



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 Rd, 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

Micah 5:1-4

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God.

They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land.

He himself will be peace.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or

sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-44

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy

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Bulletin Board

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

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

RESPONSE

(During lighting of the Advent candle)

Wait for the Lord
whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord,
be strong, take heart.

COVID-19

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

Christmas

MASSES

• Christmas Eve (Fri 24 Dec) •

4.00pm St Peter's, Normanville
6.30pm Mary of Galilee, Aldinga
7.00pm St Joseph's, Willunga (family)
12.00am St Joseph's, Willunga

• Christmas Day (Sat 25 Dec) •

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

(NB: The usual 5.30pm Saturday evening Mass will not be held at Mary of Galilee, Aldinga on Christmas Day)

• Holy Family Mass (Sun 26 Dec) •

8.30am St Peter's, Normanville
10.30am St Joseph's, Willunga

COVID VACCINATION

We have received a letter from the Archbishop regarding vaccination.

"I am writing to strongly recommend that all Clergy, Staff and Volunteers engaged with Parishes and Communities ensure they are vaccinated.

This is particularly important, and now legislated, for those who regularly enter Schools, Private Hospitals, Aged Care Facilities and Nursing Homes to work, and for anyone who is a Member of a School College Board. It is likely this will soon extend to Public Hospitals. Anyone carrying out public ministry - Clergy, Chaplains, Holy Communion Ministers, those visiting the sick etc. - are expected to have the vaccine. It would be my preference to move to this by agreement rather than having to make it a mandated requirement.

The Church's position is clear both on a global and national level that the common good must prevail.

We continue to welcome all in our premises for the celebration of Mass and I do not expect that we would move to mandatory vaccination for those entering our Churches. This would only occur in relation to a legislative requirement.

I ask for your continued cooperation on this important matter.

*In Domino,
+Patrick O'Regan
Archbishop of Adelaide"*

CHRISTMAS MASS

Christmas Day Mass will be available from St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Channel 44 on Saturday, December 25 at 5pm.

FRUITS OF FIRST PLENARY COUNCIL ASSEMBLY PUBLISHED

"I am delighted to communicate the Report for the first Plenary Council Assembly. [The Key Documents – Plenary Council \(catholic.org.au\)](http://The Key Documents – Plenary Council (catholic.org.au)) (proposals from small groups and individuals).

In 2022 the Diocesan Pastoral Council as well as Parishes and Communities, and the Council of Priests in the Archdiocese will be encouraged to engage with the material. We will continue our shared discernment together as we further consider the recommendations from our own Diocesan Assembly and the first assembly of the Plenary Council and move towards the second Assembly and the Synod.

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BBQ

Thank you to the people who offered to donate BBQs to the Parish. Your generosity is very much appreciated. We now have very acceptable BBQs for both St Peter's and St Joseph's.

We actually had three offers, but decided the two largest ones would be best for our purposes. If anyone is looking for a smaller BBQ (picture) in excellent condition,

please text Judy on 0432 894 472 and make her an offer. (Judy is hard of hearing and may not be able to hear on the phone.)



THE RICH MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas is like a perfectly cut diamond twirling in the sun, giving off an array of sparkles. Here are just some of its meanings:

- Every year of life waxes and wanes. Every stage of life comes and goes. Every facet of life is born and then dies. Every good moment is doomed to become only a memory. Every perfect period of living slips through our fingers and disappears. Every hope dims and every possibility turns eventually to dry clay. Until Christmas comes again. Then we are called at the deepest, most subconscious, least cognizant level to begin to live again. Christmas brings us all back to the crib of life to start over again: aware



of what has gone before, conscious that nothing can last, but full of hope that this time, finally, we can learn what it takes to live well, grow to full stature of soul and spirit, and get it right.

Joan Chittister

- At Christmas, through his grace-filled birth, God says to the world: "I am there. I am with you. I am your life. ... Do not be afraid to be happy. For ever since I wept, joy is the standard of living that is really more suitable than the anxiety and grief of those who think they have no hope. ... This reality, this incomparable wonder of my almighty love, I have sheltered safely in the cold stable of your world. I am there. I no longer go away from this world. Even if you do not see me. I am there. It is Christmas. Light the candles! They have more right to exist than all the darkness. It is Christmas. Christmas lasts forever." *Karl Rahner*
- The incarnation does not mean that God saves us from the pains of this life. It means that God-is-with-us.

For the Christian, just as for everyone else, there will be cold, lonely seasons, seasons of sickness, seasons of frustration, and a season within which we will die. Christmas does not give us a ladder to climb out of the human condition. It gives us a drill that lets us burrow into heart of everything that is and, there, find it shimmering with divinity.

Avery Dulles
(Article compiled by
Ronald Rolheiser)



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

Recently deceased: Joseph Wallace, Michael Miller, Bev Allison, Jeff Gray
Jeff's funeral will be held at St Joseph's on Tuesday 21 December at 2.30pm. Due to Covid restrictions, please contact Annette Williams (0434 406 726) if you would like to attend.

Anniversary: Ryan Trembath, Anne and Ian Haese

DATES

- 17 Dec Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 25 Dec Christmas Day
- 25 Dec Appeal - Caritas Australia and Aboriginal Catholic Ministry
- 31 Jan School resumes for 2022
- 14 Apr Last day School Term 1

COLLECTIONS

(For the last fortnight)

First collection	\$1034.00
Second collection	\$472.00
Envelopes	\$870.00
Direct debits	\$505.00

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.

