1
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day
- 27 Apr First day School Term 2

**COLLECTIONS**

*For the last two weekends*

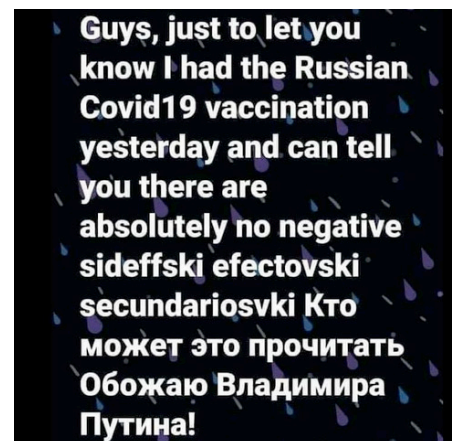
First collection	\$321.00
Second collection	\$293.00
Envelopes	\$678.00

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.

- *When life gives you melons, you might be dyslexic.*
- *People who use selfie sticks really need to have a good, long look at themselves.*
- *I always take life with a grain of salt. And a slice of lemon. And a shot of tequila.*
- *Adam and Eve were the first ones to ignore the Apple terms and conditions.*

**ROSTERS**

<b>ALDINGA</b>	<i>Saturday 5 December</i>	<i>Saturday 12 December</i>
Commentator	David Manders	Peter Laffan
Readers	Christina Tiedge	Michelle Cormack
	Rod Boucher	Heidi Davidson
<b>NORMANVILLE</b>	<i>Sunday, 6 December</i>	<i>Sunday, 13 December</i>
	To be advised	To be advised
<b>WILLUNGA</b>	<i>Sunday, 6 December</i>	<i>Sunday, 13 December</i>
Commentator	Marie Andrews	Jim Smith
Reader	Sue Thompson	Vanda Farrall
Church Cleaning	Michael Hynes	Michael Hynes
Church Linen	Anna Rogers	Margaret Guley



## COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(Current as at 1 December)

- Attendance for Mass is capped at 100 people, whilst maintaining 1:4 sqm.
- Funerals are capped at 150 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- Weddings are capped at 150 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- No beverage or food consumption (ie cup of tea after Mass)
- Singing as a congregation is to be avoided.
- Except for families and household groups, people should socially distance. There should be no physical contact outside one's family or household group.
- There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- Every gathering must record contact details - either with the QR code for smart phones, or the handwritten log - both located at the entrance to the Church.
- Hand sanitizer is to be available at church entrances.
- Offertory procession will be omitted. Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed
- Collection plates will not be passed around but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- All surfaces should be cleaned at least daily, with special attention given to frequently touched surfaces.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people should be encouraged not to attend.
- Care should be taking at the dismissal and on leaving the church to minimise social contact.
- The obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage.

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## GOSPEL

### Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the River Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

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### DID YOU KNOW?

- John the Baptist is a prominent figure in Mark's Gospel. In Luke's Gospel he is portrayed as a cousin of Jesus, however in the other gospels he seems not to know the identity of Jesus and no family connection is mentioned.
- John's clothing of homespun camel hair tied with a leather thong around the waist is the explicit garb of a prophet.
- God had called the people of Israel out of Egypt and led them across the River Jordan to be a new people. God, through John, is now calling for a new people by passing them through the waters of baptism in the same river.

### EXPLORING THE WORD

The prophet Isaiah brought a message of hope and comfort to the people of Israel who were in exile in Babylon. Despite their failings, God is merciful

and has promised them a new beginning. John the Baptist appears in the line of that great prophet and again promises Israel the chance of a new beginning if they repent and turn again towards God.

The emphasis in Mark's portrait of the Baptist is very much that of the subordinate. John's self-effacing manner makes it clear that he is not the one who is promised, but the one who is to prepare the way. The emphasis in John's preaching is on judgment; for Jesus it is the Reign of God and salvation.

### SHARING THE TRADITION

Mark's Gospel was the first to be written down, around the year 70AD. It is generally accepted that Mark wrote for an audience in Rome who were undergoing persecution for their faith. It is the shortest of the four gospels and is told in a lively and straightforward style. Mark seeks to explore the identity of Jesus, to describe the responses of various people to him and to invite us to become disciples.

In this opening verse of his gospel, Mark alerts his readers instantly to the identity of the main character. This work is the Good News about Jesus Christ who is Son of God.

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### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(07 - 13 December)

- **Monday, 07:** St Ambrose (Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26)
- **Tuesday, 08:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Gen 3:9-15, 20; Rph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Wednesday, 09:** Wed of 2<sup>nd</sup> Week Advent (Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30)
- **Thursday, 10:** Thurs of 2<sup>nd</sup> Week Advent (Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15)
- **Friday, 11:** Friday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Advent (Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19)
- **Saturday, 12:** Saturday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week Advent (Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:10-13)
- **Sunday 13:** Third Sunday of Advent (Is 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thess 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28)

### PASTORAL CARE

If you need a Priest for anointing of the sick or last rites contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).