



Welcome to

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- 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 40:1-5, 9-11

'Console my people, console them' says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his

flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30
Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of

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PARISH MASSES WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon No Masses - Willunga
Parish 9.00am - Noarlunga
Tue 9.15am - Aldinga
Wed 9.00am - Willunga
12noon - Normanville (*not the week with a 1st Friday*)
Thur 9.00am - Willunga
Fri 9.00am - Willunga
1st Fri 9.00am - Willunga
11.30am - Normanville

WEEKEND MASSES

(Times on front page of this bulletin)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

COVID-19

Please read the most up-to-date information on page 4 of this bulletin.

POPE FRANCIS' NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE CALLS HURTING WOMEN 'AN INSULT TO GOD'

Pope Francis has strongly condemned violence against women, telling in his New Year's Day homily that "to hurt a woman is to insult God."

Speaking at the Vatican on Saturday, the head of the Roman Catholic Church strongly condemned violence against women.

"How much violence is directed against women! Enough! To hurt a woman is to insult God, who from a woman took on our humanity," the pontiff said.

The pontiff, who recently celebrated his 85th birthday, also praised mothers in his address, saying they "look at the world not to exploit it but so that it can have life.

"Women who, seeing with the heart, can combine dreams and aspirations with concrete reality, without drifting into abstraction and sterile pragmatism."

He added that mothers "know how to overcome obstacles and disagreements, and to instill peace.

"In this way, they transform problems into opportunities for rebirth and growth. They can do this because they know how to 'keep,' to hold

together the various threads of life." He added: "We need such people, capable of weaving the threads of communion in place of the barbed wire of conflict and division."

Francis delivered his New Year's message during a mass at St. Peter's Basilica. Except for the pope and members of a chorus made up of boys and adults, participants in the Mass wore face as part of COVID-19 precautions. Francis, who is vaccinated against the disease, wore a surgical mask during a prayer service in what, according to the Associated Press, was a rare departure from his shunning of masks during public ceremonies throughout the two-year pandemic.

The pope's comments on violence against women echo those he made on Italian TV last month when he described violence against women as "almost Satanic."

"The problem is that, for me, it is almost satanic because it is taking advantage of a person who cannot defend herself, who can only [try to] block the blows," the pope said. "It is humiliating. Very humiliating," he said.

Francis also made reference to the Virgin Mary during that interview, as he drew on her during mass on Saturday. He was speaking to a woman named Giovanna who said she had left a violent home with her four children.

"I see dignity in you because if you didn't have dignity, you wouldn't be here," the pope told her. "Look at the Blessed Mother and stay with that image of courage."

Excerpt from "Newsweek" 1/1/22

JESUS CHRIST – THE PERSON AND THE MYSTERY

We quite naturally tend to think of the word "Christ" as Jesus' second name.

The word "Christ" is a title which, while it includes the person of Jesus, speaks of something wider than Jesus alone. What's the difference between "Jesus" and "Christ"?

Jesus refers to a concrete person who walked this earth for 33 years and is still today someone whom we

understand and relate to as an individual person.

Christ refers to something larger, namely, the huge mystery of both creation and salvation of which Jesus, as the Christ, plays the foundational role but which includes the Eucharist, the Christian community, the historical Christian churches, the community of all sincere people who walk this planet, and physical creation itself. Jesus is a person with whom we seek to be in a relationship within friendship and intimacy, while Christ is a mystery of which we and all creation are part of and within which we participate.

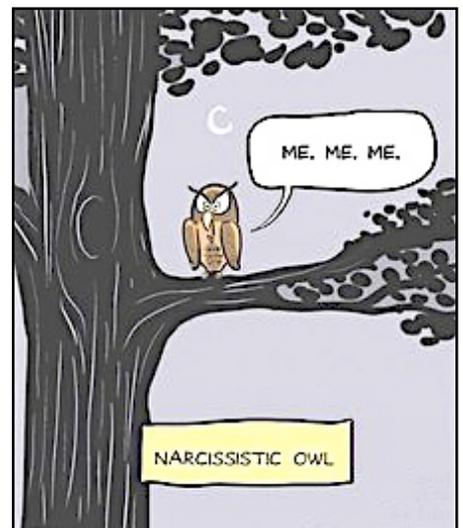
This has huge implications, not least in how we understand spirituality and church. In essence, this is what's at stake: What's more central to us, what Jesus has done and asks of us or the person of Jesus himself? Various Christian churches have different answers to that question. Are they more focused on the teaching of Jesus or on the person of Jesus? Are they more focused on Jesus or on Christ?

Christian discipleship, clearly, asks for both, intimacy with Jesus and attention to what he taught, personal piety and social justice, firm loyalty to one's own ecclesial family and the capacity to also embrace all others of sincere heart as one's faith family.

Soren Kierkegaard, who was a Protestant theologian once suggested that what Jesus really wants is followers, not admirers.

