



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - YEAR C

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

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MASS CENTRES

- Mary of Galilee, cnr Quinliven and How Roads, ALDINGA - Galilee
- St Peter's, Cape Jervis Road, 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

Malachi 3:1-4

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fullers' alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 23:7-10

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord.

1. O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! <R>
2. Who is the king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war. <R>
3. O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory. <R>
4. Who is he, the king of glory? He, the Lord or armies, he is the king of glory. <R>

SECOND READING

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 2:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

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Bulletin Board

WEEKDAY MASSES

- 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

WEEKEND MASSES

(NB: This roster may be changed if something unforeseen crops up)

- 01 Feb 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Julius
- 02 Feb 8.30am, Willunga, Fr Tom
10.30am, N/ville, Fr Dominick
- 08 Feb 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Josy
- 09 Feb 8.30am, N/ville, Fr Tom
10.30am, Willunga, Fr Josy
- 15 Feb 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Dominick
- 16 Feb 8.30am, Willunga, Fr Dominick
10.30am, N/ville, Fr Josy
- 22 Feb 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Tom
- 23 Feb 8.30am, N/ville, Fr Dominick
10.30am, Willunga, Fr Tom

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

WALK FOR LIFE

The Vicar General Fr Dean Marin is encouraging everyone to attend the upcoming 'Walk for Life' which will be held on Saturday February 8 at Pennington Gardens, opposite St Peter's Cathedral, from 10am till 12 noon. This year's theme is "Love the Next Generation". Join us as we walk for life to bring an end to abortion.

\$5 Donation - Parking Free Tickets Adelaide Oval trybooking.com/ CVHLE Enter from Pennington Tce,

Gates Open 9am. Don't forget to bring a drink bottle and remember the sunscreen.

Please wear a white shirt. No megaphones or personal signs, Love Adelaide will provide official signs. Please follow the direction of the marshals and police and walk peacefully with love.

loveadelaide.org.au

JUBILEE YEAR – CELEBRATION OF CONSECRATED LIFE 2 February, 2025

This weekend (2 February), we celebrate and give thanks for the contribution the Religious men and women have made, and are still making, to the life of the Archdiocese of Adelaide. There are also some lay women and men who are living a consecrated life. We also remember and celebrate their contribution.

Members of the Consecrated Life, as 'Pilgrims of Hope' on the path of peace have served the Church in South Australia as Founders and Leaders in education, health and aged care, services for the homeless and destitute, those with disabilities, and our Aboriginal Communities. Most of these roles are now assumed by lay people.

There has been a continuous ministry of Priests and Religious who have accompanied their fellow countrymen and women as they migrated to Australia. Many priests, brothers and sisters also came as Missionaries. Religious in more recent times have contributed to the development of Parishes in roles such as Pastoral Associates. (Continued page 3)

Saturday 8th March 2025 at 7 pm & Sunday 9th March 2025 at 2 pm

WILLUNGA
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

VIVALDI
CONCERTI VIRTUOSI
Concerto for Violin, Strings and basso continuo »Winter«
Concerto A minor for Violoncello, String Orchestra RV 418

MOZART
Serenade G major »A Little Night Music« KV 525
»Pezzo Capriccioso« for Violoncello and String Orchestra

TCHAIKOVSKY
»Capriccio« for Violin and Orchestra

PAGANINI
»Capriccio« for Violin and Orchestra

CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE
(Germany)
Sergey Didorenko * Violin Dmitri Gornowski * Violoncello

Tickets available at
Willunga Catholic Parish Centre, 12 St. Jude Street, Tel. 0447 / 421 948
Doors at St. Joseph's Church 30 minutes prior to the concerts - unless sold out previously (cash sales only)

CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE

8th and 9th March, 2025

Parishioners are now able to book for the concerts on Saturday evening 8 March at 7pm and Sunday after-noon 9 March at 2pm.

Our parishioners are always given advance notice of this concert. However, once the company begins their own advertising, the best seats may no longer be available. We provide designated seating.

