



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

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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)



Second Sunday of Advent

FIRST READING

Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.'

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.

Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory.

For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.

And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 125

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

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

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of

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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 and ADVENT RECONCILIATIONS

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

07 Dec 5.30pm, Aldinga Fr Tom
08 Dec 8.30am, N/ville, Fr Dominick
10.30am, Willunga, Fr Dominick
12 Dec 6.00pm, N/ville, Fr Dominick (R)
14 Dec 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Dominick
15 Dec 8.30am, Willunga, Fr Julius
10.30am, N/ville, Fr Julius
16 Dec 7pm, Willunga, Fr Dominick (R)
19 Dec 7pm, Aldinga, Fr Dominick (R)
21 Dec 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Julius
22 Dec 8.30am, N/ville, Fr Tom
10.30am, Willunga, Fr Dominick
..... Christmas / New Year times below
28 Dec 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Tom
29 Dec 8.30am, Willunga, Fr Julius
10.30am, N/ville, Fr Julius

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR MASS TIMES



CHRISTMAS EVE Tuesday, 24 December

- 6.00pm Aldinga (Fr Julius)
- 6.00pm N/ville (Fr Dominick)
- 7.00pm Willunga (Fr Tom)
- 12.00 midnight Willunga (Fr Dominick)

CHRISTMAS DAY Wednesday, 25 December

- 9.00am Willunga (Fr Tom)
- 9.00am Normanville (Fr Dominick)

NEW YEAR'S EVE Tuesday, 31 December

- 6.00pm Aldinga (Fr Dominick)

NEW YEAR'S DAY 1 January, 2025

- 9.00am Willunga (Fr Tom)
- 9.00am Normanville (Fr Joash)

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.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

Chamber Philharmonia Cologne
St Joseph's has been offered two concerts on the weekend of 8th and 9th of March, 2025. Put the date in your calendar now. More details (costs, times, etc) when they become available.

QUARRY MARKET SAUSAGE SIZZLE

It is the turn for Willunga Catholic Parish to run the December Sausage Sizzle. Funds raised help to support the work of Pastoral Care Workers in our local schools. The Quarry Market in Willunga is held on the second Saturday of the month between 8.00am and 1.00pm in the recreational area near the Fire Station. Six volunteers, alongside Anna Rogers, are needed to help with cooking, serving and collection payment.

If you can spare an hour or a little more next Saturday (14 December), your help will be gratefully appreciated. Times are 8.30am - 10.30am, 10.00am - 11.30am and 11.30am - 1.00pm, or part thereof.

More information

If you would like more information about the work of the PCWs, please give me a ring.
Anna Rogers
0414 266 528

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

In the past, our parishioners have always been very generous to those who are doing it tough at Christmas. We are very grateful for this amazing support.

If you would like to make a donation of food or toys to supplement the Christmas Hampers that Willunga Conference will be putting together nearer to Christmas this year, your donations would be very much appreciated. Please place donations into the basket in the foyer at either Galilee and St Joseph's Churches. Goods will be collected weekly.

This year the Mini-Vinnies from Galilee School will be assisting with the assembling of the Christmas hampers.

As well as specific Christmas foods, non-perishable items such as coffee, tea, UHT milk, sugar, tinned fish, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, tinned foods, etc are most welcome.

Christine Jones



In preparation for the celebration of Christmas, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in each of our three communities. All parishioners are invited to attend at any of our centres.

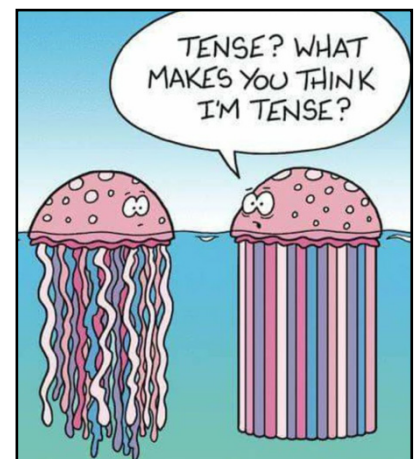
- 6.00pm - Thursday, 12 December St Peter's, Normanville
- 7.00pm - Monday, 16 December St Joseph's, Willunga
- 7.00pm - Thursday 19 December Mary of Galilee, Aldinga

SAFEGUARDING AT CHRISTMAS

While Christmas is often a time of joy and family togetherness, it can be a challenging period for vulnerable individuals. The pressure to meet expectations of a "perfect" holiday can create anxiety, particularly for those experiencing domestic abuse, mental health struggles, or a lack of family support. Children and young people, who spend more time online during the holidays, are also at risk of cyber-bullying and exposure to inappropriate content.

As we celebrate, let's remember that safeguarding isn't just about protecting against harm; it's about creating safe, supportive spaces where everyone feels valued. Even small acts of kindness can make a big difference to those who are vulnerable within our communities.

Archdiocesan Integrity and Safeguarding Department
8210 8150



ST PETER'S, NORMANVILLE CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Thank you to all the people who helped make St Peter's Christmas Lunch such a wonderful success. The lunch was held in the Annie O'Connor Centre after Mass on Sunday, 1 December - great company ... great food ... in a great venue.



