



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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WILLUNGA CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRE

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday: 10.00am - 12.00noon
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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

Fr Charles Gauci (Parish Priest -
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Fr Tony Telford-Sharp (Parish
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Fr Peter Zwaans (Associate Priest)
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PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY

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MASS CENTRES

- Mary of Galilee, cnr Quinliven and How Roads, ALDINGA - Galilee
- St Peter's, Cape Jervis Road, 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!

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

Alleluia!

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BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES

Please contact the Parish Office

RECONCILIATION

- Aldinga: Saturday 5.00 - 5.20pm
 - Normanville: Second and fourth Sundays at 8.10am
 - Willunga: to be organised
- Reconciliation always available at St Luke's, Noarlunga every Saturday at 9.00am.

ROSARY

10.00am before 10.30am Masses at Normanville. 9.30am on Fridays in the Chapel at Galilee, Aldinga.

QUIET PRAYER

Each day at Willunga for 30 minutes at 7.00am and 5.00pm. All welcome.

REFLECTION GROUPS

Willunga Thursday Group meets weekly to reflect on Gospel for the following Sunday. Parish House, 7.00pm. Fr Tom (8557 1072)

FIRST FRIDAY MASSES

First Friday Mass: Willunga at 9.00am; Normanville at 6.00pm

FAMILY MASSES

Aldinga: 2nd Saturday - 5.30pm

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Galilee Learning Centre 8557 9000
St John the Apostle 8382 2064
All Saints Primary 8327 0020
Cardijn College 8392 9500
Marcellin Tech College 8186 9700

PLAYGROUP

Monday mornings 9.00am - 10.30am in Shared Space, Stage 1, Galilee School, Aldinga. Co-ordinator - Melanie Wilson (8557 9000)

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Meetings held twice monthly - every second Monday of month and the Monday, two weeks later, both at 10am. Meetings are held at the Galilee Community Room, How Rd, Aldinga. Contact: svdp.aldinga@gmail.com

GALILEE HOUSEKEEPING TEAM

Feel free to contact any member of the committee about issues in the Aldinga community - Fr Tony (8382 1717), David Manders (8556 5667), Francoise or Ken Creevey (8557 6287), Mario Bacchin (8323 9909), Judy Driscoll (8557 7068).

GALILEE OP SHOP

How Road, Aldinga. Open Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri 9.00am - 3.00pm
Phone: 0451 830 929



Bulletin Board

REGULAR WEEKDAY MASSES (or COMMUNION SERVICES)

Mon	No Masses in Willunga Parish 9.00am - Noarlunga
Tue	9.15am - Aldinga
Wed	9.00am - Willunga
Thur	9.00am - Willunga
Fri	9.00am - Willunga
1 st Fri	6.00pm - Normanville <i>(followed by shared meal)</i>

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR MASSES



Christmas Eve

Sunday, 24 December

6.00pm	Normanville
6.30pm	Aldinga
7.00pm	Willunga
Midnight	Willunga

Christmas Day

Monday, 25 December

9.00am	Normanville
9.00am	Willunga

New Year's Day

Monday, 1 January

9.00am	Willunga
9.00am	Normanville

COLOGNE PHILHARMONIA CONCERT

The Cologne Philharmonia group will be performing at St Joseph's, January 20, 2018.

ADVENT READING REFLECTIONS

Weekly opportunities for those who would like to reflect for one hour on the readings for the four Sundays of Advent will be offered at Willunga on Wednesday afternoons from 2.00pm to 3.00pm in 'The Shed', and at Normanville on Thursday afternoons in the Annie O'Connor Centre from 2.00pm to 3.00pm.

Sr Margaret Ann

As well as those available in the Willunga Parish, there will also be weekly opportunities offered at SEM

(Seaford Ecumenical Mission) Grand Boulevard, Seaford, on Wednesday mornings from 10.00 - 11.00am with Fr Peter Zwaans. Please see notice board for further details.

GALILEE'S LABYRINTH

In this the Galilee school's tenth year we have been inquiring into how stories inspire action. We have heard about the story of the labyrinth which was planted behind the Church in 2009.

In 2009 the community expressed a desire to create outside places for prayer and reflection. We decided to build a labyrinth - a place where children, parishioners and local community members were welcome to share and walk with God. This labyrinth was accidentally driven over by trucks doing further work on the school.

Hearing this story, we would like to recreate the labyrinth. Parishioners are invited to help with planting the labyrinth on Tuesday 12 December after 9.15am Mass. *Kerri Gould*

CHRISTMAS CARD PACKS

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Card packs are on sale. Packs cost \$5 for ten cards.

THANK YOU

Barbara Kingham thanks all those who kept her in their thoughts and prayers during her recent illness. Your care and concern was very much appreciated.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL THANK YOU

The Willunga Conference of St Vincent de Paul extend a heartfelt thank you to all Willunga parishioners for the assistance given to our conference over the last few weeks. The various requests for assistance made to the parish have raised the following funds:

- \$2,203.80 - Christmas Appeal
- \$103.25 Galilee Trading Table
- \$301.30 Aldinga Beach B-7 School Twilight Fete. A number of parishioners helped make cakes, cupcakes, biscuits etc, for the cake stall we ran at the Twilight Fete.
- The Finance Section of the Society in Adelaide received an anonymous donation of \$5,000 directed towards the Willunga Conference.

