



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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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
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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 7:10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.' Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us."'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 23:1-6

*Let the Lord enter;
he is king of glory.*

SECOND READING

Romans 1:1-7

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord

who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 1:23

*Alleluia, alleluia!
The virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel"
God-is-with-us. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-24

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit.

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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), Françoise and Ken Creevey (8557 6287), Mario Bacchin (8323 9909), Judi Driscoll (0428 310 548).

GALILEE OP SHOP

How Road, Aldinga
Closed for the holidays
Thursday 10.00am - 3.00pm
Phone: 04/4 107 694



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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

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 thanksgiving 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*

GALILEE OP SHOP

The Galilee Op Shop has closed for the holiday season. It will reopen on Wednesday 29 January, 2020. We thank all the dedicated, hard-working volunteers for your efforts during 2019 and wish you all a wonderful Christmas and an amazing 2020.

HERE'S A REAL MAN

A few years ago, I led a liturgy for a young guy shot in the back by two other young people. Apparently, the two young men who killed Harry thought real men settled arguments by grabbing guns.

How sad, and it seems all too common in our nation. Young men kill each other to prove their "manliness". Other men - young and old - abuse women or use them sexually and brag about it later.

Man, does our culture need Saint Joseph as a role model! Here was a real man. His fiancée turned up pregnant, which would have caused him public shame in ancient Israel. Under the law he had the right to avenge that shame by leaving her or even requesting that she be put to death. But the Gospel tells us he instead chose to divorce her quietly.

And the story goes on. He believed God was telling him to accept Mary because she was pregnant by the Holy Spirit. He could have heard and accepted that only if he was a man who prayed regularly and practiced his Jewish faith.

Joseph: a man of peace who respected women in a culture that treated them as property; a man of prayer able to hear and courageously follow God's call - even though he risked public humiliation.

Don't we need more men like that today? How different would our schools, universities and workplaces be if more young men reached out to kids who are put down? What would our community look like if more young men saw dating as a way to make a friend, not to notch a sexual victory? How different would our neighbourhoods be if more young men stood up for themselves without resorting to violence?

If you're a guy, ask Saint Joseph for guidance this Advent. If you're a girl, challenge your male friends to be "real men" - like Mary's husband.

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COLOGNE PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA



The Chamber Philharmonia Cologne (Germany) is coming back to Australia in the summer of 2020 with a powerful and lovely new programme. The 2020 programme is on the Notice Board and includes familiar greats like Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Antonio Vivaldi in dialogue with works from people such as Sergei Prokofieff through to the "King of Tango" Astor Piazzolla.

"Classical music the world over" – this is the motto of the Chamber Philharmonia Cologne. It is irrelevant to the musicians whether they are playing in a little village church, in the open air, in Cologne Cathedral or in the Sydney Opera House – their enthusiasm to play music is the same every time. The ensemble wants to inspire as many people as possible, across all generations, to enjoy classical music.

We are extremely fortunate that in 2020 Willunga Parish are having two concerts - at 3pm and repeated at 8pm on Saturday, 18 January. Our parishioners always get advance notice of the performances. Book and pay early, you will get the best seats.

The tickets have just arrived and would make a great Christmas present for that person who is impossible to buy for. Please ring Gael Maloney (0447 421 948) to secure your seat. This is an important fundraiser for all three communities in our Parish.

