



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 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 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.’

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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

Willunga at 9.00am
Normanville at 12noon

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 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, Aldinga. Open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9.30am - 3.00pm
Phone: 0474 107 694



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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)

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



- *Christmas Eve (Tues, Dec 24)* •
 - 4.00pm St Peter's, Normanville
 - 6.30pm Mary of Galilee, Aldinga
 - 7.00pm St Joseph's, Willunga (Family Mass)
 - 11.30pm St Joseph's, Willunga (Christmas Carols)
 - 12 midnight St Joseph's, Willunga
- *Christmas Day (Wed, Dec 25)* •
 - 9.00am St Peter's, Normanville
 - 9.00am St Joseph's, Willunga

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

In preparation for the celebration of Christmas, there will be a celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation for our Cluster of Parishes on Tuesday, 17 Dec at St Luke's Church, Noarlunga Downs at 7.30pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be celebrated at St Peter's Church, Normanville on Thursday, 19 December at 6.00pm. All parishioners are invited to attend either of these celebrations. *Fr Josy*

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Card packs are on sale at all three Mass Centres until sold out - excellent value at \$5.00 for a pack of ten cards.

Mario Bacchin

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Christmas Giving Trees have been set up at Mary of Galilee and St Joseph's Churches.

There are tags with suggested items

for food or toys that can be donated for 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 Willunga Churches. We need the items by Sunday 15 December.

Mario Bacchin

LAUDATO SI' ADVENT

"A constant flood of new consumer goods can baffle the heart and prevent us from cherishing each thing and each moment. To be serenely present to each reality, however small it may be, opens us to much greater horizons of understanding and personal fulfilment."

Laudato Si' 222

See <https://catholicclimatemovement.global/laudato-si-advent/#11>

Peter Laffan

SEAFORD CHRISTIAN CHURCHES NEW YEAR'S EVE TWILIGHT ECUMENICAL SERVICE



As we come to the end of 2019, you are invited to gather for a twilight service on

Tuesday, December 31 at 8.00pm. We will gather in thanks-giving for God's presence in our lives during 2019 and pray in faith and trust for God's blessings on our lives and the lives of our loved ones, on our communities, our country and our world throughout 2020.

For those able to stay, we will gather for a cuppa in the café after the service.

Sr Bernie Sontrop

THANK YOU

A special thank you to *Janet Burbidge* for co-ordinating our entry in the Willunga Christmas Tree Festival this year. It is on display near the altar at St Joseph's Church. Thank you to everyone involved, especially those people who supplied the photographs to decorate the tree.

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*.

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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. *Loyola Press*

COLOGNE PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA

St Joseph's Church, Willunga
Saturday, January 18, 2020 - 3.00pm and 8.00pm

ALDINGA

Welcome
Commentator
Readers

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 14 December

McIver family
Christina Tiedge
Rachel Bishop
Brianna McIver
Mario Bacchin
David Manders

Saturday 21 December

Rose Sulda
Chris McWilliams
Michelle Cormack
Leo Dundon
Brian Younie
Judi Driscoll

NORMANVILLE

Welcome
Commentator/Prayers
Reader
Eucharistic Minister
Church Cleaning

Sunday, 15 December

Mary Kennedy
Joan Fogarty
Park Fogarty
Thia Van Kuyk
Patsy and Jim Fitzpatrick

Sunday, 22 December

Rachel
Ann Henriksen
Antoinette Fleming
Judy Hore
Patsy and Jim Fitzpatrick

WILLUNGA

Welcome
Commentary
First Reader
Second Reader
Eucharistic Ministers

Sunday, 15 December

Andrew Beach
Michael Hynes
Marie Andrews
Sue Thompson
Anna Rogers
Steve Maglieri
Christina Rasera
Marie Cester
Pauleen Hounslow

Sunday, 22 December

Zagajewski family
Vanda Farrall
Pauleen Hounslow
Wayne Best
Norman Lee
Marie Cester
Rebecca Pace
Anna Rogers
Pauleen Hounslow

