

# 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)

# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR A

# WILLUNGA CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRE

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# **OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday and Friday: 9.00am - 11.00am (*Outside these hours, please contact* 0447 421 948 or 0488 287 552)

#### NOARLUNGA DOWNS CATHOLIC PRESBYTERY Dispute 9292 1717

# Phone: 8382 1717

# PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

- Fr Josy Sebastian (Parish Priest -8382 1717; emergency 0452 524 169)
- Fr Selva Raj (A/Priest 8382 1717; selvarajpani@gmail.com)
- Fr Prathap Katta (A/Priest - 8382 1717)
- Fr Tom Gleeson (Resident Priest 8557 1072)
- Sr Margaret Ann (Parish worker -0488 287 552)
- Gael Maloney (Office Friday am; Newsletter - articles due Wednesday -0447 421 948, bahloo2@bigpond.com)
- Sue Summers (Parish Finance -Tuesday am - 0438 894 887, suesummers1901@gmail.com)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Peter Laffan (phone 8556 3915)

#### **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 42:1-4, 6-7

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights.

I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets.

He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

# **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

# SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-38 Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

# GOSPEL

*Matthew 3:13-17* Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you' he said 'and yet you come to me!' *(Continued page 4)* 

# **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**

Willunga at 9.00am Normanville at 12noon

# FAMILY MASSES

Aldinga: 2nd Saturday - 5.30pm

# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Galilee Learning Centre8557 9000St John the Apostle8382 2064All Saints Primary8327 0020Cardijn College8392 9500Marcellin Tech College8186 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 9.30am. Meetings: Aldinga Community Centre, Stewart Road, Aldinga. Contact: Vinnies-Willunga@svdpsa.org.au

### GALILEE HOUSEKEEPING TEAM

Feel free to contact any member of the committee about issues in the Aldinga community - Fr Josy (8382 1717), David Manders (8556 5667), Francoise and Ken Creevey (8557 6287), Mario Bacchin (8323 9909), Judi Driscoll (0428 310 548).

# **GALILEE OP SHOP**

How Road, Aldings holidays Inesday, Thursclosed for the holidays 1.00pm Phone. 04/4 107 694



#### 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
1st Fri	Normanville: 11.50am
	Adoration; 12noon - Mass
	(followed by shared lunch)

### PRAY FOR ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY BUSHFIRES

At this time our country is burning and our fellow citizens are experiencing enormous struggle and distress. In our own Archdiocese many of our Parishes and fellow parishioners have experienced terrible loss of property and home, and the anxiety of protecting their families and their remaining homes and property into the future.

In light of this, and with Bishop O'KelIy's support, I am inviting all of our diocesan family, throughout this fire season, to pray for those who have been or will be affected by fire, for those who are risking their lives to combat the fire, and for those who in a myriad of ways are supporting communities and those who have endured the anguish of fire. Through this fire season I invite every Parish to include the attached prayer as part of each Parish Mass and gathering.

I also invite all parishioners over the next months to contribute to the collection for fire victims that has been established by the St Vincent de Paul Society. Please note that 100 % of donations will go to victims. Please donate via www.vinnies.org.au / SABushfireAppeal

Counselling or debriefing for individuals or families affected by fire will always be available through Centacare. The contact number is: 8215 6700

I thank you for all the support and care you are already offering, and express our admiration for all those who are volunteering to fight the fires and to support communities.

May God bless every one of you as we move through this terrible season toward Lent and Easter hope. *Fr Philip Marshall* 

#### ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

A new teacher starting in January 2020 at Galilee Catholic School, requires short-term accommodation (2 - 4 months) until her family moves to Adelaide later in the year. She is interested in self-contained room or unit for rent. Please contact Leanne Glascott if you are able to help (0434 196 439). *Sharon Doyle* 

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#### **CREATOR GOD**

You breathe life into all things and make them holy, and we thank you.

