



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR B

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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.

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.

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

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Bulletin Board

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

(Times on front page of this bulletin)

PRIEST ROSTER WEEKENDS

(This roster may change if something unforeseen crops up)

06 Jan 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy
07 Jan 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick
10.30am - N/Ville, Fr Tom
13 Jan 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
14 Jan 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Josy
10.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy
20 Jan 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy
21 Jan 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick
10.30am - N/ville, Fr Dominick
27 Jan 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy
28 Jan 8.30am - N/ville, Fr Dominick
10.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom

PLEASE NOTE

Next weekend (Sunday 14 January) Mass will be celebrated at 8.30am at St Joseph's and at 10.30am at St Peter's, instead of the usual times for a second Sunday of the month.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

ST JOSEPH'S and ST PETER'S CEMETERIES

The charges for both Burial and Memorial Leases, as well as most of the fees associated with an interment, will be increased from the beginning of February. These increases, the first since July 2019, will apply to both our Parish cemeteries (St Peter's, Normanville and St Joseph's, Willunga) and have become necessary because of the significant rising costs of maintenance and other services.

If there are any parishioners who have been putting off buying a plot and would still like to purchase one at the old price, please contact one of our Cemetery Curators soon.

Curators at Willunga are: Martin Morgan (0417 851 902) or Michael Hynes (0490 677 314) or Tony Harding (0488 330 748) and at Normanville: Peter Bohnsack (0400 525 690).

COLOGNE PHILHARMONIA CONCERT

The Cologne Philharmonia group will be performing at St Joseph's, Willunga on Sunday, January 28th at 3.00pm and 8.00pm (same programme for each). Our parishioners are always given advance notice of this concert - and first option on tickets. However, once the company begins their own advertising, the best seats may no longer be available. We offer designated seating. Patrons won't need to queue for tickets and their seats will be waiting for them when they arrive. Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$35 for children under 12. Seats will be allocated when we receive payment.

For bookings please contact Gael Maloney (0447 421 948 - leave a message, if necessary). Payments by cash or bank transfer - no cheques please. Bank Acc: Concert tickets - BSB: 065-188 - Acc no: 100 622 69 - Ref: Your surname.

Sunday 28th January 2024 at 3 pm and 8 pm
WILLUNGA
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH
VIVALDI
THE FOUR SEASONS
4 Concertos for Violin, Strings and basso continuo
MOZART
Aria »Canzonetta« from the opera Don Giovanni
POPPER
»Tarantella« for Violoncello and Orchestra op.33
PAGANINI
»Carnival in Venice« for Violin and Orchestra
CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE
(Germany)
Sergey Didorenko * Violin Jaime Roda Segrelles * Baritone Dima Gornowskij * Violoncello
www.kpk-info.de
Tickets available at
Willunga Catholic Parish Centre, 12 St. Jude Street,
SA Willunga 5172, Tel. 0447 / 421 948
Doorsales one hour prior to the concerts - unless sold out previously (cash sales only)



WALL HANGING

The Creative Corner group from Aldinga, presented Fr Dominick with a small wall hanging following the Christmas Mass. It is a copy of the one hanging in Galilee Church.

Pictured from left: David Manders, Rod Boucher, Fr Dominick, Kate Manders, Vivi Boucher, Tricia Dundon and Chris McWilliams.

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY - "OUR CHURCH"
9 March, Cardijn College - 9.30am until 4.30pm
Register at: www.trybooking.com/CNDKK

WALK FOR LIFE
Pennington Gardens
opposite St Peter's Cathedral
February 10 - 10.00am until noon.
 Coffee, some seats, toilets available.

The gathering of people is about ten minutes walk from the train station. Parking is available - \$5. The walk is not necessary for our age group, but our attendance is vital, as is our VOTE. We are older, but have WISDOM. We need to promote life and care.

80,000 abortions are performed each year in Australia - some needed, most are not.

For more information, please contact Chris McWilliams (0451 144 776).
Chris McWilliams

2024 PARISH APPEALS CALENDAR

- Feb 11 Day of the Unborn Child
- Feb 14 Project Compassion
- Mar 29 Good Friday Appeal
- May 12 St Vincent de Paul - Winter
- Jun 30 Holy Father's Appeal
- Jul 7 NATSICC Appeal
- Jul 14 Stella Maris - Sea Sunday
- Aug 11 Vocations Appeal



- Sept Catholic Charities Month
- Oct 5/6 Supporting Clergy Campaign
- Oct 20 World Mission Month
- Nov 10 St V de P - Christmas Appeal
- Dec 25 Catholic Charities

PARISH COLLECTIONS
23/24, 25, 30/31 December

- First collection \$1114.00
- Envelopes \$745.00
- Unpledged \$885.00
- Cath Charities (Christmas) \$3167.00

(Direct debits not included)

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.

EPIPHANY

At the time of Jesus' birth, it was commonly believed that a new star would appear whenever a new ruler was born. The Father in Heaven used this belief to honor His Son who was born as the new King. The three Magi from the East were astrologers. When they saw this "new star," they chose to follow it to discover the new King. Creation itself, in the form of a star, pointed the way, giving glory to the newborn King, manifesting Him to the whole world as symbolized by the Magi.

The word "Epiphany" means "manifestation." Therefore, as we honor this moment in time when the Christ child was made manifest to the world, we need to look into our own hearts. There, we discover Christ's ongoing manifestation to us so that we can worship Him who has also chosen to be born within our hearts. We must diligently seek out that manifestation of God within us and respond to it in the same ways that the Magi responded.
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PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre Boyd, Jim Smith, Janette McIver, Marie Andrews, Michael Casey, Paul Hancock, Laurie Cester

Anniversaries: Hayley Jessica Beadman

Please pray for all the faithful departed and may all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ.

