

Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

The EPIPHANY of the LORD - YEAR A

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MASS CENTRES

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- St Peter's Cape Jervis Road, NORMANVILLE
- St Joseph's, St. Judes St, WILLUNGA



FIRST READING

Is 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 your 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, R R. v. 11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement(R.)

2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds.(R.)

3. The kings of Tarsiah and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings

of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. (R)

4. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor (R)

SECOND READING

Eph 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. 'We saw his star as it rose

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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
6.00pm - Willunga

WEEKEND MASSES

10 Jan 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Tom
11 Jan 8.30am, N/ville, Fr Dominick
10.30am, Willunga, Fr Dominick
17 Jan 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Julius
18 Jan 8.30am, Willunga, Fr Julius
10.30am, N/ville, Fr Tom
24 Jan 5:30pm, Aldinga, Fr Dominick
25 Jan 8:30am, N/ville, Fr Dominick
10:30am, Willunga, Fr Tom
31 Jan 5:30pm, Aldinga, Fr Julius

ADORATION, ROSARY, EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION

Friday. 5.00pm -Adoration, St. Joseph's Willunga, prior to 6.00pm Mass
1st Friday 11.30 - Rosary, Exposition and Benediction prior to 12 noon Mass - St Peter's, Normanville

CONFESSIONS

- Aldinga - Second Saturday of each month - 5.00pm.
- Normanville: First Friday of each month (time to be confirmed)
- Willunga: Second Sunday of each month - 12.00pm.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK (during Mass)

- Aldinga: First Saturday of the month
- Normanville: First Friday of the month
- Willunga: First Friday of the month

JANUARY - THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION

For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church..

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

From Fr. Dominick

“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.

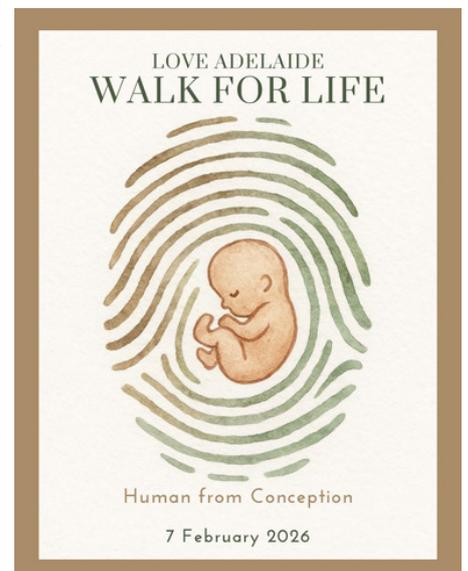
I would like to say once again, THANK YOU, from the bottom of my heart, for the gift of your presence, your prayers, and your support. Please, know that we hold each of you in our hearts and in our prayers. May God bless you abundantly this Christmas and always.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026

Fr. Dominick Okwadha

LOVE ADELAIDE - WALK FOR LIFE

Parishioners are invited to join the Love Adelaide Walk for Life to bring an end to abortion, a peaceful witness to the dignity of human life from conception, on Saturday, 7 February 2026, 10:00 am-12:00 noon, at Pennington Gardens, opposite St Peter's Cathedral, North Adelaide (gates open 9:00 am). Free registration is required: trybooking.com/DGGPU. Participants are encouraged to wear a white shirt, bring a drink bottle, and follow event guidelines. More information at loveadelaide.org.au.



2026 ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD - PROMOTIONAL RESOURCES

Synod preparation and promotional resources of parishes, schools and communities are available at www.togetherontheway.au/resources. Included in the resource pack are: logos and artwork, videos, printable posters, artwork for pullup banners, Synod Prayer digital slides and PDFs, articles for bulletins/newsletters.

COMMUNION FROM THE CHALICE

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan has recently announced that the Archdiocese of Adelaide will move toward restoring the Communion from the Chalice. After required formation and training for all Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, our Parish plans to reintroduce Communion from the Chalice (partaking of the Precious Blood) from the weekend of 31 January - 1 February 2026.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS 2026

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a worldwide synodal Movement dedicated to the renewal of our Catholic Church through empowering couples and priests to live fully intimate and responsible relationships.

Our Church today has the belief that Marriage and Holy Orders are Sacraments of relationship and that we are called as couples and priests to be a living sign of God's love to the world, and to love one another as Jesus loves us all. This takes hard work, and a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend gives married couples and priests the tools and support they need to live this sign in today's busy life. Worldwide Marriage Encounter has three weekends planned for 2026 – February 20-22 Lyndoch Motel; July 3-5 Royal Coach Motel; and a live-out weekend at Antonio School, November 7-8. More details are available on the website at <https://www.wvme.org.au/>. Please consider booking into a weekend to nurture and grow your relationship with your spouse.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp and power and dominion.



PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Michael Casey, Kathy Ralston, John Tregeagle, Karoline Hermann, Laura Curtis, Michael Campbell, May Dunn, Barney Manning, Paul Hancock

Recently deceased: Peter Jeffries, Esther Virginia Fonseca

Anniversaries: Maureen Ellis, Zenadia Castro

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 Peries on 0423 703 133

DONATE YOUR OLD MOBILE PHONES!

The parish is pleased to announce a new initiative for responsibly discarding your old mobile phones. We are now collecting used phones to donate to the Southern Domestic Violence Safe Phone program. This initiative will commence on 15 January 2026. For further details on how and when to make your donation, please contact:

Jay Peries-0423703133

Lorraine Ellis – 0420408228

Thank you for your generosity and support.

ALDINGA	Saturday 3 January
Welcomer	Andre Woodhouse
Commentator	Chris McWilliams
Readers	Brigid Grimwood Carla Thomas
Eucharistic Minister	Maria JM
NORMANVILLE	Sunday, 4 January
Welcomer	Peter Lloyd
Commentator	Thia Van Kuyk
Reader	Jim Fitzpatrick
Data Projector	Rita Steller
Altar/Cleaning	Patsy & Jim Fitzpatrick
WILLUNGA	Sunday, 4 January
Commentator	Garry Triffett
Reader	Gael Maloney
Eucharistic Minister	Wayne Best
Flowers	Viv Zagajewska
Church Linen	Margaret Guley

Saturday 10 January
Andre Woodhouse
David Manders
Jill McHendrie
Michelle Cormack
Mario Bacchin
Sunday, 11 January
Leo Montgomery
Ann Henriksen
Chris Symes
Nigel Pile
Sunday, 11 January
Michael Hynes
Garry Triffett
Marie Cester
Mary Moore
Marie Cester

MASS TIMES

- SATURDAY EVENING
5.30pm Aldinga Beach (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)

WILLUNGA PARISH

(Aldinga, Normanville, Willunga)
NGARRINDJERI, RAMINDJERI,
PERAMANGK, KAURNA land
*Willunga Catholic Parish is a welcoming and
hope-filled community led by the Spirit
to love and serve all in faith.*

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- Aldinga - Kerri Gould, Lorraine Ellis, Kim Calderbank
- Willunga - Michael Hynes
- Normanville - Nigel Pile, Christopher Symes, Oonagh Cook

FINANCE COUNCIL

Christopher Symes (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)
- St Peter's, Normanville - Please contact Willunga Parish Office (08) 8556 2132

SACRAMENTS

For more information please contact:
• Parish Office (08) 8556 2132,
admin@willungparish.org.au or
• Jay Peries 0423 703133 or
galilee.pastoral@outlook.com

INTEGRITY & SAFEGUARDING

We are committed to the care, well-being and protection of children, young people and adults at risk.

- Michael Hynes (Willunga Parish contact - 0490 677 314)
- Integrity and Safeguarding Dept (8210 8150 - select Option 2)

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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.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(5 - 11 January)

- Monday, 05: Monday Weekday of Christmas Time (1 Jn 3:22-4:6, Mt 4:12-17,23-25);
- Tuesday, 06: Weekday of Christmas Time (1 Jn 4:7-10, Mk 6:34-44)
- Wednesday, 07: Weekday of Christmas Time (1 Jn 4:11-18, Mk 6:45-52)
- Thursday, 08: Weekday of Christmas Time (1 Jn 4:19 -5:4; Lk 4:14-22)
- Friday, 09: Weekday of Christmas Time (1 Jn 5:5-13, Lk 5:12-16)
- Saturday, 10: Weekday of Christmas Time (1 Jn 5:14-21, Jn 3:22-30)
- Sunday 11: The BAPTISM of the LORD (Is 42:1-4,6-7, ACTS 10:34-38, MT 3:13-17)



VIVALDI
CONCERTI VIRTUOSI
Concerto for Violin, Strings and basso continuo »Spring«
Concerto B minor for Violoncello, String Orchestra RV 424

MOZART
Divertimento B-flat major KV 137 »Salzburg Symphony«

MENDELSSOHN
»Herr Gott Abrahams« - Aria from the oratorio »Elijah«

SARASATE
»Gypsy Airs« for Violin and Orchestra op.20

CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE
(Germany)

Sergey Didorenko * Violin Jaime Roda Segrelles * Bariton Dmitrij Gornowskij * Violoncello

Tickets available at
Willunga Catholic Parish Centre

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

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.
In an emergency call Fr Dominick (0421 074 212).