Payment is required before seats are allocated.

Tickets are the same price as they were last year.

For bookings please contact Gael Maloney (phone 0447 421 948, email: bahloo2@bigpond.com)

Caritas AUSTRALIA

GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

A ceasefire means more aid can assist people affected in Gaza. Your support is urgently needed.

DONATE NOW www.caritas.org.au/gaza
1800 024 413

Photo: Caritas Jerusalem



We all owe a great debt to the Religious Communities for their contributions to the foundation of our Church in South Australia.

*Archbishop Patrick O'Regan DD
Sr Elizabeth Morris RSJ
(Vicar for Religious)*

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Pope Francis has designated February 8, the feast of St Josephine Bakhita, as the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human trafficking.

**World Day of Prayer 2025
Cook Islands**



**Friday 7 March at 7.00pm
McLaren Vale Uniting Church
261 Main Rd McLaren Vale.**

Supper following. Everyone welcome
More information: Rob 0448217775

DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD APPEAL

8 and 9 February

A special collection is being taken up next weekend in support of the work undertaken by Birthline Pregnancy Support and Genesis Pregnancy Support Inc.

The Day of the Unborn Child assists us to focus on those people in our families and communities who have experienced any sort of child-bearing loss, whether miscarriage, still-birth, the death of a baby soon after birth, or abortion.

We thank you in anticipation for your generous support of those who work tirelessly with individuals and families who require these important resources and services.

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEATIFICATION OF MARY MACKILLOP

Beatified on 19 January 1995, by Pope John Paul II, Mary MacKillop was recognized for her profound faith, compassion, and tireless dedication to education.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS LIST

We are updating our Special Intentions column. If you would like to keep your name, or that of a family member or friend on the list (with their permission, of course), email admin@willungaparish.org.au or ring 0447 421 948 before 12 February.

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre Boyd, Janette McIver, Michael Casey, Paul Hancock, Paul Cormack, John Tregeagle, Kathy Ralston

2025 DATES

- 9 Feb Day of Unborn Child Appeal
- 14 Feb Morning coffee - Louie's
- 28 Feb Morning coffee - Louie's
- 5 Mar Ash Wednesday
- 5 Mar Project Compassion
- 7 Mar World Day of Prayer
- 8 Mar Concert - St Joseph's - 7pm
- 9 Mar Concert - St Joseph's - 2pm
- 10 Mar Adelaide Cup Day
- 14 Mar Morning coffee - Louie's
- 28 Mar Morning coffee - Louie's
- 11 Apr Morning coffee - Louie's
- 12 Apr Last day School term 1
- 13 Apr Palm Sunday
- 17 Apr Thursday of Lord's Supper
- 18 Apr Good Friday
- 18 Apr Holy Places Appeal
- 19 Apr Holy Saturday
- 20 Apr Easter Sunday
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day
- 28 Apr First day School term
- 18 May St Vincent de Paul Appeal
- 9 Jun King's birthday holiday
- 29 Jun Holy Father's Appeal
- 2 Jul Last day School term 2
- 6 July NATSICC Appeal
- 20 Jul Stella Maris - Sea Sunday
- 21 Jul First day School term 3
- 10 Aug Vocations Appeal
- 26 Sep Last day School term 3
- 6 Oct Labour day holiday
- 13 Oct First day School term 4
- 12 Dec Last day School term 4

COLLECTIONS

18/19 : 25/26 January

First collection	\$1021.00
Envelopes	\$605.00
Unpledged	\$896.00

(Not including direct credits)

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.