Bulletin Board



All these funds will assist the Conference in providing 110 hampers for needy families in our area. Each hamper will have at least a \$60 Coles Gift Card, a \$20 meat voucher for the Seaford Butcher, a \$10 voucher for Aldinga Bakery plus donated non-perishable food. The cost in providing Gift Cards, vouchers for the butcher and 35 Foodbank Christmas Treat packs will be approximately \$10,700. The Aldinga Bakery is donating all 110 vouchers (\$10) for the hampers.

Thank you to all who have assisted the Conference in various ways either financially, volunteering with their time or by making cakes etc. for the cake stall. A special thanks to the local Aldinga Beach B-7 School for offering us the opportunity to fundraise at their Twilight Fete.

We wish all parishioners hope, love and joy for this wonderful Christmas season.
Mario Bacchin (for Willunga St Vincent de Paul Conference)

WILLUNGA QUARRY MARKET

It is our turn (Willunga Catholic Parish) in December and January to supply volunteers for the Willunga Quarry market sausage sizzle.

This important monthly event is a fundraiser for much needed income for the work of Chaplains in our local public schools (McLaren Vale, McLaren Flat, Willunga Primary and Secondary Schools, Aldinga and Old Noarlunga).

If you can spare a half hour or hour on 13 January, please let Anna know (0414 266 528 - phone call or message). Any help serving costumers, collecting payment or cooking sausages would be greatly appreciated.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- Who are the people who have helped you to come to the way of the Lord? Who are the people who act as God's messengers for you?
- Are there obstacles which need to be removed to make a straight path for the Lord? What stops you from focussing on God?
- To repent is to have a change of heart or mind. Have you ever had a change of heart or mind over a significant person, issue or task which has led to a new approach or new way of thinking?

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anne Murphy, Tom and Yvonne O'Brien, Tim Parkinson, James Kelly, Melba Sequeira, Jeff Field, Peta McCance, Chris Lane

Recently deceased: Lyle Marchant, John Hardy

Anniversary: Guistino Curtis

WHAT'S ON

Dec 10 Second Sunday of Advent
Dec 17 Third Sunday of Advent
Dec 21 St Peter's Choir rehearsal
Dec 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent
Dec 25 Christmas Day
Dec 25 Appeal Aboriginal Catholic Ministry & Caritas Australia

2018

Jan 20 Cologne Philharmonia Concert - St Joseph's, Willunga - 8pm
Feb 1 Parish Liturgy Committee
Feb 14 Ash Wednesday

COLLECTIONS

02/03 December, 2017

First collection	\$648.00
Envelopes	\$542.00
Unpledged	\$302.00

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.

ROSTERS

ALDINGA

Welcome
Commentator
Readers

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, 9 December

Lorraine Ellis
R Bishop / T Dundon
Christine Jones
Denis Jones
Rose Sulda
Kerry Gould

Saturday, 16 December

Christine & Denis Jones
Tricia Dundon
Robert Day
Heidi Davidson
Brigid Grimwood
Judy Seward

NORMANVILLE

Welcome
Commentator/Prayers
Reader
Eucharistic Minister
Church Cleaning

Sunday, 10 December

Ena Harvey
Joan Fogarty
Park Fogarty
Lyn Wyld
Ann Henriksen

Sunday, 17 December

Marg Burrough
Barbara Kingham
Trish Bohnsack
Pat Hardy
Patsy Fitzpatrick

WILLUNGA

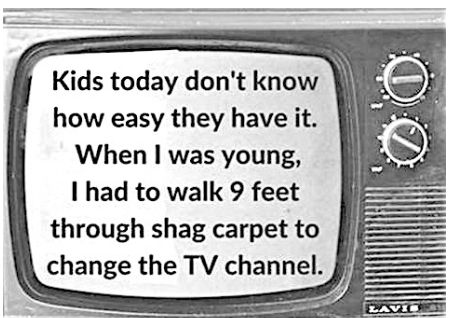
Welcome
Commentary
First Reader
Second Reader
Eucharistic Ministers
Church Cleaning
Counting
Church Linen

Sunday, 10 December

Tony Harding
Wayne Best
Marie Andrews
Francesca Zagajewska
Anna Rogers
Steve Maglieri
Birgit & Michael Hynes
John Hounslow
Pauleen Hounslow

Sunday, 17 December

Chris Dzamko
Jim Smith
Pauleen Hounslow
Ian La Ronde
Denny Ford
Marie Cester
Birgit & Michael Hynes
John Hounslow
Marie Cester



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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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.'

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.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(11 - 17 December)

- **Monday, 11:** Monday of 2nd week Advent (Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26)
- **Tuesday, 12:** Tuesday of 2nd week Advent (Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14)
- **Wednesday, 13:** St Lucy (Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30)
- **Thursday, 14:** St John of the Cross (Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15)
- **Friday, 15:** Friday of 2nd week of Advent (Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19)
- **Saturday, 16:** Saturday of 2nd week Advent (Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:10-13)
- **Sunday 17:** Third Sunday of Advent (Is 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thess 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28)

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).