



Welcome to

# Willunga Catholic Parish

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

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## PARISH OFFICE

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## PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

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## 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.*

1. O God, give your judgment to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgment. <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 Tarshish 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

*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.

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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

## WEEKEND MASSES

(NB: This roster may be changed if something unforeseen crops up)

04 Jan	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Dominick
05 Jan	8.30am, Willunga, Fr Dominick 10.30am, N/Ville, Fr Tom
11 Jan	5.30am, Aldinga, Fr Julius
12 Jan	8.30am, N/Ville, Fr Julius 10.30am, Willunga, Fr Tom
18 Jan	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Tom
19 Jan	8.30am, Willunga, Fr Dominick 10.30am, N/Ville, Fr Dominick
25 Jan	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Julius
26 Jan	8.30am, N/Ville, Fr Julius 10.30am, Willunga, Fr Julius

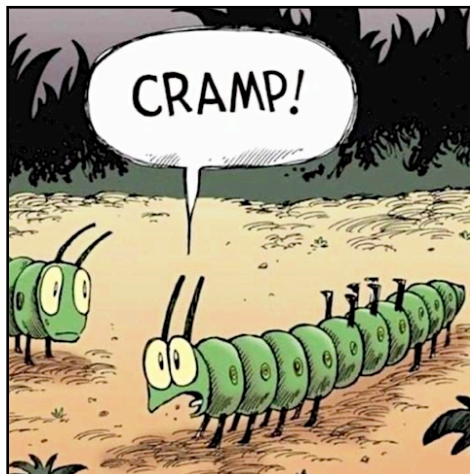
## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

## MY TOP TEN BOOKS FOR 2024

Full disclosure, I don't read enough. A busy, pressured life affords me only small windows of time to read anything not directly related to my ministry. Nonetheless, I try to be faithful to a discipline I set for myself years ago, namely, to read eight to ten pages every day from a book (magazines and newspapers don't count). In a year that adds up to several thousand pages.

Among those pages this year, which ten books would I recommend? Here's my list.



Among books on spirituality, I found each of these meaningful:

- **Richard Gaillardetz, *While I Breathe I hope – A Mystagogy of Dying***, edited by Grace Mariette Agoli. This is the book that affected me most this past year. Richard Gaillardetz, as you probably know, was a renowned theologian at Boston College who died of cancer in November 2023. These are his reflections during the last months of his life. They show a remarkable faith and an equally remarkable love. He didn't miss the hour of his death, but gave it away as a gift. This book is part of that gift.

- **Mark Joseph Williams, *Torrent of Grace, A Catholic Survivor's Healing Journey After Clergy Abuse***. A survivor of clerical sexual abuse, Mark Williams comes to grips with this in a way that leads to forgiveness and reconciliation, but only after many years of trauma. He tells his story in a way that doesn't gratuitously spray guilt around but leaves everyone, not least the institutional church, with a needed challenge. Everyone should read this story of healing.

- **John Mark Comer, *Practicing the Way: Be with Jesus, Become like Him, Do as He Did***. John Mark Comer is an Evangelical Christian with wide ecumenical leanings and solid theological insight. This is an excellent book, a practical guide to deepen anyone's Christian discipleship, irrespective of denomination.

- **Mirabai Starr, *Ordinary Mysticism, Your Life As Sacred Ground***. Mirabai Starr is a believer and a mystic, even though she does

Saturday 8th March 2025 at 7 pm & Sunday 9th March 2025 at 2 pm

**WILLUNGA**  
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

# VIVALDI

**CONCERTI VIRTUOSI**  
Concerto for Violin, Strings and basso continuo »Winter«  
Concerto A minor for Violoncello, String Orchestra RV 418

# MOZART

Serenade G major »A Little Night Music« KV 525

**TCHAIKOVSKY**  
»Pezzo Capriccioso« for Violoncello and String Orchestra

# PAGANINI

»Capriccio« for Violin and Orchestra  
**CHAMBER PHILARMONIA COLOGNE**  
(Germany)

Sergey Didorenko \* Violin      Dmitrij Gornowski \* Violoncello



Tickets available at  
Willunga Catholic Parish Centre, 12 St. Jude Street, Tel. 0447 / 421 948  
Doorsales at St. Joseph's Church 30 minutes prior to the concerts - unless sold out previously  
(cash sales only)

## CHAMBER PHILARMONIA COLOGNE

8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

Parishioners are now able to book for the concerts on Saturday evening 8 March at 7pm and Sunday after-noon 9 March at 2pm.