Our land, our people, our fauna are suffering and we pray for rain. Please soak our land.

We pray for those who are enduring unimaginable injury and loss through fire. Bless them with deep comfort, consolation and hope.

We pray for our heroic fire fighters. Cover them with your protection and bless them and their families.

We pray for our leaders. Inspire them with courage and wisdom needed for this time.

Your people look to you with trusting hearts and the certainty of your love.

With deep gratitude and longing, we ask you to hear our prayer. Amen

# SPECIAL COLLECTION

The bulletin this weekend includes an envelope for the St Vincent de Paul Bushfire Appeal (along with a copy of the "Creator God" prayer) for those affected by the devastating bushfires.

We are happy to collect the envelopes next weekend or, if they don't contain cash, you are welcome to post them off yourself. You might like to donate via the website: www.vinnies.org.au/ SABushfireAppeal

#### **FROM FR JOSY**

- *Fr Josy* will be away on leave in India from 16 January to 25 Feb.
- *Stational Mass during Lent* It is customary during the Season of Lent for the Bishop (or his Delegate) to celebrate Mass in as many local churches of his Diocese as possible. This year the Stational Mass for the Southern Deanery, which includes the Parishes of the Fleurieu Peninsula, Aberfoyle Park, Brighton, Glenelg, Hallet Cove, Kangaroo Island, Morphett Vale, Noarlunga-Seaford and Plympton, will be celebrated at St. Luke's Church, Noarlunga Downs on Thursday, 5 March at 7pm.

All parishioners of the Deanery are invited to attend.



Tickets available from Gael Maloney (0447 421 948)

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Welcome Commentator Readers

Saturday 11 January Lorraine and Noah Ellis Rachel Bishop Heidi Davidson Peter Laffan Maria Jarvis-Maack

Sunday, 12 January Ena Harvey Antoinette Fleming Peter Bohnsack Mary Kennedy Jim and Patsy Fitzpatrick

Sunday, 12 January Joe Rasera Jim Smith Norman Lee Megan Chapman Anna Rogers May Dunn, Tony Harding Marie Cester May Dunn

Saturday 18 January Christine and Denis Jones Chris McWilliams Michelle Cormack Lilia Parkinson Francoise Creevey Rose Sulda

Sunday, 19 January Antoinette Fleming Joan Fogarty Park Fogarty Ena Harvey Jim and Patsy Fitzpatrick

Sunday, 19 January Marie Andrews Gael Malonev Wayne Best John Bruschi Marie Cester Denny Ford May Dunn, Tony Harding Anna Rogers May Dunn

# PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Val Gater, Bernie Wilkie, Abbey McIver, Veronica Shortland, Muriel Smith

Recently deceased: Ryan Trembath, Fr Sean McGearty

WHAT'S ON		
Jan 16	Fr Josy goes on leave	
Jan 18	Cologne Philharmonia Concert	
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Jan 25	Chinese New Year	
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Jan 26	Australia Day	
Jan 26	Tour Down Under - Willunga	
Jan 27	Australia Day holiday	
Jan 28	First day School term 1	
Feb 25	Fr Josy returns from leave	
Feb 26	Ash Wednesday	
Mar 1	First Sunday of Lent	
Mar 5	7pm Stational Mass, St Lukes	
Mar 8	Second Sunday of Lent	
Mar 9	Adelaide Cup Day	
Mar 15	Third Sunday of Lent	
Mar 22	Fourth Sunday of Lent	
Mar 29	Fifth Sunday of Lent	
Apr 9	Holy Thursday	
Apr 10	School holidays begin	
Apr 10	Good Friday	
Apr 11	Holy Saturday	
Apr 12	Easter Sunday	
Apr 25	ANZAC Day	
Apr 26	First day School term 2	

# COLLECTIONS

04/05 January 2019			
First collection	\$719.00		
Envelopes	\$538.00		
Unpledged	\$493.00		

Thanks you for your support. It is much appreciated.

