



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

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WILLUNGA CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRE

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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



FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,

a scion thrusts from his roots:

on him the spirit of the Lord rests,

a spirit of wisdom and insight,

a spirit of counsel and power,

a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)

He does not judge by appearances,

he gives no verdict on hearsay,

but judges the wretched with integrity,

and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.

His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,

his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,

faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb,

the panther lies down with the kid,

calf and lion cub feed together

with a little boy to lead them.

The cow and the bear make friends,

their young lie down together.

The lion eats straw like the ox.

The infant plays over the cobra's hole;

into the viper's lair

the young child puts his hand.

They do no hurt, no harm,

on all my holy mountain,

for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord

as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples.

It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 71:1-2,7-8,12-13,17 R. cf. v 7

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

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 the earth's bounds. **(R.)**

(R.)

3. 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.)**

4. May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun.

Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. **(R.)**

(R.)

SECOND READING

Romans 15: 4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the

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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

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

06 Dec	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Dominick
07 Dec	8.30am, Willunga, Fr Julius 10.30am, N/ville, Fr Julius
13 Dec	5.30am, Aldinga, Fr Dominick
14 Dec	8.30am, N/ville, Fr Dominick 10.30am, Willunga, Fr Dominick
20 Dec	5:30pm, Aldinga, Fr Julius
21 Dec	8:30am, Willunga, Fr Julius 10:30am, N/ville, Fr Tom
27 Dec	5:30pm, Aldinga, Fr Dominick
28 Dec	8:30am, N/ville, Fr Dominick 10:30am, Willunga, Fr Tom

ADORATION, ROSARY, EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION

Friday	5.00pm - Adoration, St Joseph's, Willunga, prior to 6.00pm Mass
1st Friday	11.30am - 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 Saturday of each month -12.00pm.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK *(during Mass)*

- Aldinga: First Saturday of the month
- Normanville: First Friday of the month
- Willunga: to be confirmed.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O people of Sion, behold. The Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

DECEMBER - THE MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY RETREAT DAY

Sunday, December 7

We're beginning again for the first time. LOVE is calling us into the NOW of BEING.

Come and join us on the journey
The Living Flame of Love
Is leading us!



*I have called you by name,
you are mine. Isaiah 43:3*

ALL WELCOME

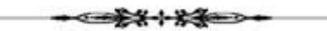
Sunday, December 7, 2025
St Joseph's Church Hall
7 St George Street, Willunga

- 9.30am Morning Tea
- 10am til 3.30pm finish the day

Please bring some food to share for morning tea and lunch.
Tea and coffee supplied.

To register notify:

Clare Hickey (0411 843 911) *or*
Roby Schrama (0414 365 234) *or*
Tom Gleeson: (0438 153 489)



"THE SHED" - St Joseph's Willunga

The parishioners enjoyed their first "cuppa" in the newly improved "The Shed." They appreciated the fresh space, the view, and the warm conversations it encouraged.

Thank you once again for your patience—the long wait is finally over. We are grateful for the wonderful idea to refurbish and renovate this space.

Now, it's time for you to make the most of this facility—whether for meetings, gatherings after any sacrament or rite, or simple fellowship.

Please contact our Parish Office for bookings.

COUNCIL FOR INTEGRAL ECOLOGY – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

We welcome expressions of interest to join the council for Integral Ecology. The Council for Integral Ecology is committed to promoting care for the environment and addressing social justice, peace and human development within the Archdiocese of Adelaide. For more information or to send an expression of interest please contact: Sanjay Mohanaraj, Chair: Council for Integral Ecology at jhi@adelaide.catholic.org.au Expressions of Interest close December 15 2025.

2025 ST VINCENT DE PAUL ADVENT APPEAL

This Advent, the St Vincent de Paul Society invites you to support families in need through **food and financial donations** to help provide Christmas hampers for children.

Most needed items: tinned ham, UHT milk/custard, coffee, tea, tinned fruit/veg/fish, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, sugar, and breakfast cereals. *Any non-perishable food is gratefully accepted.*

Donation baskets for **food are on the altar steps in the foyer**. Items will be collected **weekly up to Sunday 14th December**.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

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, Pastoral Associate – 0423 703 133
- Lorraine Ellis – 0420 408 228

Thank you for your generosity and support.

NOVEMBER PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPORT

In our November meeting we heard from Jay about his work as Pastoral Associate and his vision for this role. If you know any parishioners who would like Jay or a priest to visit them, please email galilee.pastoral@outlook.com and let Jay know. This year meetings have been held on a Tuesday afternoon at Galilee. In 2026 we hope to meet at least once a year at each church community, increasing our presence across the parish. We have also discussed the 2026 synod process and will have more details about this and how you can become involved soon. Please note that the Parish office will be closed from the 15 December – 4th January. Our next PPC meeting will be held in the new year on the 24 February. On behalf of the PPC we wish all parishioners and extended families a very blessed Christmas

From Kerri Gould, PPC Chair

QUARRY MARKET SAUSAGE SIZZLE

It is that time of the year again for Willunga Parish to run the December Sausage Sizzle, to raise funds for the Pastoral Care workers in our local

schools. We would be grateful for volunteers to come forward to help from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm on Saturday 12th December in the area behind the RSL rooms in the Rec Park. For more information, please contact Vanda Farrall at 0476 276 066.

