



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

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- St Joseph's, St. Judes St, WILLUNGA



VIGIL MASS

(celebrated during the afternoon or evening of 24th December)

He shall say to me: "You are my father, my God the rock who saves me." I will keep my love for him always; for him my covenant shall endure.' (R)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:2: 1-5

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

SECOND READING

Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17,22-25

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia, he stood up in the synagogue, held up a hand for silence and began to speak:

'Men of Israel, and fearers of God, listen! The God of our nation Israel chose our ancestors, and made our people great when they were living as foreigners in Egypt; then by divine power he led them out.

'Then he made David their king, of whom he approved in these words, "I have selected David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose." To keep his promise, God has raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, "I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal.'"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 88:4-5,16-17,27,29

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I have a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages.(R)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Tomorrow there will be an end to the sin of the world and the saviour of the world will be our king. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 1:1-25

Happy the people who acclaim such a king. who walk. O Lord, in the light of your face. who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. (R)

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

From Fr. Dominick Okwadha

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” Isaiah 9:6

Dear Beloved Parishioners, School families, Nursing Homes and Age cares,
On behalf of my brother priests, Fr. Tom Gleeson, Fr. Julius Nyandiga CP and on my own behalf, I extend heartfelt Christmas blessings and New Year to you and your loved ones.

As we approach joyful celebration of Christmas and to prepare to begin a New Year 2026, I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude and love for each and every one of you.

In this Jubilee year of Hope and with my silver jubilee of priestly ministry, I'm privileged to serve you as Parish Administrator. I am deeply moved by the unwavering support and faith that each of you brings to our Parish Community. Your prayers, your kindness, and your dedication to our shared mission enrich my life in ways words cannot fully express. I feel truly fortunate to walk this journey of faith with all of you, as we continue to grow in God's peace, love and harmony.

As we look ahead to the new year which begins with the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, I ask for her intercession for each of you, that you may experience abundant blessings, peace and strength in the year to come. May the New Year bring renewed hope, joy, and a deeper relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to our Parish Staff, Parish Pastoral Council members, Finance Committee members, Youth groups, School Staff, Nursing homes and age care staff, Extra ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, readers, altar servers, liturgy committee members, Church cleaners, choirs, money collectors and counters, St. Vincent De Paul members, Caritas, the safeguarding team, Pastoral team, Catechists, prayer groups, YCSers and all volunteers, for your contributions, love and support to us and the parish over the past year, may the blessings of Almighty God be with you all.

I would like to say once again, THANK YOU, from the bottom of my heart, for the gift of your presence, your prayers, and your support. Please, know that we hold each of you in our hearts and in our prayers. May God bless you abundantly this Christmas and always.

A genealogy of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham:

Abraham was the father of Isaac,
Isaac the father of Jacob,
Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,
Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah, Tamar being their mother,
Perez was the father of Hezron,
Hezron the father of Ram,
Ram was the father of Amminadab,
Amminadab the father of Nahshon,
Nahshon the father of Salmon,
Salmon was the father of Boaz, Rahab being his mother,
Boaz was the father of Obed, Ruth being his mother,
Obed was the father of Jesse;
and Jesse was the father of King David.
David was the father of Solomon,
whose mother had been Uriah's wife,
Solomon was the father of Rehoboam,
Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asa,
Asa was the father of Jehoshaphat,
Jehoshaphat the father of Joram,
Joram the father of Azariah,
Azariah was the father of Jotham,
Jotham the father of Ahaz,
Ahaz the father of Hezekiah,
Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh,
Manasseh the father of Amon,
Amon the father of Josiah;
and Josiah was the father of Jechoniah and his brothers.

Then the deportation to Babylon took place.

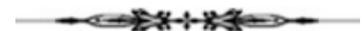
After the deportation to Babylon:
Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel,
Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,
Zerubbabel was the father of Abiud,
Abiud the father of Eliakim,
Eliakim the father of Azor,
Azor was the father of Zadok,
Zadok the father of Achim,
Achim the father of Eliud,
Eliud was the father of Eleazar,
Eleazar the father of Matthan,
Matthan the father of Jacob;
and Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary; of her was born

Jesus who is called Christ.