Our parishioners are always given advance notice of this concert. However, once the company begins their own advertising, the best seats may no longer be available. We provide designated seating. Payment is required before seats are allocated.

Tickets are the same price as they were last year.

For bookings please contact Gael Maloney (phone 0447 421 948, email: [bahloo2@bigpond.com](mailto:bahloo2@bigpond.com))

not formally profess faith in any religion. She gives the phrase *I am spiritual but not religious* more depth than is ordinarily found there. And because she is not speaking out of any one religion or denomination, her words offer something for anyone of any religion or denomination.

- **Peter Halldorf, *To Love Your Neighbor's Church As Your Own – A Manifest for Christian Unity***. Peter Halldorf is a Lutheran, Evangelical, Eastern Orthodox Christian. This book

(which was handed to me by an Eastern Rite Bishop at an ecumenical celebration this past summer) outlines a vision for ecumenism and Christian unity which are more insightful and far-reaching than most anything I have read. This little book is a treasure.

- **Brian Swimme & Monica DeRaspe-Bolles**, *The Story of the Noosphere*. Perhaps more scientific than spiritual, this very readable book will help you understand both the origins of our universe and how those origins fit seamlessly into a Christian vision.
- **Raymond E. Brown** – Each year during those respective seasons, I reread Raymond Brown’s books on Advent, Christmas, Holy Week, Easter, and Pentecost. Each of these (five books in all) is a small (under 90 pages) volume which is a major scripture course all by itself.
- **Donna Freitas**, *Wishful Thinking, How I Lost My Faith and Why I Want to Find It*. Known for her books in the area of sexuality, Freitas writes a memoir of her own struggles with faith and how that struggle was compounded by her personal experience of being sexually abused by a priest. What sets this book apart from other memoirs of this sort is the second phrase in her title, *Why I Want to Find it*.

Among academic books, I recommend this one:

- **William T. Cavanaugh**, *The Uses of Idolatry*. Charles Taylor in his classic, *A Secular Age*, speaks of

how we now live in an age of *disenchantment*, wherein we no longer see anything behind empirical reality. For us, he submits, there are no angels, no spirits, no demons, and no gods, only empirical reality. We live with what he calls “buffered personalities,” that is, the world of spirits and demons no longer affects us. The consequence of this is that agnosticism and atheism now become easy options. Cavanaugh disputes that and argues that we are not disenchanted. Rather we are simply *re-enchanted* with different (empirical) spirits, demons, and gods. *Our problem, he believes, is not atheism but idolatry*. We simply are worshipping new gods and fearing new demons. This is an interesting read, though not an easy one.

Among novels, it hasn’t been a banner year for me, both because I didn’t find time to read many novels and because I was disappointed with many I did read. But this one stands out:

- **Anne Michaels**, *Held*. Nominated this year for the Booker Prize, this is Anne Michaels at her literary best, though with a storyline that is not always easy to follow. But Anne Michaels is always worth reading.

And all of this is offered under St Augustine’s famous dictum: *Concerning taste there should be no disputes*.

You can read, or download, Ron Rolheiser’s weekly columns from his website at: [www.ronrolheiser.com](http://www.ronrolheiser.com)

## ROSTERS

<b>ALDINGA</b>	<b>Saturday 04 January</b>	<b>Saturday 11 January</b>
Welcomer	Andre Woodhouse	Andre Woodhouse
Commentator	Cristina Tiedje	Michelle Cormack
Readers	David Manders	Rod Boucher
	Ken Creevey	Vivi Boucher
Eucharistic Minister	Judi Driscoll	Kerri Gould
<b>NORMANVILLE</b>	<b>Sunday, 05 January</b>	<b>Sunday, 12 January</b>
Welcomer	Peter Lloyd	
Commentator	Trish Bohnsack	
Reader	Jim Fitzpatrick	
Data Projector	TBA	
Altar/Cleaning	Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery	
<b>WILLUNGA</b>	<b>Sunday, 05 January</b>	<b>Sunday, 12 January</b>
Commentator	Gael Maloney	Marie Andrews
Reader	Jacinta Best	Margaret Guley
Eucharistic Minister	Steve Maglieri	Wayne Best
Flowers	Vanda Farrall	Anna Rogers
Church Linen	Wayne Best	Margaret Guley

TO BE ADVISED

## PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Healing list:** Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre Boyd, Janette McIver, Michael Casey, Paul Hancock, Paul Cormack, John Tregeagle, Kathy Ralston

**Recently deceased:** Lucija Pavic, Irene Prior

**Congratulations:** Giuseppe (Joe) and Rosa Petrucci on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary - 4<sup>th</sup> January.

