



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)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

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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)
Fr Saminathan [Sam] Arockiasamy (Associate Pastor)
Fr Tony Telford-Sharp (Assoc Pastor)
Fr Tom Gleeson (Resident Priest)
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Geraldine and Steve Robinson (Finance/Parish Office - Tuesday am)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

David Manders (phone 8556 5667)

PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Gael Maloney (Parish Office - Friday am)
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MASS CENTRES

Mary of Galilee, cnr Quinliven and How Roads, ALDINGA - Galilee Community Room (phone 8557 9018)
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 35:1-6, 10

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy in their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:6-10

Lord, come and save us.

SECOND READING

James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the



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gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Is 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

Matthew 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No?

Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in

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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 midday.

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-ordinators - Miss Little and Miss Gould (8557 9000)

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Meetings held twice monthly - every second Tuesday of month at 10am and the Tuesday, two weeks later at 3pm. All meetings are held at the rear of 9 Austin Place, Port Willunga. Contact: svdp.aldinga@gmail.com

GALILEE

HOUSEKEEPING TEAM

Feel free to contact any member of the committee about issues in the Aldinga community - Fr Charles (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



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WEEKDAY MASSES (or COMMUNION SERVICES)

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

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR MASSES

- **CHRISTMAS EVE**
Saturday, 24 December
6.00pm - Normanville
6.30pm - Aldinga
7.00pm - Willunga
Midnight - Willunga
- **CHRISTMAS DAY**
Sunday, 25 December
8.30am - Normanville
9.00am - Willunga
- **NEW YEAR'S EVE**
Saturday, 31 December
5.30pm - Aldinga
- **NEW YEAR'S DAY**
Sunday, 1 January
8.30am - Willunga
10.30am - Normanville

CHRISTMAS CARD PACKS

St Vincent de Paul produced Christmas Cards are available. Christmas Card packs will be on sale at all three Mass Centres until sold out. Packs cost \$5.00 for ten cards.

Proceeds go towards our local St Vincent de Paul Conference.

EASTER TRIDUUM WORKSHOP

An Easter Triduum workshop for the Archdiocese will be presented by Sr Ilsa Neicinieks and Jenny O'Brien from the Office for Worship on Saturday 25 February 2017 from 10.00am - 3.30pm. BYO lunch. Tea/coffee provided.

To enrol contact Lyn on 8152 7806 or worship@ow.adelaide.catholic.org.au before Monday, 20 February. Cost \$10/person (Maximum \$30/Parish). See Notice Board for more information.

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

City of Onkaparinga

Positive Ageing Expo 2017

To coincide with World Health Day, from 9.30am to 3.30pm on Friday 7 April 2017, we will be hosting the 'Good Choices: Positive Ageing Expo 2017' at the Noarlunga Leisure Centre and Rotary Park in Christies Beach. The event aims to support the World Health Organisation's latest campaign on combating the stigma surrounding mental illness, in particular the contributing factors and devastating effects that loneliness and depression can have on the wellbeing of our older population.

To help us achieve these aims we invite any groups, clubs or organisations that provide health, fitness, social and/or wellbeing programs and services that target older people in the City of Onkaparinga to be part of the event.

This involvement could be anything from providing: information stand, demonstrations, presentations, 'have a go' activities, entertainment, food stalls, free health checks.

If you are interested in being involved please ring 8384 0120 or email jusifo@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au
Justin Ifould
(Community Development Officer)

IS JESUS "THE ONE" FOR YOU?

Is Jesus really "the One"? The answer for this guy I knew was no.

This guy really wanted fame and status. He wanted a big bankbook and all the stuff that comes with it. He wanted popularity. He was, after all, a bartender at a popular bar.

Clearly Jesus wasn't the One for him. Following Jesus doesn't guarantee all those things.

John the Baptist had his doubts too, according to this week's Gospel. But John was looking for different things. He hungered for a world where people opened their eyes to injustice, where people disabled by disease or poverty could live with

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dignity, where each person lived to spread God's message of peace. Look around, Jesus told John's followers, and give John hope by telling him about the world I'm creating and teaching others to create.

How about you this Advent? Is Jesus the One for you? It will depend on what you are looking for in life. He is the One for a lot of people I have worked with, including Jack, who proclaims the Good News to the poor by teaching in one of the remotest parts of Western Australia. He is the One for Cynthia, who gives sight to the blind by leading youth group discussions about faith and morals at her parish. He is the One for Rob, who opens people's ears to God's word by cantoring each Sunday at Mass. If you hunger for the same world John the Baptist hoped to create, and if you hunger to live a meaningful life, then Jesus is the One for you.

Do others hunger tempt you away from Jesus? As humans we can forget how much Jesus offers and

chase the money, beauty, status, and popularity. I know. The bartender at the beginning of the reflection? That was me! I wasted a lot of time before deciding Jesus is the One for me. But he took me back and showed me how to make life meaningful.

