



Welcome to

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(All items for the newsletter must be received no later than Tuesday evening.)

MASS CENTRES

• **KINGSCOTE:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Cnr Giles/Todd Sts Sunday - 9.30am

• **PARNDANA:** Uniting Church, Cook Street 2nd Sunday - 2.30pm

• **PENNESHAW:** St Columba's Anglican Church, Cnr North Terrace and Fourth Street 1st Sunday - 1.30pm

SPONSORSHIP

KANGAROO ISLAND TRANSFERS (0427 887 575)

generously donate transport for our visiting Priests.

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159



VIGIL MASS

(celebrated during the afternoon or evening of 24th 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 24th 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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CLUSTER CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

KANGAROO ISLAND PARISH

• *Christmas Eve* •

4.00pm - Penneshaw

7.30pm - Kingscote

• *Christmas Day* •

8.30am - Kingscote

NOARLUNGA/SEAFORD PARISH

• *Christmas Eve* •

7.30pm - Seaford

6.00pm - Noarlunga

Midnight - Noarlunga

• *Christmas Day* •

9.00am - Noarlunga

• *New Year's Day* •

9.00am - Noarlunga

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA PARISH

• *Christmas Eve* •

5.30pm - Goolwa

7.00pm - Victor Harbor

• *Christmas Day* •

8.30am - Victor Harbor

10.00am - Goolwa

WILLUNGA PARISH

• *Christmas Eve* •

4.00pm - Normanville

6.30pm - Aldinga

7.00pm - Willunga (Family)

Midnight - Willunga

• *Christmas Day* •

9.00am - Normanville

9.00am - Willunga

• *New Year's Day* •

9.00am - Willunga

9.00am - Normanville

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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 25th 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.

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*



*May joy be your
gift at Christmas
and may faith,
hope and love be
your treasures in
the New Year.*