The sum of generations is therefore: fourteen from Abraham to David; fourteen from David to the Babylonian deportation; and fourteen from the Babylonian deportation to Christ.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel,
a name which means 'God-is-with-us.' When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home and, though he had not had intercourse with her, she gave birth to a son; and he named him Jesus.



MIDNIGHT MASS

(Celebrated at midnight 24/25 Dec)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9: 1-7

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their

joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian. For all the footgear of battle, every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt, and consumed by fire. For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him: Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace. Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end, for the throne of David and for his royal power, which he establishes and makes secure in justice and integrity. From this time onwards and for ever, the jealous love of the Lord of Hosts will do this.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 95:1-3, 11-13. R. LK 2:11

R. Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name (R)

Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the people. (R)

Let heavens rejoice and earth be glad, let the sea and all within it thunder praise, let the land and all it bear rejoice, all the trees of the wood shout for joy at the presence of the Lord for he comes, he comes to rule the earth. (R)

With justice he will rule the world, he will judge the peoples with his truth. (R)

SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God,

and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 2:10-11

Alleluia, alleluia!

I bring you news of great joy:

today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

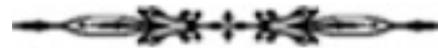
Luke 2:1-4

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn.

In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of

David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing:

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men who enjoy his favour."



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER – COMPULSORY TRAINING

An upcoming Eucharistic Minister Training session will be held on Tuesday, 20 January, at Noarlunga Catholic Parish, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

This session is ideal for first-time participants and also serves as a compulsory refresher for those who are already Eucharistic Ministers. Parishioners from across the Archdiocese, including Aldinga, Normanville, and Willunga, are warmly invited to attend.

With the reintroduction of receiving communion from the chalice, this training provides an important opportunity for formation. It has been five years since many have received the Precious Blood from the chalice, which is another form of Holy Communion. The fullness of communion is expressed through the offering of both the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine.

For further information, or if you wish to attend or are unable to attend as a refresher (for current Eucharistic Ministers), please contact Jay Pèries on 0423 703 133.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2025

CHRISTMAS EVE - Wednesday

December 24

5.00pm St Peter's, Normanville

7.00pm Mary of Galilee, Aldinga

7.00pm St Joseph's, Willunga

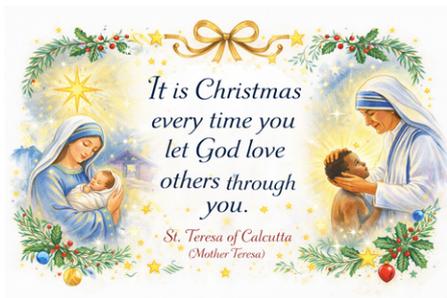
CHRISTMAS DAY - Thursday

December 25

12.00am (Midnight) St Joseph's, Willunga

9.00am St Joseph's, Willunga

9.00am St Peter's, Normanville



Day Mass

(Celebrated during the day of 25th
December)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness, proclaims salvation, and tells Zion, 'Your God is king!'

Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, they shout for joy together, for they see the Lord face to face, as he returns to Zion.

Break into shouts of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord is consoling his people, redeeming Jerusalem.

The Lord bares his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97: 1-6, R. v.3

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R)

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R)

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R)

With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord (R)

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SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-6

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father; or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-Born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

A hallowed day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, worship the Lord, for today a great light has shone down upon the earth.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word: and the Word was with God and the Word was God.

He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him.

All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.

A man came, sent by God.

His name was John.

He came as a witness,

as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him.

He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him.

But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God,

to all who believe in the name of him

who was born not out of human stock

or urge of the flesh

or will of man

but of God himself.

The Word was made flesh,

he lived among us,

and we saw his glory,

the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,

full of grace and truth.

John appears as his witness. He proclaims:

'This is the one of whom I said:

He who comes after me ranks

before me

because he existed before me.'

Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received –

yes, grace in return for grace,

since, though the Law was given

through Moses,

grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.

No one has ever seen God;

it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart,

who has made him known.

