



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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## WILLUNGA CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRE

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### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday: 10.00am - 12.00noon  
Friday: 9.00am - 11.00am  
(If you need to contact the Parish Office outside these hours, please contact 0447 421 948 or 0488 287 552)

## NOARLUNGA DOWNS CATHOLIC PRESBYTERY

Phone: 8382 1717

### PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

- Fr Josy Sebastian (Parish Priest - 8382 1717; emergency 0452 524 169)
- Fr Roy John (Assistant Priest - 8382 1717)
- Fr Tom Gleeson (Resident Priest - 8557 1072)
- Sr Margaret Ann (Parish worker - 0488 287 552)
- Gael Maloney (Parish Office - Friday am; Newsletter - articles due Wednesday - [bahloo2@bigpond.com](mailto:bahloo2@bigpond.com), 0447 421 948)
- Geraldine and Steve Robinson (Finance - Tuesday am)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
Peter Laffan (phone 8556 3915)

### 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

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears.  
The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:  
all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13*

*Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

### SECOND READING

*Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6*

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mt 2:2*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

*Matthew 2:1-12*

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked.

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## BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES

Please contact the Parish Office

## RECONCILIATION

- Aldinga: Saturday 5.00 - 5.20pm
  - Normanville: Second and fourth Sundays at 8.10am
  - Willunga: to be organised
- Reconciliation always available at St Luke's, Noarlunga every Saturday at 9.00am.

## ROSARY

10.00am before 10.30am Masses at Normanville. 9.30am on Fridays in the Chapel at Galilee, Aldinga.

## QUIET PRAYER

Each day at Willunga for 30 minutes at 7.00am and 5.00pm. All welcome.

## REFLECTION GROUPS

*Willunga Thursday Group* meets weekly to reflect on Gospel for the following Sunday. Parish House, 7.00pm. Fr Tom (8557 1072)

## FIRST FRIDAY MASSES

First Friday Mass: Willunga at 9.00am; Normanville at 6.00pm

## FAMILY MASSES

Aldinga: 2nd Saturday - 5.30pm

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Galilee Learning Centre	8557 9000
St John the Apostle	8382 2064
All Saints Primary	8327 0020
Cardijn College	8392 9500
Marcellin Tech College	8186 9700

## PLAYGROUP

Monday mornings 9.00am - 10.30am in Shared Space, Stage 1, Galilee School, Aldinga. Co-ordinator - Melanie Wilson (8557 9000)

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Meetings held twice monthly - every second Monday of month and the Monday, two weeks later, both at 9.30am. Meetings: Aldinga Community Centre, Stewart Road, Aldinga. Contact: Vinnies-Willunga@svdpsa.org.au

## GALILEE

### HOUSEKEEPING TEAM

Feel free to contact any member of the committee about issues in the Aldinga community - Fr Josy (8382 1717), David Manders (8556 5667), Francoise or Ken Creevey (8557 6287), Mario Bacchin (8323 9909), Judy Driscoll (8557 7068).

## GALILEE OP SHOP

How Road, Aldinga. Open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8.45am - 3.00pm  
Phone: 0474 107 694



# Bulletin Board

## REGULAR WEEKDAY MASSES (or COMMUNION SERVICES)

Mon	No Masses in Willunga Parish 9.00am - Noarlunga
Tue	9.15am - Aldinga
Wed	9.00am - Willunga
Thur	9am - Willunga
Fri	9am - Willunga
1 <sup>st</sup> Fri	Normanville: 5.30pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; 6.00pm - Mass <i>(followed by shared meal)</i>

## PRIEST APPOINTMENTS FOR WILLUNGA PARISH IN 2019

Fr Selva Raj Leenaiah and Fr Jack Otto have been appointed as Assistant Priests supporting Fr Josy Sebastian in 2019. These appointments are to take effect on the weekend of January 20, 2019.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It is our turn to do the sausage sizzle again on January 12 at the Quarry Market in Willunga between 8.00am and 1.00pm. We combine with another church to have four volunteers on the job for serving, cooking and giving out the sausages. If you can spare an hour on the 12 January, we would greatly appreciate your help. Please contact Anna - 0414 266 528 or after Mass at Willunga.

## COLOGNE PHILHARMONIA CONCERT - 12 January

The catering group for the Concert would be very grateful for donations towards the supper on this evening. Please contact Denny Ford if you can assist (0419 036 272).