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

	<i>Saturday 21 December</i>	<i>Saturday 28 December</i>
ALDINGA		
Welcome	Rose Sulda	Christina Tiedge
Commentator	Chris McWilliams	Michelle Cormack
Readers	Michelle Cormack	Chris McWilliams
	Leo Dundon	Christina Tiedge
Eucharistic Ministers	Brian Younie	Maria Jarvis-Maack
	Judi Driscoll	Bob Daly

	<i>Sunday, 22 December</i>	<i>Sunday, 29 December</i>
NORMANVILLE		
Welcome	Rachel	TBA
Commentator/Prayers	Ann Henriksen	TBA
Reader	Antoinette Fleming	TBA
Eucharistic Minister	Judy Hore	TBA
Church Cleaning	Patsy and Jim Fitzpatrick	Mary and Judy

	<i>Sunday, 22 December</i>	<i>Sunday, 29 December</i>
WILLUNGA		
Welcome	Zagajewski family	Barbara Smith
Commentary	Vanda Farrall	John Hounslow
First Reader	Pauleen Hounslow	Gael Maloney
Second Reader	Wayne Best	Ian La Ronde
Eucharistic Ministers	Norman Lee	Jim Smith
	Marie Cester	Michael Hynes
Church Cleaning	Rebecca Pace	Rebecca Pace
Church Linen	Anna Rogers	Volunteer please
Counting	Pauleen Hounslow	Andrew Beach

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

Anniversaries: Anne and Ian Haese

WHAT'S ON

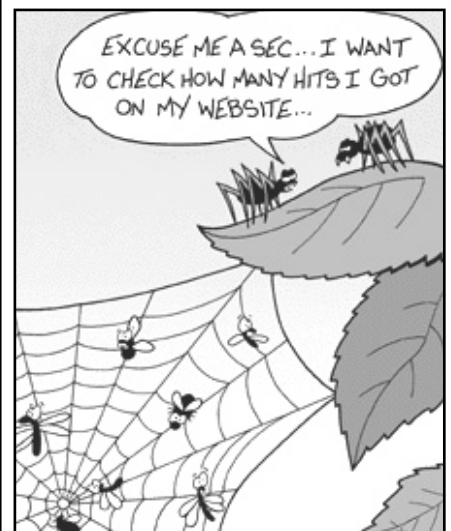
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Masses 4.00pm Normanville 6.30pm Aldinga 7.00pm Willunga, 12.00 midnight Willunga
Dec 25	Christmas Day Masses 9.00am Normanville 9.00am Willunga
Jan 1	New Year's Day
Jan 18	Cologne Philharmonia Concert - 3pm and 8pm
Jan 25	Chinese New Year (Year of the Rat)
Jan 26	Tour Down Under - Willunga
Jan 27	Australia Day
Jan 28	First day School term 1
Feb 26	Ash Wednesday
Mar 1	First Sunday of Lent
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

14/15 December 2019

First collection	\$616.00
Envelopes	\$570.00
Unpledged	\$532.00

Your support is much appreciated.



**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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She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us.'

When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

**BACKGROUND ON THE
GOSPEL READING**

Finally, on this the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel Reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about" (Matthew 1:18).

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. Today's Gospel passage is the second movement in this story. In the preceding verses of the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the Evangelist has listed the genealogy of Jesus, tracing his lineage through King David to Abraham. In the chapter to follow, Matthew tells of the visit from the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and Herod's massacre of the infants in Bethlehem. (The other stories which we associate with Christmas, the Annunciation, the Visitation, the angel and the shepherds, are found in the Gospel of Luke).

We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel. The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in

fact the first part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. Mary is found to be with child. If adultery is proven, the punishment might be death. Joseph has rights under Mosaic law, but chooses to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract, so as to protect Mary. Then God intervenes. The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means "Yahweh saves." He will be the fulfilment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: "... The virgin shall be with child ... and shall name him Emmanuel (God with us)."

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(23 - 29 December)

- **Monday, 23:** Mon 4th week, Advent (Num 24:2-7, 15-17; Mt 21:23-27)
- **Tuesday, 24:** Tue 4th week, Advent Morning: (2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Lk 1:67-79) Evening: CHRISTMAS MASS
- **Wednesday, 25:** CHRISTMAS MASS
- **Thursday, 19:** St Stephen (Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22)
- **Friday, 20:** St John (1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:2-8)
- **Saturday, 21:** The Holy Innocents (1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18)
- **Sunday 22:** The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 18-23)

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).