



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)

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A**

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## **WILLUNGA CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRE**

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## **OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday and Friday: 9.00am - 11.00am  
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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)
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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 2:1-5*

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9*

*Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

## **SECOND READING**

*Romans 13:11-14*

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.



## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Ps 84:8*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.*

*Alleluia!*

## **GOSPEL**

*Matthew 24:37-44*

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away.

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.

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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. 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

## CHRISTMAS CARD PACKS FOR SALE

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Card packs will be on sale at the three Mass Centres from this weekend (30 Nov / 1Dec) until sold out - excellent value at \$5.00 for a pack of ten cards.

*Mario Bacchin*

## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

From this weekend (30 November / 1 December) there will be Christmas Giving Trees at Mary of Galilee and St Joseph's Churches.

On the trees there will be 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 are preparing and distributing the Christmas Hampers on Tues 17, Wed 18 and Thur 19 December and need the items by Sunday 15 December.

*Mario Bacchin*

## 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*

## ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLETS

The Office for Renewing Parishes has again produced some little Advent Reflection booklets. They are suitable for both personal reflection, or as a basis for small group discussion. If you would like a copy, they are available (free of charge) from the Church foyer today.

## GALILEE SCHOOL END OF YEAR EVENTS

Parishioners are invited to help students and families celebrate the end of year at:

- The Aldinga Advent Pageant, with other local schools, in the Aldinga Shopping Centre - Tue 3 December at approx. 11.00am (Galilee School is performing the play this year)
- Christmas Carols in the School grounds Fri 6 December at 6.30pm
- Sending Forth Liturgy Tues 6.30pm in the Church, followed by supper in the piazza for students and families in year 6 and 7 who are moving onto high school

We look forward to seeing you there.  
*Kerri Gould*

## WHAT AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS ARE SAYING ABOUT A BETTER PLENARY COUNCIL PROCESS

In response to the question put by the Plenary Council Executive Committee, "What is God asking of us in Australia at this time?" a large number of people expressed concern about the way the Plenary Council is being organised and how it could be improved. The following issues were mentioned:

- whether the Plenary Council had the power to make the necessary changes in the Church
- whether it would be merely window-dressing and not address the real issues
- whether clergy would control the agenda and outcomes, and how adequately lay people will be represented
- why a more democratic representation of lay people is not

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being envisaged

- why women will be excluded from decision-making by the Council
- the dangers of allowing uninformed lay people with doubtful faith to influence the future of God's Church
- the need for regular Plenary Councils to deal with ongoing issues in the Church.

You can find out more about what people said by viewing the Full Report of the Plenary Council online at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports/>

For more information, please contact Peter Laffan (impe@internode.on.net or 8556 3915).

## THE SECRET OF STAYING AWAKE

My mother never had difficulty staying awake - she would wait up for every family member until they were home and safe in their beds. When the rest of us struggled to stay up past 10:30 to watch the Late Show, she could easily make it to the Late, Late Show. She would be waking us up to

watch live events from overseas, like royal weddings and rock concerts. Or she'd stay up all night just to make sure we wouldn't miss a bus back to school, a train to our first job, or a plane to some long-awaited adventure.

I didn't really appreciate my mother's secret to staying awake until recently. It wasn't like mum danced around the living room or drank pots of coffee to stay awake (although she was known to engage in both of those activities from time to time.) But recently I read somewhere that sleep experts advise engaging in lively conversations to get your mind moving when you're feeling drowsy. Conversation - that was mum's secret during her late-night vigils - conversations with God. Mum was a world-class pray-er. She would say the rosary nightly and a Hail Mary or Our Father whenever she had the chance. She shared everything with God - her hopes and dreams for the family and her greatest concerns. While the rest of the household slumbered, she kept watch with her best friend and was ever ready at the appointed hour.

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## COLOGNE PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA

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

### ALDINGA

Welcome  
Commentator  
Readers

Eucharistic Ministers

### Saturday 30 November

Christina VK, Mike Lord  
Michelle Cormack  
Christine Jones  
Denis Jones  
Robert Daly  
Maria Jarvis-Maack

### Saturday 7 December

Ros Shoumack  
Peter Laffan  
Lilia Parkinson  
David Manders  
Francoise Creevey  
David Manders

### NORMANVILLE

Welcome  
Commentator/Prayers  
Reader  
Eucharistic Minister  
Church Cleaning

### Sunday, 1 December

Ann Henriksen  
Peter Bohnsack  
Trish Bohnsack  
Mary Kennedy  
Patsy and Jim Fitzpatrick