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

will be held at St Luke's Church, Noarlunga from 8.30am - 8.30pm every Thursday. At least two people need to be present during this time. If parishioners from any of our three communities are interested, please ring the Noarlunga Office (phone 8382 1717) between 10.00am and 2.00pm to have your name(s) entered on the roster sheets.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- The word epiphany comes from a Greek word meaning 'manifestation' or 'revelation'. In Matthew's

gospel, this episode is the first public manifestation of Jesus.

- The 'wise men' were probably magi or astrologers from Persia and represent all those who seek God with a sincere heart.
- Matthew's community is largely composed of Jewish Christians who are struggling to come to terms with the movement of the gospel into the Gentile world. In this episode, Matthew is trying to reassure his community that all people who recognise and honour the Christ are welcomed into the new people of God.
- You will notice that the text simply says, 'some wise men'; there is no mention of a number. Over time, this has become 'three' (based on the three gifts), and the magi became 'kings' and were even given names!
- You will also notice that Matthew has Jesus being visited in a house, presumably at home in Joseph's house.

## EXPLORING THE WORD

The key to understanding this highly symbolic gospel lies in the various actors' responses to Jesus. The wise men are not of the house of Israel; they are foreigners from the east. And yet it is they who recognise the signs and embark on a journey to find the newborn king and worship him. The opposite response comes from the very people who should know better. Herod, the Jewish political leader, and the chief priests and scribes, the interpreters of Scripture and the religious leaders, have not seen what is there before them and, when they do come to understand, they seek only to do harm to Jesus. This is the first hint of the harm that will ultimately come to him from the same characters much later in his life. They are not open to the revelation of God in this child.

Imagine the disappointment the wise men must have initially felt when they find a poor child born in a simple house instead of a mighty king. But they are open to the



revelation of God and bow down before him. The expensive gifts of the wise men are highly symbolic: gold was presented to kings, frankincense was offered to God and myrrh used in anointing for burial. Thus they refer to the kingship of Jesus, his divinity and his salvific death.

- In what ways do you recognise the divine in the ordinary?
- How long have you been on your journey, and how much progress have you made?

## SHARING THE TRADITION

The feast of the Epiphany came to be celebrated in about the fourth century and has always been a very important feast, especially in the Eastern Rite. For the early church, one of the biggest problems they

faced was the realisation that even those who were not Jewish were invited to faith in Jesus as Lord. Even though his roots were in Judaism, Jesus was of significance to all people who seek the truth.

## SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

The wise men were warned not to return the same way. They did not backtrack but took a new road in life after their encounter with the Christ child. How does this imagery speak to you of your journey?



## COLOGNE PHILHARMONIA

Pre-booked tickets are now available. Please arrange to pay for (and collect) them soon.  
Gael Maloney  
(0447 421 948)



## ROSTERS

<b>ALDINGA</b>	<i>Saturday, 5 January</i>	<i>Saturday, 12 January</i>
Welcome	Rose Sulda	Georgina Sard
Commentator	Chris McWilliams	Christina Tiedge
Readers	Heidi Davidson	Peter Laffan
	Ken Creevey	David Manders
Eucharistic Ministers	Christine Jones	Francoise Creevey
	Dennis Jones	Judy Driscoll
<b>NORMANVILLE</b>	<i>Sunday, 6 January</i>	<i>Sunday, 13 January</i>
Welcome	Pat and Rachel	Ann Henriksen
Commentator/Prayers	Joan Fogarty	David Salkeld
Reader	Park Fogarty	Jacqui Salkeld
Eucharistic Minister	Pat Hardy	Trish Bohnsack
Church Cleaning	David & Jacqui Salkeld	David & Jacqui Salkeld
<b>WILLUNGA</b>	<i>Sunday, 6 January</i>	<i>Sunday, 13 January</i>
Welcome	Laurie Cester	Joe Rasera
Commentary	Anna Rogers	Jim Smith
First Reader	Izak Bruschi	Norman Lee
Second Reader	Andrew Beach	Megan Chapman
Eucharistic Ministers	Jim Smith	Steve Maglieri
	Margaret Guley	Anna Rogers
Church Cleaning	Christina Rasera	Christina Rasera
Counting	M & B Fitzpatrick	P Hounslow, A Beach
Church Linen	Pauleen Hounslow	Marie Cester

## PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anne Murphy, Val Gater, Bernie Wilkie, Jan Stanway, Celine Parkinson, Abbey McIver