PUNNY or just FUNNY!!

- I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.
- England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.
- This girl today said she recognised me from the Vegetarians Club, but I'd swear I've never met herbivore.
- I know a guy who's addicted to drinking brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.
- A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

**ALDINGA** 

Eucharistic Ministers Judy Seward NORMANVILLE

Welcome Commentator/Prayers Reader Eucharistic Minister Church Cleaning

**WILLUNGA** 

Welcome Commentary First Reader Second Reader Eucharistic Ministers Steve Maglieri Church Cleaning

Church Linen Counting

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 11am (Spanish Mass) 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass) Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm Monday 9.00am Tuesday 9.00am Wednesday 7.30pm Thursday 8.15am (St Luke's) Thursday 9.15am (St John's - term time) Friday 10.00am

### NORMANVILLE

*St Peter, Cape Jervis Road* 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays 10.30am 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 8.30am 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 11.50am Adoration, 12.00 noon Mass

#### PENNESHAW

St Columba, North Terrace (shared with Anglicans) 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 3.15pm

#### SEAFORD

Seaford Ecumenical Mission, Grand Bvd Sunday 10.45am Wednesday 9.15am

#### VICTOR HARBOR

St Joan of Arc, 30 Seaview Road Saturday 6.00pm Sunday 11.00am Tuesday 9.00am Thursday 9.00am Friday 9.00am 1st Friday Benediction following Mass

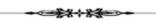
#### WILLUNGA

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

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But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'



# **DID YOU KNOW?**

- The Jordan River runs the length of Israel, from north of the Sea of Galilee to the Dead Sea in the south, and is the lifeblood of the land.
- The exact site of the baptism of Jesus by John is unknown, but the traditional site is at el-Maghtas, about ten and a half kilometres north of the point where the river enters the Dead Sea.
- The word baptism comes from a Greek word meaning 'to plunge'.
- The first Christians were baptised by being plunged into running streams or rivers, following the practice of John. Later, large fonts were built in churches, and baptism of the faithful, usually adults, was by full immersion.

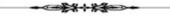
# **EXPLORING THE WORD**

This text introduces Jesus in the first public moment of his adult life. It is significant that the public mission of Jesus begins with his baptism. He has made decisions about his future action, which begins with a long and arduous journey spanning the length of Israel from Galilee to the deep south. This is not a random act. Jesus makes that journey with a single purpose: 'to be baptised by John.' In light of Matthew's presentation of Jesus as the fulfillment and perfection of all that is good in Israel, the conversation between these two figures is fascinating. The Baptist

recognises Jesus' greater role in God's plan. He has played the part of the Old Testament prophet in preparing the way. Now that the main player has appeared on the stage, is it not fitting that the Baptist bows out of the action? But Jesus is aware of a bigger picture and insists that things remain as they are 'for the time being' so that the demands of righteousness can be satisfied. Both Jesus and John show an openness to accept God's plan, and in reward, God himself enters the story with words of affirmation and love for the Chosen One. Heaven and earth have met in the person of Jesus.

# LIVING THE WORD

Like Jesus, every Christian enters the waters of baptism, or have them poured over them. The symbolism, especially apparent in the practice of full immersion, is that of the tomb. The person enters into the depths and darkness of the tomb and rises to a new life in Christ, symbolised by the white garment worn at baptism. This symbolism also recalls our physical birth from the waters of the womb. In baptism, we are reborn into the life of faith.



# THIS WEEK'S READINGS

- *(13 19 January)* • *Monday, 13:* Weekday Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28)
- *Tuesday, 14:* Weekday Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39)
- *Wednesday, 15:* Weekday Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45)
- *Thursday, 16:* Weekday Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45)
- *Friday, 17:* St Anthony (1 Sam 8:4-7, 10-22; Mk 2:1-12)
- *Saturday, 18:* Weekday Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Mk 2:13-17)
- *Sunday 19:* 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34)

# **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).