### Sunday, 8 December

Tim Fleming  
David Salkeld  
Jacqui Salkeld  
Patricia Litvensky  
Patsy and Jim Fitzpatrick

### WILLUNGA

Welcome  
Commentary  
First Reader  
Second Reader  
Eucharistic Ministers  
Church Cleaning  
Church Linen  
Counting

### Sunday, 1 December

Tony Harding  
Marie Andrews  
Norman Lee  
Pauleen Hounslow  
Margaret Guley  
Denny Ford  
May Dunn, Tony Harding  
Margaret Guley  
Mary Fitzpatrick

### Sunday, 8 December

Pauleen, John Hounslow  
Wayne Best  
Sue Thompson  
Norman Lee  
Andrew Beach  
Michael Hynes  
Christina Rasera  
Pauleen Hounslow  
Mary Fitzpatrick

## PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

## WHAT'S ON

- Dec 1 Cuppa after Mass - St Joseph's
- Dec 3 St Peter's Music/Liturgy-10am
- Dec 8 St Peter's Christmas party 12.00noon
- Dec 12 St Peter's Choir practice
- Dec 13 Last day School term 4
- Dec 15 Yankalilla Christmas Carols
- Dec 17 Cluster Reconciliation: St Luke's 7.30pm
- Dec 19 Reconciliation: St Peter's 6pm
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Masses - 4pm Normanville, 6.30pm Aldinga, 7pm Willunga, 12 midnight Willunga
- Dec 25 Christmas Day Masses - 9am Normanville, 9am Willunga
- Jan 18 Cologne Philharmonia Concert - 3pm and 8pm
- Jan 26 Tour Down Under - Willunga

## COLLECTIONS

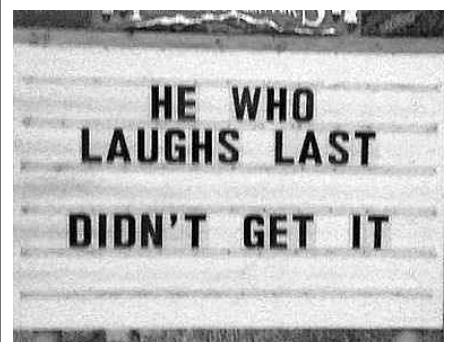
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First collection	\$624.00
Envelopes	\$411.00
Unpledged	\$337.00

Your support is much appreciated.

## QUOTES

- *I walk around like everything is fine, but deep down, inside my shoe, my sock is sliding off.*
- *Friends are people who know you really well and like you anyway.*
- *In school, you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson.*
- *My career plans were much more exciting when I was five.*
- *Wealth is not about having a lot of money; it's about having a lot of options.*



## 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  
1<sup>st</sup> 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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Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

## EXPLORING THE WORD

Matthew's Gospel is written for a mostly Jewish audience who had converted to Christianity. Because of this Jewish background, Matthew often uses images and incidents from the Hebrew Scriptures or Old Testament, with which his community is very familiar. For Matthew, Jesus is the fulfilment of the prophecies of old, and the Messiah who has long been awaited. In this text, Jesus twice uses the title 'Son of Man' to describe himself. It is an ambiguous term because it can simply mean a human being but is also used in the Hebrew Scriptures to refer to the one who will be judge and saviour of all.

## 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.

## SHARING THE TRADITION

The celebration of a feast to honour the birth of Jesus did not emerge in the West until the fourth century. Scholars generally note that by ad 336, such a feast was in place and celebrated in Rome on 25 December. This comparatively late development of a feast to celebrate the birth of Christ may seem surprising to contemporary Christians, for whom

Christmas is so central. However, we must remember that the earliest Christians expected the glorious return of Christ in their own lifetimes. It was only with time and an obvious delay to the Second Coming that such a feast could emerge. Furthermore, time provided the opportunity for a greater and more mature theological reflection on the mysteries of the incarnation and the Second Coming.

Advent, as a period of preparation for the feast of Christmas, developed later still. There is no evidence of such a preparatory time in Rome until well into the sixth century. It was Pope Gregory the Great (ad 590–604) who established a four-week liturgical preparation for Christmas, but the eschatological (end-time) themes of the Second Coming were not established until the Middle Ages.

## 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

(02 - 08 December)

- **Monday, 02:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> week Advent (Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11)
- **Tuesday, 03:** St Francis Xavier (Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24)
- **Wednesday, 04:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> week Advent (Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37)
- **Thursday, 05:** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> week Advent (Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27)
- **Friday, 06:** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> week Advent (Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31)
- **Saturday, 07:** St Ambrose (Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 6-8)
- **Sunday 08:** 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY of ADVENT (Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12)

## 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).