## 2025 DATES

17 - 26 January	Tour Down Under Sat 18 Jan - Women’s Stage finish on: Willunga Hill Sat 25 Jan - Men’s Stage finish on: Willunga Hill
26 Jan	Australia Day
27 Jan	Australia Day holiday
28 Jan	First day, School term 1
29 Jan	Lunar New Year (Year of the Wood Snake)
5 Mar	Ash Wednesday
8 Mar	Concert - St Joseph’s - 7pm
9 Mar	Concert - St Joseph’s - 2pm
10 Mar	Adelaide Cup Day
12 Apr	Last day School term 1
13 Apr	Palm Sunday
17 Apr	Thursday of Lord’s Supper
18 Apr	Good Friday
19 Apr	Holy Saturday
20 Apr	Easter Sunday
25 Apr	ANZAC Day
28 Apr	First day School term 2
9 Jun	King’s birthday holiday
2 Jul	Last day School term 2
21 Jul	First day School term 3
26 Sep	Last day School term 3
6 Oct	Labour day holiday
13 Oct	First day School term 4
12 Dec	Last day School term 4



Hoarder collie

**WILLUNGA PARISH**  
(Aldinga, Normanville, Willunga)  
NGARRINDJERI, RAMINDJERI,  
PERAMANGK, KAURNA land

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

- **Aldinga** - Kerri Gould, Lorraine Ellis, Kim Calderbank
- **Willunga** - Rick Zagajewski, Michael Hynes
- **Normanville** - Nigel Pile, Christopher Symes

### FINANCE COUNCIL

Dolek Thiele (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) or Tony Harding (0488 330 748)
- **St Peter's, Normanville** - Please contact Willunga Parish Office (08) 8556 2132 or 0447 421 948

### BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES

Please contact the Parish Office (8556 2132 or 0447 421 948)

### SACRAMENTS

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### CHILD PROTECTION

We are a Child Safe Organisation which is committed to the care, well-being and protection of children and young people.

We believe that all God's children and young people have the right to be healthy and safe, and to have their voice heard, respected, and valued. A safe environment for all.

Willunga Parish contact - Michael Hynes or Child Protection Unit (8210 8159).

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### 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 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.

### EPIPHANY REFLECTION

The Feast of the Epiphany is a celebration of light and revelation. It marks the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus, highlighting that His

coming is for all nations. Through reflections on Isaiah's prophecy, Paul's letter to the Ephesians, and the Gospel of Matthew, we explore how Jesus' light shines for all, guiding and inviting us to follow Him.

### *The Light That Shines for All*

The Feast of the Epiphany is a celebration of light. Isaiah's prophecy speaks of a great light shining upon Jerusalem. This light attracts nations and kings. It shows the presence of God and marks the beginning of a new time. This prophecy points to the coming of Jesus, the Messiah. He is the light for all people.

Isaiah mentions gifts of gold and frankincense. These gifts are the same as those the Magi brought to Jesus. This connection ties the Old Testament to the New Testament. It shows how the prophecies are fulfilled in Jesus. The gifts of the Magi honor Jesus as king and God.

The Epiphany is not just about an event long ago. It reminds us that Jesus' mission is for everyone. He came for all nations and all people. The light of Jesus shines on us today, guiding us and showing us the way. This light invites us to follow Jesus and to share His light with others.

<http://young-catholics.com>

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(06 - 13 January)

- **Monday, 6:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25)
- **Tuesday, 7:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44)
- **Wednesday, 8:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52)
- **Thursday, 9:** Weekday, Christmas Time (1Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22)
- **Friday, 10:** Weekday, Christmas Time (1Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16)
- **Saturday, 11:** Weekday, Christmas Time (1Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30)
- **Sunday, 12:** 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 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 or 0447 421 948.