

Willunga Catholic Parish

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WEEKEND PARISH MASS TIMES

including the
'Liturgy of the Word for Children'

St. Joseph's Church, St. Jude St., Willunga
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays of month: 8:30 am
2nd & 4th Sundays of month: 10:30 am

Mary of Galilee Church,
cnr. How and Quinliven Roads., Aldinga
6 pm Saturday evening

St. Peter's Church, Normanville
2nd & 4th Sundays of month: 10:30 am
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays of month: 8:30 am

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GUIDELINES

**for the
PREPARATION
&
CELEBRATION
of
RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIO)
Confirmation
Eucharist (Communion)
for
SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Life is God's gift to us and is entrusted to our care. Each of us has a responsibility to nurture life and enable it to reach its full potential. As parents/caregivers you have coaxed, encouraged and delighted in your child: the first smile, first tooth, first steps, first words ...

Faith is a God given gift. Growth in faith, knowledge and love of God happens in the nurturing and caring environment of the natural family and the family we call 'The Church'. It is a life-long journey that begins at conception and ends with our entry into eternal life when we die. You are continually nurturing the faith of your child by your example of Christian living and sharing your experience of the presence of God in your life with your children.

To nurture, guide and support us in our faith journey the Catholic Church Community marks special stages in our life with **SACRAMENTS**—special times when we celebrate the life giving and loving presence of God in our lives.

The **Sacrament of Baptism** welcomes us into the Catholic Church Community and claims us as a child of God.

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** celebrates the loving mercy and forgiveness of God in our lives

The **Sacrament of Confirmation** confirms the faith we have received in Baptism and strengthens us in the Spirit of Jesus

The **Sacrament of the Eucharist** welcomes us to the table of the Lord in Holy Communion

PREPARATION PROGRAM

To support our children in their journey towards full membership of the Catholic Church Community, the Willunga Parish implements: THE POLICY FOR THE INITIATION OF CHILDREN INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ADELAIDE.

August — December

- Family reflection on readiness of child for the celebration of the Sacraments (supported by classroom teacher, the school REC and Sacrament Co ordinator)
- Application form completed
- Enrolment form completed
- Attendance at three Parent/Child Workshops introducing our Sacrament Program and exploring our experience of God's forgiveness in our lives.
- Celebration of the Sacrament of **Reconciliation**

February—June

- Presentation of the children to the parish community at a Parish Mass
- Two Parent/Child Workshops on the Sacrament of the **Eucharist**
- Two Parent/Child Workshops on the Sacrament of **Confirmation**
- Celebration of the Sacrament of **Reconciliation** in preparation for the full initiation of the children into the Church Community
- Celebration of the **Sacrament of Confirmation** at a Parish Liturgy.
- Celebration of the **First Communion** of the children at a Parish Mass
- Presentation of Certificates to the children at a Parish Mass.