



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

Mary of Galilee, Aldinga; St Peter's, Normanville; St Joseph's, Willunga

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MASS CENTRES

- Mary of Galilee, cnr Quinliven and How Roads, ALDINGA - Galilee
- St Peter's, Cape Jervis Rd, NORMANVILLE
- St Joseph's, St Judes St, WILLUNGA

MASS TIMES

- SATURDAY EVENING 5.30pm
Aldinga Beach (Mary of Galilee)
(Some changes for Nov - see page 3)
- FIRST, THIRD, FIFTH SUNDAYS
8.30am Willunga (St Joseph's)
10.30am Normanville (St Peter's)
(Some changes for Nov - see page 3)
- SECOND, FOURTH SUNDAYS
8.30am Normanville (St Peter's)
10.30am Willunga (St Joseph's)
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FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together, with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as signal to the peoples.

It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

SECOND READING

Romans 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

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Bulletin Board

REGULAR MASS TIMES

(resumes beginning of December)

Mon	No Masses - Willunga Parish 9.00am - Noarlunga
Tue	9.15am - Aldinga
Wed	9.00am - Willunga
Thur	9.00am - Willunga
Fri	9.00am - Willunga 12.00noon - Normanville
1st Fri	9.00am - Willunga 12.00 noon - Normanville

WEEKEND MASSES

(Times on front page of this bulletin)

Christmas

MASSES

• Christmas Eve (Sat 24 Dec) •

4.00pm	St Peter's, Normanville
6.30pm	Mary of Galilee, Aldinga
7.00pm	St Joseph's, Willunga (family)
12midnight	St Joseph's, Willunga

• Christmas Day (Sun 25 Dec) •

9.00am	St Joseph's, Willunga
9.00am	St Peter's, Normanville

PRIEST ROSTER - WEEKENDS

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

3 Dec	5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
4 Dec	8.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick 10.30am - Normanville, Fr Tom
10 Dec	5.30am - Aldinga, Fr Josy
11 Dec	8.30am - Normanville, Fr Josy 10.30am - Willunga, Fr Josy
17 Dec	5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
18 Dec	8.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom 10.30am - N/ville, Fr Dominick
24 Dec	4.00pm - N/ville, Fr Dominick 6.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick 7.00pm - Willunga, Fr Tom
25 Dec	12am - Willunga, Fr Dominick 9.00am - Normanville, Fr Josy 9.00am - Willunga, Fr Tom
31 Dec	5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick

RECONCILIATION

St Luke's

Noarlunga Downs - 7.00pm

In preparation for the celebration of Christmas, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (*Second Form of the Rite of Reconciliation*) will be celebrated on Friday, 23 December for both Willunga Parish and Noarlunga/Seaford Parish. Several Priests will be in attendance. All parishioners from both Parishes are invited to attend.

Reconciliation will also be held at 9.00am at St Luke's on Saturday morning (24 December). Again, all parishioners are welcome to attend.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

PEOPLE AT HOME

If you, or someone you know is house-bound, and would like a Priest to visit for communion or confession (or both) prior to Christmas, please get in touch with Gael (0447 421 948) to organise a time.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES

There are Christmas Giving Trees at Mary of Galilee and St Joseph Willunga Churches. On the trees are tags with suggested items of food or toys that can be donated to the Willunga Conference to add to the Christmas Hampers being prepared by the conference.

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 by Sunday 11 December. We are preparing the Christmas Hampers on the following weekend, 17 and 18 December for distribution on the Monday 19 December. Donated items are needed by Sunday 12 December please.

The conference has placed a Giving Tree in the Aldinga Central Shopping Centre outside of the Coles Supermarket. If it is more convenient, please drop off donated food or toys at Aldinga Central Shopping Centre.

Mario Bacchin

CAN YOU HELP?

It is the turn of Catholic parishioners to run the Sausage Sizzle at the Quarry Market on Saturday, 10 December. The market operates from 8.30am until 1.00pm. We need six volunteers to each work for 1½ hours. Proceeds support the Schools' Ministry Group, who subsidise the Pastoral Care Workers in our local schools.

Please contact Anna (0414 266 528) for more information, or to let her know you can help out. Anna Rogers

IS LOVE ENOUGH?

A relationship education course for couples preparing to marry or in a long-term relationship. This group is based on current research about what

makes long term relationships successful. A variety of topics are explored including communication and problem solving.

