



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)



## VIGIL MASS

(celebrated during the afternoon or evening of 24<sup>th</sup> December)

## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 62:1-5*

God's grace brings about the conversion of his unfaithful people. With a new-found integrity they (and we) will be called by a new name, and their relationship (and ours) with God will lead to an intimacy beyond their (and our) wildest imaginings. God will rejoice in them (and us).

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*

## SECOND READING

*Acts 13:16-17, 22-25*

Paul introduces the Jews and non-Jewish believers in the God of Israel to the new thing that God has done for them in Jesus, whom he has raised up for them as Saviour.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed: the Saviour of the world will be our king. Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 1:1-25*

This reading from the beginning of Matthew's Gospel reminds us of the

mortality and even the sin the Son of God took on himself in becoming one of us, through his birth from the Virgin Mary, in order to save his people from their sins and restore us to God's friendship.

## MIDNIGHT MASS

(Celebrated at midnight on 24<sup>th</sup> Dec)

## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 9:1-7*

Light shines in the darkness and overcomes it, because a child is born for us, a son given to us, and his name is Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father Prince-of-Peace.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.*

## SECOND READING

*Titus 2:11-14*

God's grace, given in his Son, has made salvation possible for the whole human race. This Son sacrificed himself to set us free from all wickedness, so that our sole ambition might be to do good.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Good News and great joy to all the world: today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord. Alleluia!*

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## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

### KANGAROO ISLAND PARISH

- **Christmas Eve** •  
4.00pm - Penneshaw  
7.30pm - Kingscote
- **Christmas Day** •  
8.30am - Kingscote

### NOARLUNGA/SEAFORD PARISH

- **Christmas Eve** •  
6.00pm - Seaford  
7.30pm - Noarlunga  
Midnight - Noarlunga
- **Christmas Day** •  
9.00am - Noarlunga

### VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA PARISH

- **Christmas Eve** •  
5.30pm - Goolwa  
7.00pm - Victor Harbor
- **Christmas Day** •  
8.30am - Goolwa  
10.00am - Victor Harbor

### WILLUNGA PARISH

- **Christmas Eve** •  
4.00pm - Normanville  
6.30pm - Aldinga  
7.00pm - Willunga  
Midnight - Willunga
- **Christmas Day** •  
9.00am - Normanville  
9.00am - Willunga

### CHRISTMAS QUOTES

- *The true beauty of this season is that Christmas is a story of hope for the broken.* Christine Trevino
- *From home to home, and heart to heart, from one place to another, the warmth and joy of Christmas, brings us closer to each other.* Emily Matthews
- *God gave us Christmas to give us hope and peace in our hearts.* Catherine Pulsifer
- *Bless us Lord, this Christmas, with quietness of mind; teach us to be patient and always to be kind.* Helen Rice
- *Christmas will always be as long as we stand heart to heart and hand in hand.* Dr Seuss
- *May Peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessing all year through! It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air.* W T Ellis
- *Christmas is Family, Friends, Hope, Joy, Memories, Peace and Love.*

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### GOSPEL

#### Luke 2:1-14

In an out-of-the-way little town in Judea, a child is born. He is announced by angels to nearby shepherds as the Christ of the Lord, and the sign confirming this is a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. An early example of "God's Easter methods".

### CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

(Celebrated during  
the day of 25<sup>th</sup> December)

### FIRST READING

#### Isaiah 52:7-10

The Prophet proclaims good news to the disheartened people of Judah and Jerusalem - their God has not abandoned them, but is coming to save them. Good news to us too - God's salvation is for all peoples.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*All the ends of the earth have seen  
the saving power of God.*

### SECOND READING

#### Hebrews 1:1-6

God spoke his word through his prophets and in various ways. Now he speaks to us through his Son, who is the radiant light of God's glory. He has veiled that glory with our humanity so that we can prepare by lives of faith for the full revelation of that glory in Heaven.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*A holy day has dawned upon us.  
Come, you nations and adore the  
Lord. Today a great light has come  
upon the earth.  
Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

#### John 1:1-18

The gospel passage encourages us to ponder reverently the mystery of the Word who was with God in the beginning, who was God, and who became man in Jesus and dwelt among us.

## FR JOSY'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

The whole world lights up at Christmas because this is indeed the celebration of all celebrations. Jesus is God who entered human history to become part of all the events of every man and woman. He is "Emmanuel" (which means, God with us)." (Matthew 1:23). Indeed, He is the God come to dwell within us. He becomes part of whatever happens to us in our day-to-day life. He is no more far away. His power of communion with us is greater than any others'. As St. Augustine later interprets, "God is closer to us than we to ourselves." God has crossed over from the beyond to be with. He enters our personal histories and petty situations as 'Emmanuel' to make our life divine and heavenly.

This is the magnificent promise that Christmas offers us. Nothing in this world should ever dishearten us or lead us to despair. Every pain is to be seen as a waiting for God's intervention that will transform the situation and usher in rejoicing. Every struggle, however difficult it is, should be understood as the waiting towards a successful culmination.

*Josy Sebastian MSFS  
Parish Priest*



*"As we contemplate the Christmas story, we are invited to set out on a spiritual journey, drawn by the humility of the God who became man in order to encounter every man and woman. We come to realize that so great is his love for us that he became one of us, so that we in turn might become one with him."*  
*Pope Francis*

### 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.  
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