*Pictured above at the Christmas lunch:
Top row (L-R) - Thia Van Kuyk, Nigel Pile, Pam Kelly, Peter Bohnsack, Dolek Thiele.
Middle row (L-R) - Patsy Fitzpatrick and Trish Bohnsack, Alan Lamb, Chris Symes, Ann Henriksen;
Bottom row (L-R) - Eileen Hammatt and Paddy Lamb, Tim and Antoinette Fleming, Margaret and Peter Leonello.*



BBQ cooks - Alan Lamb, Jim Fitzpatrick, Nigel Pile, Chris Symes

Photos courtesy Jim Fitzpatrick

ROSTERS

ALDINGA

Welcomer
Commentator
Readers

Eucharistic Minister

Saturday 07 December

Andre Woodhouse
David Manders
Cristina Tiedje
Viv Boucher
Mario Bacchin

Saturday 14 December

Andre Woodhouse
Cristina Tiedje
Michelle Cormack
Brigid Grimwood
Judi Driscoll

NORMANVILLE

Welcomer
Commentator
Reader
Data Projector
Altar/Cleaning

Sunday, 08 December

Rita Steller
Ann Henriksen
Michael Steller
Thia Van Kuyk
Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery

Sunday, 15 December

Leo Montgomery
Michael Steller
Jim Fitzpatrick
Nigel Pile
Trish Bohnsack, Rita Steller

WILLUNGA

Commentator
Reader
Eucharistic Minister
Flowers
Church Linen

Sunday, 08 December

Jacinta Best
Marie Andrews
Marie Cester
Anna Rogers
Viv Zagajewska

Sunday, 15 December

Marie Andrew
Garry Triffett
Anna Rogers
Tony Harding
Viv Zagajewska

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 (*Mary Faulkner's sister*)

DATES

2024

13 Dec Last day School term 4
14 Dec Quarry Market
Sausage Sizzle
25 Dec Catholic Charities Appeal

2025

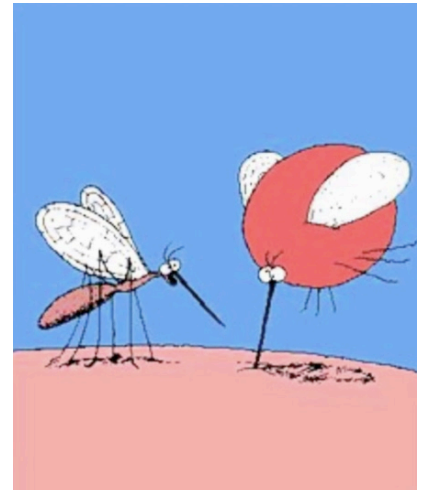
1 Jan New Year's Day holiday
Tour Down Under
17 - 26 Sat 18 Jan - Women's Stage
January finish January: Willunga Hill
Sat 25 Jan - Men's Stage
finish on: Willunga Hill
26 Jan Australia Day holiday
28 Jan First day, School term 1
5 Mar Ash Wednesday
11 Mar Adelaide Cup Day
13 Apr Palm Sunday
17 Apr Thursday of Lord's Supper
18 Apr Good Friday
19 Apr Holy Saturday
20 Apr Easter Sunday

ADVENT REFLECTION BKLTs

Advent Reflection booklets have arrived and are available from the foyer of the Church today. Booklets are free and are suitable for individual or group reflection.

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025

Pope Francis has proclaimed 2025 a Jubilee Year for the whole Church, with the theme "*Pilgrims of Hope*".



"Pull out, Betty! Pull out!
You've hit an artery!"

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

For more information please contact:

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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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Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth.
And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

HOPE ON THE HORIZON (Luke 3:1-6)

Imagine the valleys of your life. Those times when yawning need was met by silence. When the desire for companionship found only absence. When there were bills to pay and only holes in your pockets.

Now reflect on the mountains. The tasks that seemed insurmountable. The illnesses that dragged on and on. The hurt that seemed to grow rather than diminish with time. The challenges that seemed to have been designed with someone bigger and stronger than you in mind.

The way of the Lord is the smooth way. No valleys, no mountains, just a journey through pleasant country. Never been there? Neither had Jesus on this earth. Jesus sums up his experience with a rather sad evaluation: "My kingdom is not of this world". This world has a rough topography, complete with sin, death, and crucifixion. Yet we trust the word of Jesus because he's travelled these same valleys and mountains on the road to salvation. We're never so lost that we can't be found on these wild roads.

Map out the prominent valleys and mountains of the past year. Where do you see hope in the smooth way?

HOLY GROUND

A few decades ago pundits were predicting the demise of the once mighty proud city of New York. It had

become in too many people's minds virtually ungovernable, incredibly dirty, frighteningly dangerous, and so, totally uninviting. Almost in desperation, the "I LOVE N.Y." advertising campaign was launched to counter those attitudes. And somehow it worked. The city not only survived, but despite horrendous tragedies like 9-11 and power blackouts, it has thrived.

Isaiah the prophet trumps: "Up, Jerusalem!" touting the glories of the centre-piece of God's chosen and holy land. It is a special place where God makes known the divine role that God plays in the lives of God's chosen people. Isaiah is doing quite a public relations job.

We could say the same thing about John the Baptist. He draws people to the waters of the Jordan River outside of Jerusalem, taking its muddy, lacklustre waters and turning them into something special, attracting crowds of pious pilgrims and curious onlookers.

All this is being done to remind us that the Messiah is coming soon to Jerusalem and will make what is special even more special. John the Baptist entices us with his message of repentance and anticipation. As the birth of Jesus approaches, we who are the church, the "new" Jerusalem, repent and anticipate its growing even more special. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS (December 09-15)

- *Monday, 09:* The CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Gen 3:9-15, 20; Lk 1:26-38)
- *Tuesday, 10:* Tuesday, 2nd week Advent (Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14)
- *Wednesday, 11:* Wednesday, 2nd week Advent (Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30)
- *Thursday, 12:* Thursday, 2nd week Advent (Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15)
- *Friday, 13:* St Lucy (Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19)
- *Saturday, 14:* St John of the Cross (Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:10-13)
- *Sunday 15:* THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT (Zeph 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18)

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.