



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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



VIGIL MASS

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

God's grace brings about the conversion of his unfaithful people. With a new-found integrity they (and we) will be called by a new name, and their relationship (and ours) with God will lead to an intimacy beyond their (and our) wildest imaginings. God will rejoice in them (and us).

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

Paul introduces the Jews and non-Jewish believers in the God of Israel to the new thing that God has done for them in Jesus, whom he has raised up for them as Saviour.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed: the Saviour of the world will be our king. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 1:1-25

This reading from the beginning of Matthew's Gospel reminds us of the mortality and even the sin the Son of God took on himself in becoming one of us, through his birth from the Virgin Mary, in order to save his people from their sins and restore us to God's friendship.

MIDNIGHT MASS

(Celebrated at midnight 24/25 Dec)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-7

Light shines in the darkness and overcomes it, because a child is born for us, a son given to us, and his name is Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father Prince-of-Peace.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 95:1-3, 11-13

Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14

God's grace, given in his Son, has made salvation possible for the whole human race. This Son

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE
from Fr Josy

**WISHING YOU ALL A VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Peace and Joy to you this Christmas season. It's always good to be with family and friends, to enjoy fun and good food, and to exchange gifts.

The true joy of Christmas lasts all year long. It is the abiding and permeating joy of knowing for certain that things are right between you and your God.

It is the contentment that comes from knowing that you have a hope that holds constant and steadfast beyond the uncertainties of this life. This kind of lasting joy comes only to the one who has personally received God's gift of the Saviour.

Therefore, Christmas is not the birth of Jesus. It only commemorates the birth of Jesus. It is our rebirth that Christmas seeks to celebrate.

Christmas is a culmination of an advent time that invites us to new life, new insight, new awareness, new energy of heart and a new way of living.

The greatest joy of Christmas comes through receiving God's gift of the Saviour, Christ the Lord!



*Fr Josy Sebastian, MSFS
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sacrificed himself to set us free from all wickedness, so that our sole ambition might be to do good.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Good News and great joy to all the world: today is born our Saviour,
Christ the Lord.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-14
In an out-of-the-way little town in Judea, a child is born. He is announced by angels to nearby shepherds as the Christ of the Lord, and the sign confirming this is a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. An early example of "God's Easter methods".

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

*(Celebrated during
the day of 25th December)*

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:7-10
The Prophet proclaims good news to the disheartened people of Judah and Jerusalem - their God has not abandoned them, but is coming to save them. Good news to us too - God's salvation is for all peoples.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:1-6
*All the ends of the earth have seen
the saving power of God.*

SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-6
God spoke his word through his prophets and in various ways. Now he speaks to us through his Son, who is the radiant light of God's glory.

He has veiled that glory with our humanity so that we can prepare by lives of faith for the full revelation of that glory in Heaven.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
A holy day has dawned upon us.
Come, you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

John 1:1-18
The gospel passage encourages us to ponder reverently the mystery of the Word who was with God in the beginning, who was God, and who became man in Jesus and dwelt among us.

CHRISTMAS QUOTES

"For it is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty Founder was a child himself." Charles Dickens

"Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world." CS Lewis

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6



May joy be your gift at Christmas and may faith, hope and love be your treasures in the New Year.