



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)

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A**

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## **WILLUNGA CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRE**

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## **OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday and Friday: 9.00am - 11.00am  
(*Outside these hours, please contact  
0447 421 948 or 0488 287 552*)

## **NOARLUNGA DOWNS CATHOLIC PRESBYTERY**

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## **PARISH TEAM CONTACTS**

- Fr Josy Sebastian (Parish Priest - 8382 1717; emergency 0452 524 169)
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**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 11:1-10**

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.

His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together, with a little boy to lead them.

The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together.

The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand.

They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as signal to the peoples.

It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17**

*Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.*

## **SECOND READING**

**Romans 15:4-9**

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you.

The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place:

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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

Willunga at 9.00am  
Normanville at 12noon

## 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 and Ken Creevey (8557 6287), Mario Bacchin (8323 9909), Judi Driscoll (0428 310 548).

## GALILEE OP SHOP

How Road, Aldinga. Open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9.30am - 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	9.00am - Willunga
Fri	9.00am - Willunga
1st Fri	Normanville: 11.50am Adoration; 12noon - Mass (followed by shared lunch)

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

- *Christmas Eve (Tues, Dec 24)* •

4.00pm	St Peter's, Normanville
6.30pm	Mary of Galilee, Aldinga
7.00pm	St Joseph's, Willunga (Family Mass)
11.30pm	St Joseph's, Willunga (Christmas Carols)
12 midnight	St Joseph's, Willunga

- *Christmas Day (Wed, Dec 25)* •

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

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

In preparation for the celebration of Christmas, there will be a celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation for our Cluster of Parishes on Tuesday, 17 Dec at St Luke's Church, Noarlunga Downs at 7.30pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be celebrated at St Peter's Church, Normanville on Thursday, 19 December at 6.00pm. All parishioners are invited to attend either of these celebrations. *Fr Josy*

## CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Card packs will be on sale at all three Mass Centres until sold out - excellent value at \$5.00 for a pack of ten cards.

*Mario Bacchin*

## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Christmas Giving Trees have been set up at Mary of Galilee and St Joseph's Churches.

There are tags with suggested items for food or toys that can be donated for the Willunga Conference to add to the Christmas Hampers.

If you would like to make a donation of food or toys, please take tags and return the items to either Galilee or Willunga Churches. We need the items by Sunday 15 December.

*Mario Bacchin*

## ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLETS

Advent Reflection booklets suitable for both personal reflection or as a basis for small group discussion, are available (free of charge) from the Church foyer.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It is the turn of Catholic parishioners to run the Sausage Sizzle at the Quarry Market on Saturday, 14 December. The market operates from 8.00am until 1.00pm. We need six volunteers to each work for 1½ hours. Proceeds support the Schools' Ministry Group.

Please message Anna (0414 266 528) for more information, or to let her know you can help out. *Anna Rogers*

## DON'T JUST TRIM THE TREE

Maybe this Advent we should trim and burn some tree limbs, not just our Christmas trees.

John the Baptist seems to sternly warn religious leaders that people who ignore his call to change will face a fiery judgment. They'll be like rotten trees cut down and burned.

I think John liked to shock people. But for good reason. He lived in a world full of poverty and injustice. He wanted people to face how their sins were hurting the world.

Don't let John's harsh words scare you. True, our sinful habits and attitudes are like rotten trees and bare branches. Things like selfishness and prejudice take away our happiness, hurt others, and keep us from working for a just world. But Jesus can help us trim these "tree limbs" from our lives. I know a young man who decided as a young adult to change his life in the bus ride home from a university campus retreat. He hadn't been treating girls he'd dated with respect. He'd been hanging out with the wrong crowd. Jesus, he said, showed him what to change and gave him the confidence to do it. He's a lot happier now.

We light candles in Advent to remember that Christ can bring light (guidance and warmth) to the darkness in our lives and in the world. We also remember that Christ's light can burn away what holds us back from our full potential. Take time in Advent to feel God's

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compassion in the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Or talk with a teacher, friend, workmate, or parent about things you'd like to change.

You'll realise, as you trim your Christmas tree, that Jesus is gently trimming your soul. *GPBS eNews*

## PREPARE YE

A group of friends talking about how easy it is to be hard on ourselves and others. One guy told how in high school he got caught skipping a class to smoke. The much-feared dean of discipline had called him to his office and was about to dish out just punishment when the school's wise principal intervened. "Can I talk with this gentleman for a minute?"

"Now I'm done for," thought my friend. The principal saw him down, smiled, and said, "We're starting a new program of peer counsellors, and I think you would be great at it. The other students admire you and look up to you. Can I count on your participation?"

"Sure," said my friend, stunned. As

the principal walked him out, they stopped at the dean's office. "I think we've settled that business about skipping classes. This young man will be too busy to stoop to that kind of thing in the future".