Recently deceased: Aya Evans

## WHAT'S ON

Jan 12	8pm - Cologne Philharmonia Concert - St Joseph's
Jan 25	St Peter's Choir practice
Jan 26	Australia Day
Feb 21	St Peter's Choir practice
Mar 3	Unborn Child Appeal
Mar 6	Ash Wednesday
Mar 6 - Apr 21	Project Compassion
Mar 10	First Sunday of Lent
Mar 17	Second Sunday of Lent
Mar 17	St Patrick's Day
Mar 21	St Peter's Choir practice
Mar 24	Third Sunday of Lent
Apr 25	ANZAC Day
Mar 31	Fourth Sunday of Lent
Apr 7	Fifth Sunday of Lent
Apr 11	St Peter's Choir practice
Apr 18	Holy Thursday
Apr 19	Holy Places Appeal
Apr 19	Good Friday
Apr 20	Saturday of Easter
Apr 21	Easter Sunday
Apr 22	Easter Monday
May 2	St Peter's Choir practice
May 12	Vinnies Winter Appeal
May 30	St Peter's Choir practice
Jun 9	Propagation of the Faith Appeal
Jun 27	St Peter's Choir practice
Jun 30	Holy Father' Appeal
Jul 7	NATSICC Appeal
Jul 14	Apostleship of the Sea Appeal
Jul 25	St Peter's Choir practice
Aug 8	Solemnity, St Mary of the Cross
Aug 11	Appeal for Vocations
Aug 15	Assumption - Blessed Virgin Mary
Aug 22	St Peter's Choir practice
Sep	Catholic Charities Appeal
Sep 19	St Peter's Choir practice
Oct 24	St Peter's Choir practice
Nov 21	St Peter's Choir practice
Dec 12	St Peter's Choir practice

## COLLECTIONS

### 15/16 December, 2018

First collection	\$638.00
Envelopes	\$477.00
Unpledged	\$336.00

### 24/25 December, 2018

First collection	\$1028.00
Second collection	\$1048.00
Aboriginal Ministry	\$836.00
Caritas Australia	\$764.00

### 29/30 December, 2018

First collection	\$795.00
Envelopes	\$551.00
Unpledged	\$375.00

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.

**REGULAR MASS TIMES IN  
OUR CLUSTER CHURCHES  
ALDINGA**

*Mary of Galilee, the First Disciple  
cnr Quinliven and How Roads*  
Saturday 5.30pm  
Tuesday 9.15am

**GOOLWA**

*St John the Apostle, 10-14 Gardiner St*  
Sunday 9.00am  
Wednesday 9.30am

**KINGSCOTE**

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help,  
cnr Todd and Giles Streets*  
Sunday 9.30am

**NOARLUNGA**

*St Luke, the Evangelist,  
cnr Honeypot Rd and Goldsmith Dve*  
Saturday 6.00pm  
Sunday 9.00am  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 11am (Spanish Mass)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)  
Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm  
Monday 9.00am  
Tuesday 9.00am  
Wednesday 7.30pm  
Thursday 8.15am (St Luke's)  
Thursday 9.15am (St John's - term time)  
Friday 10.00am

**NORMANVILLE**

*St Peter, Cape Jervis Road*  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays 10.30am  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 8.30am  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday 6.00pm

**PARNDANA**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 2.30pm

**PENNESHAW**

*St Columba, North Terrace  
(shared with Anglicans)*  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 1.30pm

**SEAFORD**

*Seaford Ecumenical Mission,  
Grand Bvd*  
Sunday 10.45am  
Wednesday 9.15am

**VICTOR HARBOR**

*St Joan of Arc, 30 Seaview Road*  
Saturday 6.00pm  
Sunday 11.00am  
Tuesday 9.00am  
Thursday 9.00am  
Friday 9.00am  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday Benediction following Mass

**WILLUNGA**

*St Joseph, 12 St Judes Street*  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays 8.30am  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 10.30am  
Wednesday 9.00am  
Thursday 9.00am  
Friday 9.00am

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'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

*And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'*

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

**NOTES OF TODAY'S GOSPEL**

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological

sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a saviour. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

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**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

*(07 - 13 January)*

- **Monday, 7:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25)
- **Tuesday, 8:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44)
- **Wednesday, 9:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52)
- **Thursday, 10:** Weekday, Christmas Time (1Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22)
- **Friday, 11:** Weekday, Christmas Time (1Jn 5:5-12; Lk 5:12-16)
- **Saturday, 12:** Weekday, Christmas Time (1Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30)
- **Sunday, 13:** The Baptism of the Lord (Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22)

**PASTORAL CARE**

If you (or someone you know) is house-bound, in hospital or in residential care and would appreciate a visit from a Priest or someone from the Parish, please let us know.

Contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).