

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), Françoise 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 <i>(followed by shared meal)</i>

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.

ALPHA WORKSHOP

How to read the Bible in one year

- Sunday, 27 Nov (2.00 - 4.00pm) at St Luke's Meeting Room, Noarlunga Downs
- Sunday, 4 Dec (2.00 - 4.00pm) at Galilee Church, Aldinga

NORMANVILLE CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The Normanville community will have a Christmas lunch at the Min Palace at 12.00 noon on December 4 (following 10.30am Mass). A glass of bubbly will be provided on arrival

and the lunch will include an entrée course followed by four main courses in banquet style, with Christmas pudding to finish. Cost per head is \$21 and all are welcome. Please RSVP to Jacqui Salkeld (0408 848 223).

JUMP ON A BOAT THIS ADVENT

Several years ago Hurricane Katrina flooded New Orleans. Hundreds died. Rescuers found hundreds trapped on rooftops. Some argued that many people suffered only because the government authorities weren't prepared for the storm.

As Advent begins this week, Jesus reminds us that people suffered in Noah's time because they weren't prepared. Remember the story? It tells us that sin and injustice – ignored by God's people – caused the world's destruction.

Are we ignoring sin and injustice today? This is a good season to think about that. As you do, prepare yourself for Christ in three ways. First, take time this Advent to read newspapers closely. Look for evidence of injustice: war, poverty, prejudice. Keep your eyes open at school. Keep your eyes open at work. Notice those people ignored by others and notice the bullies who prey on the weak.

Sadly, you'll see that our world is still plagued by sin and injustice.

But remember, Advent is also a season of hope. We light candles to remember that Christ's power seeks to beat back the darkness of injustice every day.

Second, prepare yourself by looking for evidence of grace. To every war, God sends peacemakers. To every kid who feels left out, God sends a friend. Stay awake, Jesus says, and you'll see reasons for hope all over the world.

Third, prepare yourself to be grace and hope this season, the person who shines light by standing for peace, feeding the hungry, forgiving an enemy, or welcoming an outcast.

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Sure, sin floods our world, but God sends boats to the rescue. Jump on board this Advent. People stranded by pain and injustice are waiting for you.

Where can you make a difference at home, at school, at work, or in the world this Advent?

The Action

Slow down. While the rest of the world gets ready for Christmas by buying presents, taking final exams, hosting parties, baking, travelling and so on, you can prepare yourself for Christmas Time by setting your priorities straight. What are they? Try saying a mantra such as 'Come, Lord Jesus' over and over for five minutes. Praying in this way helps calm us down and also makes us more open to God throughout the day. At the end of your day, try sitting in darkness and lighting a candle.

Repeat Isaiah's words: 'Let us walk in the light of the Lord!' As you light an additional candle each week, the

light of Christ will get stronger and brighter. Don't let the busyness of December distract you from what is most important. *GPBS eNews*

DID YOU KNOW?

- Advent is a four-week season of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. The word 'advent' means *coming*. Advent takes up this theme in looking forward to the coming of Christ at Christmas and especially in looking towards the future coming of Christ at the end times.
- The early Church believed that the second coming of Christ - the *parousia* - was imminent. It could happen at any moment.
- The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the Church's liturgical year.
- This is Year A of the Liturgical calendar during which the Lectionary readings come predominantly from the Gospel of Matthew.

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Kerry James, Di Rickard, Dee Harvey, Anne Murphy

Recently deceased: Raymond Thomas Percival

WHAT'S ON

- Nov 27 First Sunday of Advent
- Nov 27 Alpha workshop - St Luke's
- Dec 1 St Peter's Choir practice
- Dec 4 Alpha workshop - Galilee
- Dec 7 St Joseph's grounds maintenance meeting - 2pm
- Jan 14 Cologne Philharmonia concert

COLLECTIONS

19/20 November, 2016

First collection	\$743.00
Envelopes	\$617.00
Unpledged	\$355.00

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.

It's no longer politically-correct to direct a joke at any racial or ethnic minority, so:

An Englishman, a Scotsman, an Irishman, a Welshman, a Gurkha, a Latvian, a Turk, an Aussie, two Kiwis, a German, an American, a South African, a Cypriot, an Egyptian, a Japanese, a Mexican, a Spaniard, a Russian, a Pole, a Lithuanian, a Swede, a Finn, an Israeli, a Dane, a Romanian, a Bulgarian, a Serb, a Swiss, a Greek, a Singaporean, an Italian, a Norwegian, a Libyan, a Muslim, a Hindu, a Buddhist and an Ethiopian went to a night club. The bouncer said, "Sorry, I can't let you in without a Thai."

ROSTERS

(For Mass times refer to page 1)

ALDINGA	Saturday, 26 November	Saturday, 3 December
Welcome	Ros Shoumack	Georgina Sand
Commentator	Rosemary Chamberlain	Christina Tiedge
Readers	Lillia Parkinson	David Manders
	Michelle Cormack	Leo Dundon
Eucharistic Ministers	Rose Sulda	Rosemary Chamberlain
	Judy Driscoll	Judy Seward
NORMANVILLE	Sunday, 27 November	Sunday, 4 December
Welcome	Eileen Hammat	Sue Gillies
Commentator/Prayers	Ena Harvey	Dvid Salkeld
Reader	Ian Gillies	Jacqui Salkeld
Eucharistic Minister	Lyn Wyld	Ena Harvey
Church Cleaning	Jim & Patsy Fitzpatrick	Mary Kennedy
WILLUNGA	Sunday, 27 November	Sunday, 4 December
Welcome	Andrew Beach	Marie Andrews
Commentary	Michael Hynes	Anna Rogers
First Reader	Sue Thompson	Jim Smith
Second Reader	Pauleen Hounslow	Birgit Hynes
Eucharistic Ministers	Marie Cester	Mary Fitzpatrick
	Jim Smith	Michael Hynes
Church Cleaning	Birgit & Michael Hynes	Birgit & Michael Hynes
Counting	Chris McWilliams	Chris McWilliams
Church Linen	Margaret Guley	Pauleen Hounslow



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

WILLUNGA

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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It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory.

The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No

one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know that our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

Advent has a past, present and future dimension. We look back to the events of Bethlehem when Christ first entered the world; we reflect on Christ's presence today and we look forward with joy to the future coming of Christ. Today's Gospel reminds us that we must be ready for that coming.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS (28 November - 4 December)

- **Monday, 28:** Monday, 1st week of Advent (Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11)
- **Tuesday 29:** Tuesday, 1st week of Advent (Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24)
- **Wednesday 30:** St Andrew (Rom 19:9-18; Mt 4:18-22)
- **Thursday 01:** Thursday, 1st week of Advent (Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27)
- **Friday 02:** Friday, 1st week of Advent (Is 29:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27)
- **Saturday 03:** St Francis Xavier (Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 6-8)
- **Sunday 04:** SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12)