John the Baptist was sure that the coming of the Messiah meant harsh and just punishment. Yet Jesus arrived, offering opportunities to love and serve and use our talents for the good of the world, even if we might deserve a good kick in the pants. *GPBS eNews*

## LAUDATO SI' ADVENT

*"A constant flood of new consumer goods can baffle the heart and prevent us from cherishing each thing and each moment. To be serenely present to each reality, however small it may be, opens us to much greater horizons of understanding and personal fulfilment."*

Laudato Si' 222

See <https://catholicclimatemovement.global/laudato-si-advent/#11>

*Peter Laffan*

## COLOGNE PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA

St Joseph's Church, Willunga  
Saturday, January 18, 2020 - 3.00pm and 8.00pm

### ALDINGA

Welcome  
Commentator  
Readers

Eucharistic Ministers

### Saturday 7 December

Ros Shoumack  
Peter Laffan  
Lilia Parkinson  
David Manders  
Francoise Creevey  
David Manders

### Saturday 14 December

McIver family  
Christina Tiedge  
Rachel Bishop  
Brianna McIver  
Mario Bacchin  
David Manders

### NORMANVILLE

Welcome  
Commentator/Prayers  
Reader  
Eucharistic Minister  
Church Cleaning

### Sunday, 8 December

Tim Fleming  
David Salkeld  
Jacqui Salkeld  
Patricia Litvensky  
Patsy and Jim Fitzpatrick

### Sunday, 15 December

Mary Kennedy  
Joan Fogarty  
Park Fogarty  
Thia Van Kuyk  
Patsy and Jim Fitzpatrick

### WILLUNGA

Welcome  
Commentary  
First Reader  
Second Reader  
Eucharistic Ministers

### Sunday, 8 December

Pauleen, John Hounslow  
Wayne Best  
Sue Thompson  
Norman Lee  
Andrew Beach  
Michael Hynes  
Christina Rasera  
Pauleen Hounslow  
Mary Fitzpatrick

### Sunday, 15 December

Andrew Beach  
Michael Hynes  
Marie Andrews  
Sue Thompson  
Anna Rogers  
Steve Maglieri  
Christina Rasera  
Marie Cester  
Pauleen Hounslow

## PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Val Gater, Bernie Wilkie, Abbey McIver, Veronica Shortland, Muriel Smith, Rose Sulda

## WHAT'S ON

- Dec 8 St Peter's Christmas party 12.00noon  
Dec 12 St Peter's Choir practice  
Dec 13 Last day School term 4  
Dec 15 Yankalilla Christmas Carols  
Dec 17 Cluster Reconciliation:  
St Luke's, Noarlunga 7.30pm  
Dec 19 Reconciliation: St Peter's 6pm  
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Masses  
4.00pm Normanville  
6.30pm Aldinga  
7.00pm Willunga,  
12.00 midnight Willunga  
Dec 25 Christmas Day Masses  
9.00am Normanville  
9.00am Willunga  
Jan 18 Cologne Philharmonia Concert  
- 3pm and 8pm  
Jan 26 Tour Down Under - Willunga

## COLLECTIONS

### 30 November / 01 December 2019

First collection	\$514.00
Envelopes	\$415.00
Unpledged	\$343.00

Your support is much appreciated.

## QUOTES

*"High heels were invented by a woman who had been kissed on the forehead."*  
*Christopher Morley*

*"I don't believe in astrology; I'm a Sagittarius and we're sceptical."*  
*Arthur C Clarke*

*"At every party there are two kinds of people - those who want to go home and those who don't. The trouble is, they are usually married to each other."* Ann Landers

*"The difficult thing with quotes on the internet is verifying them"* Abraham Lincoln



**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  
11.50am Adoration, 12.00 noon Mass

**PENNESHAW**

*St Columba, North Terrace  
(shared with Anglicans)*  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 3.15pm

**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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For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Lk 3:4,6**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: All people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 3:1-12**

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

*A voice cries in the wilderness:  
Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.*

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- Luke's Gospel suggests that John the Baptist and Jesus were cousins,

but there is no hint of this in Matthew.

- John the Baptist was not alone in his criticism and rejection of the soft religious life in the cities of Palestine. There were others, too, who withdrew from what they saw as the corruption of the temple cult and retreated to the desert to live a life of prayer and asceticism. The best known of these groups were the Essenes of the Dead Sea region. It is likely that John was in some way associated with them.
- The Essenes established a community at Qumran on the shores of the Dead Sea. It was this community that left the wonderful legacy of the Dead Sea Scrolls, discovered in the 1940s. These scrolls have proven invaluable to scholars in throwing light on the religious practices of the day.
- Advent is a time in which we too are invited to withdraw a little in prayer and contemplation.

**SHARING THE TRADITION**

A prophet is one who speaks for God in a particular time and to a particular society. A prophet is not one who sees into the future but rather, looks critically at the present reality and reads the 'signs of the times'.

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

*(09 - 15 December)*

- **Monday, 09:** The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Tuesday, 10:** Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> week Advent (Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14)
- **Wednesday, 11:** Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> week Advent (Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30)
- **Thursday, 12:** Thur 2<sup>nd</sup> week Advent (Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15)
- **Friday, 13:** St Lucy (Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19)
- **Saturday, 14:** St John of the Cross (Sirach 48:2-4, 9-11; Mt 17:10-13)
- **Sunday 15:** THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT (Is 35:1-6, 10; James 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11)

**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).