When: Saturday 4 March
9.30am - 4.30pm

Where: Centacare, Level 2 – 45
Wakefield St Adelaide

Bookings essential - please contact Centacare (8215 6700 or registrations@centacare.org.au)

SALE OF CHRISTMAS CARD PACKS

St Vincent de Paul produced Christmas Card packs are on sale at the three Mass Centres this weekend until sold out. They are excellent value at \$7.00 for a pack of ten cards.

All proceeds from the sales will go to St Vincent de Paul Willunga Conference. Mario Bacchin

RIDES TO MASS

If you live in the McLaren Vale area and are finding it difficult to drive to Mass, we have some drivers who are happy to assist. Please get in touch with Gael (0447 421 948) if you would like to take advantage of this offer.



Palms Australia
Reach Beyond

You've got a lot to give beyond Christmas gifts. In January you can prepare for mission at home or abroad. Palms Australia has trained Australians to live and work within cultures and communities overseas since 1961. Now four days of that training will be available for parishioners interested to assist harness the diverse gifts of our community and make it stronger.

At Home

Palms' [Neighbours Without Borders](#) program (January 7 – 11) will "focus on building communities that are



welcoming to all, with particular attention to those on the margins of society and the church” as urged by the recent Plenary Council.

Overseas

Completing a further four days (January 12 – 15) will prepare you to meet one of the [many requests Palms has from communities in Africa, Asia and the Pacific who need educators; health professionals; administrators and others](#) to assist build on the strengths of their people who otherwise have little opportunity for training.

Enquire about Palms Orientation for mission via www.palms.org.au or call 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

CUPPA AFTER MASS

There will be a cuppa in The Shed following Mass at St Joseph’s today. All are most welcome to attend.

ONKAPARINGA COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITIES

Compassionate Communities are networks of support in neighbourhoods and communities, surrounding those experiencing death, dying, caregiving, loss and bereavement.

Join us for a workshop to establish Compassionate Communities in Onkaparinga - 6 December from 10.00am to 2.30pm including morning tea and light lunch.

Christies Beach Surf Lifesaving Club, Esplanade Christies Beach. Register [here](#) or contact onkaparinga.comcom@gmail.com for more information

ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKS

Advent Reflection books, produced by the Office for Worship, are available free of charge from Church foyers this weekend. The theme this year is “Christ the Light to the World”.

ADVENT APPEAL FOR UKRAINE

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is supporting a special Advent appeal for the people of Ukraine, following a request from Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR, Eparch of Sts Peter and Paul for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia.



Collections in parishes on the Third Sunday of Advent will support Mudra Sprava (Wise Action), a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine. The organisation has three focus areas: Evacuation of people from frontline territories; Food packages for people in need; Shelters for internally displaced persons. Find out more at: www.catholic.au

Our Special Collection will be held at Masses next weekend (10/11 Dec).

SPECIAL THANKS

to all our wonderful parishioners who work away quietly in the background. We notice (and very much appreciate) the work done (eg mowing the huge areas of grass at St Joseph’s, cleaning, rosters, setting up for Mass and much more), but often don’t get around to thanking them. Thank you very much for all your amazing efforts - we do appreciate you.

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Veronica Shortland, Muriel Smith, Janet Burbidge, Arthur and Carol Jones, Bill and Janet McIver, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Tony Grimwood, Heidi Kunzelmann, Paul Hancock

Recently deceased: John Smith

DATES

- 4 Dec Second Sunday of Advent
- 10 Dec Sausage Sizzle - Quarry Market, Willunga
- 12 Dec Deadline for food and toys - Vinnies Christmas Hampers
- 11 Dec Third Sunday of Advent
- 18 Dec Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 18 Dec Carols - Yankalilla 5.00pm
- 25 Dec Christmas Day
- 25 Dec Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Appeal

COLLECTIONS

(For the last fortnight)

First collection	\$824.00
Second collection	\$592.00
Envelopes	\$536.00
Direct debits	\$995.00

Thank you for your support

PROJECT COMPASSION 2022

On behalf of Caritas Australia, I offer our heartfelt thanks to your wonderful parishioners who donated generously to Project Compassion 2022 this Lenten season. Your Parish donated an extremely generous amount of \$2095 to Project Compassion.

