



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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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday: 10.00am - 12.00noon
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NOARLUNGA DOWNS CATHOLIC PRESBYTERY

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

- Fr Josy Sebastian (Parish Priest - 8382 1717; emergency 0452 524 169)
- Fr Roy John (Assistant Priest - 8382 1717)
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- Sr Margaret Ann (Parish worker - 0488 287 552)
- Gael Maloney (Parish Office - Friday am; Newsletter - articles due Wednesday - bahloo2@bigpond.com, 0447 421 948)
- Geraldine and Steve Robinson (Finance - Tuesday am)

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

Micah 5:1-4

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.*

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 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 or Ken Creevey (8557 6287), Mario Bacchin (8323 9909), Judy Driscoll (8557 7068).

GALILEE OP SHOP

How Road, Aldinga. Open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8.45am - 3.00pm
Phone: 0474 107 694



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	9am - Willunga
Fri	9am - Willunga
1 st Fri	Normanville: 5.30pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; 6.00pm - Mass (followed by shared meal)

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve (Mon, December 24)

- 4.00pm - Normanville
- 6.30pm - Aldinga
- 7.00pm - Willunga
- 12.00 midnight - Willunga

Christmas Day (Tue, December 25)

- 9.00am - Willunga
- 9.00am - Normanville

New Year's Day (Tue, January 1)

- 9.00am - Willunga
- 9.00am - Normanville

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FR JOSY

Christmas is a gift. I have felt that way ever since my childhood. As I look back over the years, I realize that I don't remember too many of the Christmas presents I received. But I always remember the presence and nearness of God that I felt and experienced during the Christmas season. "For to us, a Child is born" That's the gift of Christmas — God's gift of himself, in the Child Jesus who is born.

Love is an exchange of gifts and that love is born on Christmas. Christmas, in fact, makes love possible. Because of God's gift of himself on Christmas, we can dare to love him as he loves us. And because of God's gift, we can share the love he gives us with others. But everything in our lives and in our society depends on what we do with this gift. To be the beloved of God means we have to open our lives to the gift of His love by offering our lives back to God as a gift of our love. Jesus gave his life completely as a gift of love. We are called to live and share the same love with the gift of our whole self. May our prayers and trust in God envelope us in holy love and care for one another. This is my prayer for you and your families this Christmas and throughout the coming year.

*Josy Sebastian MSFS
Parish Priest*

DO THE UNTHINKABLE

I recently read a story about a young guy upset about a local council policy that he ran for council to change things. He wasn't that well-known, so he had to go door to door to ask people to vote for him. Victory seemed unthinkable, but he believed in his mission. He won.

He reminds me of Mary. She was a young woman when she was pregnant with Jesus. Her Jewish religion told her that God had not forgotten God's people, even though they suffered under Roman occupation. She grew up hearing the Hebrew Scriptures proclaim that God liberates God's people. Then Gabriel's message to Mary challenged her to think the unthinkable — that she would bear the child who would bring God's liberating power into the world. She believed.

In this week's Gospel, Elizabeth, Mary's relative and the mother of John the Baptist, calls Mary blessed, because she believed God's promises to her, as wild as they might seem to some. Blessed is another way to say that Mary was closely connected to God. That connection brought her a sense of confidence, purpose, and serenity. That connection brought us Jesus. Mary and the young guy who ran for local council believed and acted.

How about you? God's promises still seem unbelievable to many. Peace to all people. Enemies forgiving and reconciling. Justice for the poor. But those promises are fulfilled in our world when people like you and me do what others consider unthinkable. It seems crazy to forgive that person who disrespected you. But if you do it, God's promise is fulfilled. Why waste your time helping those on the margins or being these for someone who is alone in a nursing home? Because if you do it, God's promise is fulfilled.

Be like Mary this Advent. Do the unthinkable, and you'll experience the sense of purpose, confidence, and serenity that comes with being blessed.

TAKING FLESH IN A VERY HUMAN WAY

Amazing progress has taken place in our ability to view the unborn child as it develops in its mother's womb. From a certain stage in her baby's growth, a mother has always been able to feel the child moving inside her. Fathers too have been able to place a hand on the mother's stomach and feel their child as it kicks and jumps. However, ultra-