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

WHAT'S ON

- Dec 15 Yankalilla Christmas Carols
- Dec 17 Cluster Reconciliation:
St Luke's, Noarlunga 7.30pm
- Dec 19 Reconciliation: St Peter's 6pm
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Masses
4.00pm Normanville
6.30pm Aldinga
7.00pm Willunga,
12.00 midnight Willunga
- Dec 25 Christmas Day Masses
9.00am Normanville
9.00am Willunga
- Jan 18 Cologne Philharmonia Concert
- 3pm and 8pm
- Jan 26 Tour Down Under - Willunga

COLLECTIONS

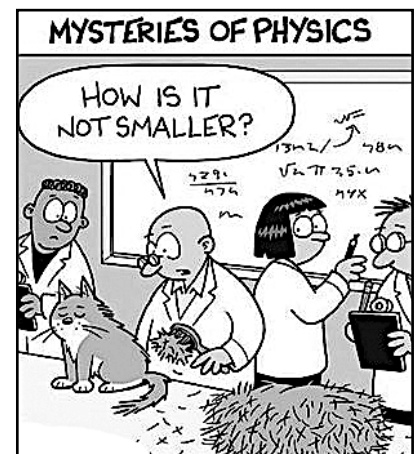
07/08 December 2019

First collection	\$555.00
Envelopes	\$397.00
Unpledged	\$317.00

Your support is much appreciated.

QUOTES

- "Before you marry a person, you should first make them use a computer with slow Internet to see who they really are."
- "Insomnia sharpens your math skills because you spend all night calculating how much sleep you'll get if you're able to 'fall asleep right now.'"
- "I never feel more alone than when I'm trying to put sunscreen on my back."
- "I'm not good at the advice. Can I interest you in a sarcastic comment?"



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 Sunday 11am (Spanish Mass)
2nd 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
1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 10.30am
2nd, 4th Sundays 8.30am
1st Friday
11.50am Adoration, 12.00 noon Mass

PENNESHAW

*St Columba, North Terrace
(shared with Anglicans)*
1st 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
1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 8.30am
2nd, 4th Sundays 10.30am
Wednesday 9.00am
Thursday 9.00am
Friday 9.00am

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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 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.'

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Word Messiah means 'anointed one' in Hebrew. The word Christ means the same thing in Greek.
- The healing of those who are afflicted was one of the signs given in the Hebrew Scriptures that the Messiah had come. When the blind see and the deaf hear; when the downtrodden are raised up and the lame walk, the reign of God will have come.
- John the Baptist was arrested and executed by Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great and ruler of Galilee, because John had criticised Antipas for his marriage to his brother's wife, Herodias, who was also his niece.

SHARING THE TRADITION

The word gospel means 'good news'. The four accounts of the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus are at the heart of the Christian Scriptures. Each of the four gospels presents its story of Jesus according to the particular needs of the community for which it was written.

There are some differences of theological perspective but overwhelming consistency in the overall picture of Jesus that emerges.

EXPLORING THE WORD

As we have already noted, one of the main purposes of Matthew's Gospel is to reveal Jesus as the long awaited Messiah of the Jews to Matthew's largely Jewish community. In this text, Matthew cites the evidence that is before their eyes. Why is it necessary for John to question the identity of Jesus when his own eyes and ears will give him the answer he seeks? The blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and good news is proclaimed to the poor! Such were the signs of the coming of the Lord that Isaiah had prophesied. Such are the actions that Jesus undertakes! His identity is clear for all who have the eyes to see it.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(16 - 22 December)

- **Monday, 16:** Mon 3rd week, Advent (Num 24:2-7, 15-17; Mt 21:23-27)
- **Tuesday, 17:** Tues 3rd week, Advent (Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17)
- **Wednesday, 18:** Wed 3rd week, Advent (Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-24)
- **Thursday, 19:** Thur 3rd week, Advent (Judges 13:2-7, 24-25; Lk 1:5-25)
- **Friday, 20:** Fri 3rd week, Advent (Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Saturday, 21:** Sat 3rd week, Advent (Song 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45)
- **Sunday 22:** 4th Sunday of Advent (Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24)

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).