*Peace and Gratitude
Tracey Tessitore
Diocesan Director for the
Archdiocese of Adelaide*

ROSTERS

ALDINGA *Saturday 3 December*
 Welcomer Kate Manders
 Commentator Dvid Manders
 Readers Bob Daly
 Heidi Davidson
 Eucharistic Minister Maria Jarvis-Maack

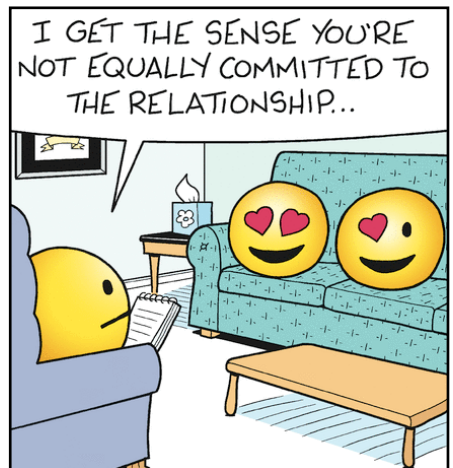
Saturday 10 December
 Rose Sulda
 Bob Daly
 Rod Boucher
 Vivi Boucher
 Kerri Gould

NORMANVILLE *Sunday, 4 December*
 Welcomer Mary Kennedy
 Commentator Thia Van Kuyk
 Reader Ann Henriksen
 Altar/Cleaning Ann Henriksen

Sunday, 11 December
 Rita Steller
 Jim Fitzpatrick
 Michael Steller
 Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery

WILLUNGA *Sunday, 4 December*
 Commentator Anna Rogers
 Reader Marie Andrews
 Eucharistic Minister Wayne Best
 Flowers Anna Rogers
 Church Linen Marie Cester

Sunday, 11 December
 Vanda Farrall
 Marie Andrews
 Viv Zagajewska
 Vanda Farrall
 Margaret Oomens



COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 02/12/22)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please follow the instructions as per SA Health in terms of contact tracing and isolating yourself as per government health protocols. Please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Wearing of face-masks in Church is strongly recommended.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home and not attend services.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- Procession of gifts has resumed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact

DID YOU KNOW?

- Luke's Gospel suggests that John the Baptist and Jesus were cousins, but there is no hint of this in Matthew.
- John the Baptist was not alone in his criticism and rejection of the soft religious life in the cities of Palestine. There were others, too, who withdrew from what they saw as the corruption of the temple cult and retreated to the desert to live a life of prayer and asceticism. The best known of these groups were the Essenes of the Dead Sea region. It is likely that John was in some way associated with them.
- The Essenes established a community at Qumran on the shores of the Dead Sea. It was this community that left the wonderful legacy of the Dead Sea Scrolls, discovered in the 1940s. These scrolls have proven invaluable to scholars in throwing light on the religious practices of the day.
- Advent is a time in which we too are invited to withdraw a little in prayer and contemplation.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: All people shall see the salvation of God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

*A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.*

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

RING IN THE HOLIDAYS BY WAITING

A commercial on all four radio stations on our black-and-white RCA television convinced me I wanted a set of handbells, with lyrics to songs in colours that matched similarly

coloured bells, guaranteeing I would produce beautiful music. I asked Mum and, despite being told by my older brother that he didn't exist, I also asked Santa, surreptitiously, when he was on the corner ringing a Salvation Army bell. My bases were covered. All I had to do was wait for the payoff Christmas morning after Mass.

I couldn't wait. I searched and found my gift under the stairs by the never-used front door. I grabbed my box, shook it, and heard bells. I knew it!

Christmas morning came. Everyone was excited – except me. I tried to fake my surprise and subsequent elation. I wasn't a good actor. Later in the day Mum told me she could tell I knew. I did like those bells. But if I had waited, there would have been a lot more joy. Our Advent readings this week invite us to wait and, importantly, to actively prepare for all that the Saviour's birth will bring us. For me, the first note at Midnight Mass, especially if struck by a handbell, will fill me beyond what I could possibly anticipate.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(05 - 11 December)

- **Monday, 05:** Tuesday, 2nd week Advent (Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14)
- **Tuesday, 06:** St Ambrose (Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30)
- **Wednesday, 07:** Wednesday, 2nd week Advent (Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30)
- **Thursday, 08:** The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Gen 3:9-15, 20; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Friday, 09:** Friday, 2nd week Advent (Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19)
- **Saturday, 10:** Friday, 2nd week Advent (Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:10-13)
- **Sunday 11:** THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT (Is 35:1-6, 10; James 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11)

PASTORAL CARE

If you need a priest for anointing prior to medical treatment or if you are ill (not necessarily life-threatening) or for last rites please contact: (08) 8556 2132 or 0488 287 552.