DATES

- 14 Jan Women's Tour Down Under event - Willunga
- 20 Jan Men's Tour Down Under event - Willunga
- 28 Jan Philharmonia Cologne concerts 3.00pm and 8.00pm
- 29 Jan First day, School term 1
- 14 Feb Ash Wednesday
- 18 Feb 1st Sunday of Lent
- 25 Feb 2nd Sunday of Lent
- 3 Mar 3rd Sunday of Lent
- 10 Mar 4th Sunday of Lent
- 17 Mar 5th Sunday of Lent
- 18 Mar St Patrick's Day
- 24 Mar Palm Sunday of the Passion
- 28 Mar Thursday of Lord's supper
- 29 Mar Friday of Passion of the Lord
- 30 Mar Holy Saturday
- 31 Mar Sunday of the Resurrection
- 12 Apr Last day School term 1
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day
- 29 Apr FIRST DAY School term 2

ROSTERS

ALDINGA *Saturday 06 January*
 Welcomer A Woodhouse, N Ellis
 Commentator Tricia Dundon
 Readers Jill McHendrie
 David Manders
 Eucharistic Minister Maria Jarvis Maack

Saturday 13 January
 A Woodhouse, C Tiedje
 Michelle Cormack
 Viv Boucher
 Rod Boucher
 Mario Bacchin

NORMANVILLE *Sunday, 07 January*
 Welcomer Leo Montgomery
 Commentator Ena Harvey
 Reader Chris Symes
 Altar/Cleaning Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery

Sunday, 14 January
 Tim Fleming
 Antoinette Fleming
 Michael Steller
 Trish Bohnsack, Rita Steller

WILLUNGA *Sunday, 07 January*
 Commentator Wayne Best
 Reader Ian La Ronde
 Eucharistic Minister Marie Cester
 Flowers Michael Hynes
 Church Linen Margaret Oomans

Sunday, 14 January
 Gael Maloney
 Michael Hynes
 Wayne Best
 Michael Hynes
 Wayne Best



Jet fighter pilot on holiday

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 04/01/2024)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home until you have fully recovered.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are also requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at Church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands.

EXPLORING THE WORD

This is a wonderful story about who recognises Jesus and who does not. The Magi are from the East; they are not members of the chosen people of God, and yet they recognise the signs of a momentous birth and set out to find the child. The king of the Jews, Herod, as well as the chief priests and scribes, the very people who should be looking for the Messiah, have not seen the signs.

The positive and joyful response of the gentile Magi is contrasted with the opposite reaction from those who should have known better. The Magi fall in homage to a small child in an inconspicuous house. They have recognised the divine in the ordinary and bow before him as they would a king. In Matthew's community, many were struggling with the fact that the Jews reject the proclamation of the gospel while the gentiles accept it and come to faith in Christ.

SHARING THE TRADITION

This feast of the Epiphany originated in the Eastern Church and took hold in Rome some time during the fourth century. The main focus given to the feast was that of celebrating the coming to faith of the gentiles.

Over time, the Magi of the gospel became the three kings of folklore and eventually even developed names: Balthasar, Melchior and Caspar. These three are often depicted as Asian, African and European, representing the three known continents of the time. What is important in this later development is that it retains the original meaning: that Christ came to all nations and is the salvation of all people who recognise him.

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.

A SHIRT OF FLAME

Heather King wrote a book "Shirt of Flame, A Year with Saint Therese of Lisieux". The title of the book is borrowed from T. S. Eliot's, Four Quartets, where he famously suggests that Love itself, God, is behind the torment we often feel in our fiery desires and that the burning we feel there is an "intolerable shirt of flame."

In the book, King tells of a famous incident in Therese's life when as a little girl, asked by her older sister who presented her with a velvet sewing-basket full of colour balls, to pick one thing from a basket, Therese said: "I choose all!" and took the entire basket and walked away.

King reflects upon her own struggle, as Kierkegaard said, to will the one thing: Here's the parallel she draws to her own life: "I choose all!" said Therese, and the further I progressed, the more I saw that the human dilemma is to want it all. I wanted to

be celibate, and I wanted wantonly to give myself to a spouse, I wanted dark secrets, noise, lights, mania, and the stimulation of a city, and I wanted to plant a garden, tend animals, and live on a farm. I wanted to live in the same place all my life, and I wanted to travel every inch of the globe before I died. I wanted to sit utterly still, and I was also driven to be constantly on the move. I wanted to be hidden and anonymous, and I wanted to be famous. I wanted to be close to my family, and I wanted to leave my family behind. I wanted to devote my life to activism, and I wanted to devote my life to contemplation. I wanted to give everything to God, and I didn't know how! I longed to give my undivided self, and I couldn't!"

If you are struggling with faith, with brokenness in your life, with an obsession, with an addiction, with a gnawing sense that your life is not what it should be, with the sense of being the outsider, an orphan at all the banquets of life, and, most of all, with the sense you don't love Jesus and he doesn't love you either, that you are nothing, then read this book. It's a book for those who think they might be too sick to be helped by a doctor.

Ronald Rolheiser

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(8 - 14 January)

- **Monday, 8:** The Baptism of the Lord (Is 55:1-11; Mk 1:7-11)
- **Tuesday, 9:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28)
- **Wednesday, 10:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39)
- **Thursday, 11:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45)
- **Friday, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 8:4-7, 10-22; Mk 2:1-12)
- **Saturday, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Mk 2:13-17)
- **Sunday 14:** SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (1Sam 3:3-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42)

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 0488 287 552.