"I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I was six. Mother took me to see him in a department store and he asked for my autograph." - Shirley Temple

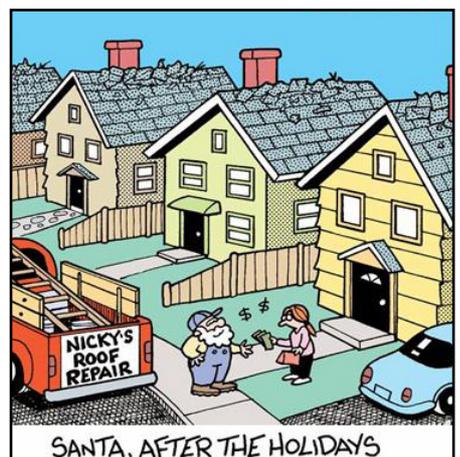
"We count down the days just to experience it nearly exactly as we always have. It is so comfortable, familiar, and perfectly nostalgic that, frankly, we have no desire to improve upon it at all." - Joanna Gaines

CHRISTMAS ROSTERS

ALDINGA Commentator Readers	6.30pm - 24 December Chris McWilliams Rod Boucher, Ken Creevey
NORMANVILLE Commentator Reader	4.00pm - 24 December Trish Bohnsack Ann Henriksen
WILLUNGA Commentator Reader	7.00pm - 24 December Gael Maloney Terry Ford
	9.00am - 25 December Anna Rogers Vanda Farrall

ROSTERS

ALDINGA Commentator Readers	Saturday 18 December Bob Daly Christina Tiedge David Manders	Saturday 25 December <i>The usual 5.30pm Saturday evening Mass will not be held at Galilee on Christmas Day</i>
NORMANVILLE Welcomer Commentator Reader Altar/Cleaning	Sunday, 19 December Ena Harvey Jan Plumb Ann Henriksen Judy Hore, Ann Henriksen	Sunday, 26 December Nigel Pile Judy Millington Trish Bohnsack Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery
WILLUNGA Commentator Reader Flowers Church Linen	Sunday, 19 December Wayne Best Margaret Guley Rebecca Pace Wayne Best	Sunday, 26 December Vanda Farrall Megan Chapman Michael Hynes Michael Hynes



COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 14 December, 2021)

- Places of Worship are restricted to 3 people per 4 square metres with social distancing of 1.5 metres. The number of people at a Private Activity has increased from 50 people to 150 people, provided density requirements are met. If more than 50 people are present, there must be an independent COVID Marshal. QR codes and/or handwritten logs are essential.
- Wearing of masks is mandatory. (A doctor's certificate must be produced on request, if claiming an exemption.)
- Attendees at indoor religious services may sing during worship and members of choirs or chorus groups may perform or rehearse indoors, if they wear masks while doing so.
- 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.

COVIDSAFE
Let's continue to be a church

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Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, ... 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FR JOSY, 2021

My beloved Parishioners,

God loved us so much that he came to dwell among us, to tent among us in human flesh. The gift of the Incarnation says that God is willing to take on the human tent of flesh and be one with and among us. That frail tent of flesh proves capable of holding divinity, but also capable of yielding up its spirit. The gift of Incarnation was that God became human, that we might become divine. Hence, You and I are bearers of the image of God, and You and I share in Incarnation, for Jesus has walked this way before us. God is born in us as well.

The vulnerability of being born in obscurity, to a peasant refugee couple, in an out of the way place, says to us that God is with us in the smallest parts of life – perhaps a reminder that we, too, may discover God in those humble and unexpected places if we are willing to go in search. It is a reminder that God's love extends to all, that God comes among us in human form for all humanity. God continues to come among us in humility, God continues to be birthed in fragile opportunities that will need to be nourished and tended by us all.

Let the Son of God grow in you, for he is formed in you. Let him become a loved and cherished reality and may he become to you a great smile and exaltation and perfect joy which no one can take from you. "It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me" (Gal 2:20). Paul's bold assertion is a truth each one of us must make our own as it works its way into the fabric of our lives through the ebb and flow of events, circumstances,

demands and decisions which constitute our existence and relationships. But also, to be reminded that it is those small ways that the Divine touches us, enters our lives and blesses us with joy for the world.

I wish you and your families the blessings of all that comes to us from celebrating again the birth of this baby, Jesus Christ in Bethlehem who enters our world in all its present uncertainty giving hope and meaning in our lives.

This Christmas, may your presents be many, your worries be few, and your joy endless.

Merry Christmas and a Bright New Year!

Josy Sebastian



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(December 20 - 26)

- **Monday, 20:** Monday, 4th week Advent (Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Tuesday, 21:** Tuesday, 4th week Advent (Song 2:8-14 or Zeph 3:14-18; Lk 1:39-45)
- **Wednesday, 22:** Wednesday, 4th week Advent (1 Sam 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56)
- **Thursday, 23:** Thursday, 4th week Advent (Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66)
- **Friday, 24:** Friday, 4th week Advent (2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Lk 1:67-79)
- **Saturday, 25:** The NATIVITY of the LORD (Christmas) - Mass of Vigil/Midnight/Dawn/Day
- **Sunday 26:** The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28; 1Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52)



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).