If you've been chasing after the wrong things, use this Advent to recommit yourself to Jesus and his mission. If you still have your doubts, that's okay. Just ask Jesus to clear them up. John the Baptist did.

How can following Jesus make your life more meaningful and help you change the world? What doubts do you have about committing yourself to him?

GPBS eNews



ROSTERS

(For Mass times refer to page 1)

ALDINGA	Saturday, 10 December	Saturday, 17 December
Welcome	Family Mass	Christina Tiedge
Commentator	Rachel Bishop	Chris McWilliams
Readers	Brianna McIver	Chris Sandow
	Family Mass	Angela Trembath
Eucharistic Ministers	Kerry Gould	David Manders
	Brigid Grimwood	Maria Jarvis-Mack
NORMANVILLE	Sunday, 11 December	Sunday, 18 December
Welcome	Lyn Wyld	Marg Burrough
Commentator/Prayers	Joan Fogarty	Dolek Thiele
Reader	Park Fogarty	Mary Kennedy
Eucharistic Minister	Judy Hore	Pat Hardy
Church Cleaning	Mary Kennedy	Judy Hore
WILLUNGA	Sunday, 11 December	Sunday, 18 December
Welcome	P & J Hounslow	Barbara Smith
Commentary	Vanda Farrall	John Hounslow
First Reader	Anna Rogers	Anne Crosbie
Second Reader	Norman Lee	Vanda Farrall
Eucharistic Ministers	Denny Ford	Birgit Hynes
	Steve Maglieri	Marie Cester
Church Cleaning	Helen Brini	Helen Brini
Counting	Terry Cahalan, Rose Sulda	Terry Cahalan, Rose Sulda
Church Linen	Anne Crosbie	Marie Cester

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS
Sick: Kerry James, Di Rickard, Dee Harvey, Anne Murphy

WHAT'S ON

Jan 14 Cologne Philharmonia concert

COLLECTIONS

03/04 December, 2016

First collection	\$812.00
Envelopes	\$843.00
Unpledged	\$330.00

Thank you for your support
- it is much appreciated.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Long experience has taught me that in England nobody goes to the theatre unless he or she has bronchitis. (James Agate)

One of my chief regrets during my years in the theatre is that I couldn't sit in the audience and watch me. (John Barrymore)

Young girl after seeing a performance of Peter Pan.
"Mummy, what was Captain Hook's name before he lost his hand?"

On a stage comedy:
"Some laughter was heard in the back rows. Someone must have been telling jokes back there."
(Robert Benchley)



REGULAR MASS TIMES IN OUR CLUSTER CHURCHES

ALDINGA

Mary of Galilee, the First Disciple
cnr Quinliven and Howe 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
4th Sunday (Youth Mass) 6.00pm

NOARLUNGA

St Luke, the Evangelist,
cnr Honeypot Rd and Goldsmith Dve
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 9.00am
1st Sunday 11.00am (Spanish Mass)
2nd Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)
Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm
Monday 9.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Wednesday 7.00am, 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 and 4th Sunday 4.00pm

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

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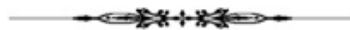
St Joseph, 12 St Judes Street
1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 8.30am
2nd, 4th Sundays 10.30am
Wednesday 9.00am
Thursday 9.00am

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palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says:

'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you.

'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'



BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This Sunday is so named because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John's arrest in chapter 14:3-12. In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But

salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.

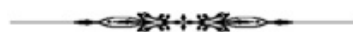
NET MINISTRIES AUSTRALIA SPONSORSHIP

Jessica Sachse is a young Adelaide woman who has been accepted to serve as a volunteer with NET ministries, from January until November, 2017. NET stands for National Evangelisation Team and is a Catholic peer-to-peer youth ministry organisation that encourages young people to love Jesus and embrace the Church through retreats, youth groups and other forms of ministry.

Jessica will spend the first five weeks being trained in both practical youth ministry tools and Christian living principles, before beginning ten months of ministry that will take teams throughout Australia.

Each of the team members selected have been asked to raise a minimum sponsorship of \$6,400. The money Jessica raises will contribute to costs associated with serving with NET including training, food, accommodation, vehicle maintenance, transportation, etc.

If you can help Jessica with either a one-off or a monthly donation, please visit her fundraising page (for an electronic donation) at www.youcaring.com/NETsponsorship2017-jesssache or contact Fr Charles. Fr Charles Gauci



THIS WEEK'S READINGS (12 - 18 December)

- **Monday, 12:** Monday, 3rd week of Advent (Num 24:2-7, 15-17; Mt 21:23-27)
- **Tuesday 13:** St Lucy (Zeph 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32)
- **Wednesday 14:** St John of the Cross (Is 45:6-8, 18, 21-26; Lk 7:19-23)
- **Thursday 15:** Thursday, 3rd week of Advent (Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30)
- **Friday 16:** Friday, 3rd week of Advent (Is 56:1-3, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36)
- **Saturday 17:** Saturday, 3rd week of Advent (Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17)
- **Sunday 18:** FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24)