We need to proclaim both the message of Jesus and Jesus himself.

Ronald Rolheiser





Above: A presentation was made to Fr Dev at Mary of Galilee Church, Aldinga after Saturday evening Mass on 1 January, to thank him for his ministry and with best wishes for his placement to Penola.

DARE TO DREAM BIG

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. The Christmas season has ended. It is a transition, a turning point in the church year. We have set aside for another year the Christmas carols where we sing of the “holy infant, so tender and mild.” We have put away nativity sets in our homes and churches.

Mirroring the liturgical calendar, this moment is a transition for us, too. Since March of 2020, our individual and collective lives have shifted. The pandemic crisis brought a reordering of our daily rhythms. It made even more apparent how fragile and interconnected we are and the

disparities in our society which make some more vulnerable to the virus than others.

The vaccine is being distributed and though there are still dark days ahead and it will take more time before precautions like masks, physical distancing, and avoiding gatherings can safely be put aside, that change is coming. We are shifting.

The gift of so much disruption, is that it can shake us out of complacency, out of long-held, tired assumptions. Out of the crisis of pandemic comes not just grief, but also possibility. Not just trauma, but also clarity about what is really important.

(Abridged excerpt from “US Catholic”)

ROSTERS

ALDINGA
Commentator
Readers

Saturday 08 January
Michelle Cormack
David Manders
Heidi Davidson

Saturday 15 January
Christina Tiedge
Brian Younie
Brianna McIver

NORMANVILLE
Welcomer
Commentator
Reader
Altar/Cleaning

Sunday, 09 January
Rita Steller
Thia Van Kuyk
Pam Kelly
Patsy & Jim Fitzpatrick

Sunday, 16 January
Peter Bohnsack
Jan Plum
Nigel Pile
Patsy & Jim Fitzpatrick

WILLUNGA
Commentator
Reader
Flowers
Church Linen

Sunday, 09 January
Marie Andrews
Chris Dzamko
May Dunn
Margaret Guley

Sunday, 16 January
Anna Rogers
NormanLee
May Dunn
Wayne Best

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Veronica Shortland, Muriel Smith, Colin and Roma Whitford, Fr Peter Milburn, Janet Burbidge, Arthur and Carol Jones, Bill and Janet McIver, Judy Hore, Rainer Maack

Anniversary: Steven Kucsora

DATES

- 26 Jan Australia Day
- 31 Jan School resumes for 2022
- 14 Mar Adelaide Cup Day
- 14 Apr Last day School Term 1
- 15 Apr Good Friday
- 16 Apr Holy Saturday
- 17 Apr Easter Day
- 18 Apr Easter Monday
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day
- 2 May First day School Term 2
- 13 Jun Queen’s birthday holiday
- 8 Jul Last day School Term 2
- 25 Jul First day School Term 3
- 30 Sep Last day School Term 3
- 3 Oct Labour Day holiday
- 17 Oct First day School Term 4
- 16 Dec Last day School Term 4

PARAPROSDOKIANS

- *Where there’s a will ... I want to be in it.*
- *The last thing I want to do is hurt you ... but it’s still on my list.*
- *War does not determine who is right ... only who is left.*
- *Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.*



COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 05 January, 2022)

- Places of Worship are restricted to 1 person per 4 square metres - with social distancing of 2 metres.
Gathering at home cap: 10 (gatherings at residential premises, including residents of residential premises)
- Wearing of masks is mandatory. (An official doctor's certificate must be produced on request, if claiming an exemption.)
- At this time, we haven't received any information re singing during Church services, but certainly singing has been restricted in other venues.
- Social distancing is mandatory - DO NOT CONGREGATE at entry/exit and outside.
- There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- Every gathering must record contact details - either with the QR code for smart phones, or the handwritten log - both located at the entrance to the Church
- Hand sanitizer is available at Church entrances.
- Offertory procession will be omitted. Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Collection plates will not be passed around.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people should be encouraged not to attend.
- The Archdiocese recommends Covid vaccination for all (please check with your GP if you have concerns).
- Obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage. You may wish to access:
[Mass for You at Home – The official website of Mass For You At Home, Australia](#) online and on Channel 10 every Sunday at 6 am.

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rebirth and by renewing us with the... Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

GOSPEL BACKGROUND

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In today's Gospel, as in the other Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian

community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father.

The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another "epiphany." On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(10 - 20 January)

- **Monday, 10:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20)
- **Tuesday, 11:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28)
- **Wednesday, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39)
- **Thursday, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45)
- **Friday, 14:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 8:4-7, 10-22; Mk 2:1-12:)
- **Saturday, 15:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Mk 2:13-17)
- **Sunday, 16:** 2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11)

PASTORAL CARE

If you need a Priest for anointing of the sick or last rites contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).

COVIDSAFE
Let's continue to be a church