ROSTERS

ALDINGA *Saturday 01 February*
 Welcomer Andre Woodhouse
 Commentator Cristina Tiedje
 Readers Michelle Cormack
 David Manders
 Eucharistic Minister Judi Driscoll

Saturday 08 February
 Andre Woodhouse
 Michelle Cormack
 Rod Boucher
 Vivi Boucher
 Brigid Grimwood

NORMANVILLE *Sunday, 02 February*
 Welcomer Leo Montgomery
 Commentator Jim Fitzpatrick
 Reader Trish Bohnsack
 Data Projector Thia an Kuyk
 Altar/Cleaning Antoinette F, Ann H

Sunday, 09 February
 Peter Lloyd
 Thia van Kuyk
 Ann Henriksen
 Jim Fitzpatrick
 Antoinette F, Ann H

WILLUNGA *Sunday, 02 February*
 Commentator Anna Rogers
 Reader Marie Andrews
 Eucharistic Minister Marie Cester
 Flowers Tony Harding
 Church Linen Viv Zagajewska

Sunday, 09 February
 Jacinta Best
 Ian La Ronde
 Anna Rogers
 Mary Moore
 Anna Rogers

WILLUNGA PARISH

(Aldinga, Normanville, Willunga)
NGARRINDJERI, RAMINDJERI,
PERAMANGK, KAURNA land

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- *Aldinga* - Kerri Gould, Lorraine Ellis, Kim Calderbank
- *Willunga* - Michael Hynes, Rick Zagajewski,
- *Normanville* - Nigel Pile, Christopher Symes

FINANCE COUNCIL

Dolek Thiele (Chairperson)
Chris McWilliams (Secretary)
Thia van Kuyk (Finance Officer)
Martin Morgan (Cemeteries)
John McPhail (Treasurer)

CEMETERY CONTACTS

- *St Joseph's, Willunga* - Curator Martin Morgan (0417 851 902) - in his absence please contact:
Michael Hynes (0490 677 314) or
Tony Harding (0488 330 748)
- *St Peter's, Normanville* - Please contact Willunga Parish Office (08) 8556 2132 or 0447 421 948

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES

Please contact the Parish Office
(8556 2132 or 0447 421 948)

SACRAMENTS

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8556 2132, 0447 421 948)
or
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(kim.calderbank@cardijn.catholic.edu.au : [08] 8550 2200)

CHILD PROTECTION

We are a Child Safe Organisation which is committed to the care, well-being and protection of children and young people.

We believe that all God's children and young people have the right to be healthy and safe, and to have their voice heard, respected, and valued. A safe environment for all.

Willunga Parish contact - Michael Hynes or Child Protection Unit (8210 8159).

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Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

MARY'S YES: HUMILITY AND SORROW AT THE TEMPLE

At the Presentation of the Lord, Mary showed her obedience to God's law.

Although she was the Mother of God, she did not seek special treatment. The law required a sacrifice, and Mary humbly followed this rule, bringing two doves to the Temple. Her actions show her deep humility and her willingness to submit to God's will in all things. Mary lived her life in obedience, even when she could have claimed a unique exception as the mother of the Messiah.

When Simeon saw Jesus, he spoke of the joy and the challenges ahead. He called Jesus a "sign of contradiction" and warned that many would oppose Him. Then he turned to Mary and said a "sword will pierce your own soul." This was a prophecy of Mary's future sorrow as she shared in her Son's suffering. This moment earned Mary the title "Our Lady of Sorrows." Simeon's words prepared her for the pain she would feel as she watched Jesus' life unfold, especially at the cross.

Mary's humility and submission at the Presentation of the Lord serve as a powerful example for Catholics today. Mary did not always understand what God was asking of her, but she said "yes" without hesitation. She trusted God's plan even when it meant difficulty or pain. In this way, Mary shows us how to surrender to God's will with faith. Catholics can look to her example in their own struggles, learning to say "yes" to God in their own lives. young-catholics.com

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(03 - 09 February)

- *Monday, 03:* Weekday, Ord Time 4 (Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20)
- *Tuesday, 04:* Weekday, Ord Time 4 (Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43)
- *Wednesday, 05:* St Agatha (Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6)
- *Thursday, 06:* St Paul Miki and companions (Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13)
- *Friday, 07:* Weekday, Ordinary Time 4 (Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29)
- *Saturday, 08:* Saturday, Ord Time 4 (Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34)
- *Sunday, 09:* 5th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 6:1-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11)

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 0447 421 948.