ANNOUNCEMENT FR FATHER DOMINICK

Thank you to all who attended my Silver Jubilee of Ordination last Sunday, 30th November, organised by St Luke’s Catholic Parish. A special thank you to those who travelled from Normanville, Willunga and Aldinga – your presence made the celebration even more meaningful. I humbly ask for your continued prayers as I strive to faithfully carry on my ministry.

Looking for heart-warming Christmas programs to bring the true spirit of Christmas into your home?

This year, share moments of joy, hope, and faith with your family. Enjoy beautiful Christmas shows, inspiring talks, uplifting music, and stories that touch every heart — for all ages. **SCAN TO WATCH FOR FREE!** Shalomworld.org/Christmas No paywalls. No ads. **Just Christmas with Jesus.**



ROSTERS

ALDINGA

Welcomer
Commentator
Readers
Eucharistic Minister

Saturday 06 December

André Woodhouse
Michelle Cormack
Rod Boucher
Vivi Boucher
Brigid Grimwood

Saturday 13 December

André Woodhouse
Chris McWilliams
Jill McHendrie
Cristina Tiedje
Maria J.M.

NORMANVILLE

Welcomer
Commentator
Reader
Data Projector
Altar/Cleaning

Sunday, 07 December

Peter Bohnsack
Chris Symes
Michael Stellar
Nigel Pile
Nigel Pile & Leo Montgomery

Sunday, 14 December

Rita Stellar
Anna Vnuk
Jim Fitzpatrick
Thia Van Kuyk
Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery

WILLUNGA

Commentator
Reader
Eucharistic Minister
Flowers
Church Linen

Sunday, 07 December

Gael Maloney
Ian La Ronde
Anna Rogers
Vanda Farrall
Tamaran La Ronde

Sunday, 17 December

Marie Andrews
Anna Rogers
Michael Hynes
Anna Rogers
Wayne Best

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

Recently deceased: Peter Jeffries

Anniversaries: Maureen Ellis, Zenadia Castro

2025 DATES

12 Dec Last day School term 4
25 Dec Catholic Charities Appeal
17 Jan Women’s Tour Down Under Start and finish at Willunga. 11.10am start, 3.02pm finish
24 Jan Men’s Tour Down Under Finishes Willunga 3.02pm
25 Jan Cologne Philharmonia Two concerts at St Joseph’s 2.00pm and 7.00pm

ADMIN UPDATE

For all booking enquiries—whether for “The Shed,” the Meeting Room in the Parish House, or the Church Hall—please contact the Parish Office. Booking is essential to ensure there are no overlapping of schedules and to help you maximise the use of your meeting time.

Our parish office is open Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00am to 2:30pm.

For non-urgent matters or enquiries outside these hours, please email us at admin@willungaparish.org.au or leave a phone message. We will respond on the next business day.

For emergencies only, please contact our Parish Administrator, Fr Dominick, on 0421 074 212.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

We look forward to your newsletter items. Please email admin@willungaparish.org.au, call or leave a message at 8556 2132 if beyond office hours. We shall get back to you in the next business day.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

ALDINGA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2025



Alone this Christmas?
Have trouble affording Christmas?
WHEN: THURSDAY 25 DECEMBER 2025
WHERE: Aldinga Community Centre
Stewart Ave Aldinga Beach
TIME: 11am - 2pm



THIS IS A FREE EVENT AND BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL CALL TANIKA ON 8235 6330 TO BOOK
WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS - PLEASE CALL NUMBER ABOVE IF YOU CAN HELP

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

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES

Please contact the 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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examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 3:4,6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-2

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

*A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.*

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who

repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(08 - 14 December)

- **Monday, 08:** Monday Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Gen 3:9-15,20; Eph 1:3-6,11-12; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Tuesday, 09:** Tuesday 2nd Week of Advent (Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14)
- **Wednesday, 10:** Wednesday 2nd Week of Advent (Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30)
- **Thursday, 11:** Thursday 2nd Week of Advent (Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15)
- **Friday, 12:** Friday Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Zech 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Saturday, 13:** Memorial of St. Lucy (Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17-9a, 10-13)
- **Sunday 14:** THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT (Is 35-1-6a,10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11)

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 12.00am St

Joseph's, Willunga (Midnight)

CHRISTMAS DAY - Thursday

December 25 9.00am St Joseph's,

Willunga 9.00am St Peter's,

Normanville

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).