



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 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 40:1-5, 9-11

‘Console my people, console them’ says your God.

‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for her crimes.’

A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God.’ Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is

like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:9-14

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, ‘a day’ can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come,

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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)

9 Dec 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Tom
10 Dec 8.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy
10.30am - Willunga - Fr Josy
16 Dec 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
17 Dec 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick
10.30am - N/ville, Fr Tom
23 Dec 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy
24 Dec 8.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy
10.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom
30 Dec 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
31 Dec 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick
10.30am - N/ville, Fr Tom

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



CHRISTMAS EVE (Sunday, December 24)

4.00pm - St Peter's, Normanville
6.30pm - Mary of Galilee, Aldinga
7.00pm - St Joseph's, Willunga
12midnight - St Joseph's, Willunga

CHRISTMAS DAY (Monday, December 25)

9.00am - St Joseph's, Willunga
9.00am - St Peter's, Normanville

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Isa 30:19,30*

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.

CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE

Parishioners are now able to book for the concerts on Sunday, 28 January, 2024. The same concert will be performed twice on that day - at 3.00pm and 8.00pm.

Our parishioners are able to book early, before advertising starts in the wider community. As in past years, we will have designated seating. Those who book early will get the best seats. Payment is required before seats are allocated.

Tickets are the same price as they were in 2020 (the last concert before Covid struck): Adults \$50, Children (under 12) \$35.

For bookings please contact Gael (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 Reference: Your surname.

VINNIES' PANTRY

Every Thursday Kevin Liston and Christine Jones operate the St Vincent de Paul pantry from the Aldinga Community Centre.

Non perishable items are urgently needed to replenish their stocks. A basket for any donations has been placed under the tree at St Joseph's and at Mary of Galilee.

Items needed include: coffee, tea, UHT milk, sugar, tinned fish, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, baked beans or any other items of tinned food.

Goods will be collected from the Church each week until Christmas Day. With thanks for your generosity.

Kevin and Christine via Sr Margaret Ann

MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL

• Friday 15 December at 7.30pm Christmas Choral Concert with orchestra (Repeated at Holy Cross Church, Goodwood on Sunday 17 December 12.30pm)

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 Gornowski * 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)

- Saturday 16 December 7.30pm Organ Carols Recital – Dr Amir Robin-Karas
- Tuesday 19 December 1pm End of Year Organ Student Concert
- Wednesday 20 December 7pm Christmas Carols – James Lloyd Congregational participation encouraged.
- Sunday 24 December 11pm Christmas Carols with the choir Congregational participation encouraged.



"I don't count calories or carbs. Dieting is hard enough without Maths."

THE SOUTHERN CROSS
Christmas Edition

Once again the Christmas edition will be inserted in "The Advertiser" on Saturday December 16. Free copies will be available on the weekend of December 16/17 and over the Christmas season.

**FIND YOUR PLACE
THIS ADVENT**

As John the Baptist preached he said, "The real action comes next: The star in this drama, to whom I'm a mere stagehand, will change your life. I'm baptising you here in the river, turning your old life in for a kingdom life. His baptism – a holy baptism by the Holy Spirit – will change you from the inside out".
(Mark 1: 7 - 8)

It all begins with a cry in the wilderness. In the amazing Musical, The Lion King (both on stage and on screen, the action opens with the piercing wake-up call of Rafiki, the wise old baboon, who calls all the animals of the kingdom



to take their place in the circle of life. The slow, insistent gathering of the animals is a powerful symbol of how every creature responds to the one call. Today we read the opening lines of the gospel of Mark, which begins similarly, with the wise and wild John the Baptist calling all who would listen to take their place in the reign of God. It's a wake-up call, a voice crying out in the wilderness. Prepare the way.

At the culmination of this opening number of The Lion King, all the animals of the jungle have gathered and focused on the king and on the arrival of the king's son, who is held high above all the other creatures. The culmination of John the Baptist's preaching was to focus everyone on the will of God and to point to God's son, Jesus, the one "who is mightier than I". In each scenario, all creatures gain a reference point beyond themselves and a focus that lets them know who they are and how they are to live.

GPBS eNews

ADVANCE NOTICE

On Sunday 14 January the Women's Tour Down Under event will be travelling through Willunga twice. Mass at Willunga would normally have been at 10.30am on that day (second Sunday in the month). Because of the large crowds, road closures and general difficulty getting to St Joseph's mid-morning, Mass that day has been rescheduled for 8.30am.

"You know you're getting old when you stoop to tie your shoelaces and wonder what else you could do while you're down there." —George Burns

**PLEASE KEEP THESE
PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Sick: Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre Boyd, Jim Smith, Stephen Bostock, Janette McIver, Marie Andrews

Recently deceased: Deb Thomson

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

DATES

- 15 Dec Last day School term
- 24 Dec 4th Sunday of Advent
- 24/25 Dec See Christmas roster elsewhere in this bulletin
- 25 Dec Catholic Charities Appeal
- 31 Dec The Holy family Jesus, Mary and Joseph

2024

- 1 Jan New Year's Day
- 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 9 December*
Welcomer A Woodhouse, C Kelly
Commentator Tricia Dundon
Readers Rod Boucher
Vivi Boucher
Eucharistic Minister David Manders

Saturday 16 December
A Woodhouse, Cristina Tiedje
Michelle Cormack
Chris McWilliams
Jill McHendrie
Mario Bacchin

NORMANVILLE *Sunday, 10 December*
Welcomer Peter Lloyd
Commentator Ann Henriksen
Reader Thia van Kuyk
Altar/Cleaning Patsy & Jim Fitzpatrick

Sunday, 17 December
Peter Lloyd
Jim Fitzpatrick
Trish Bohnsack
Patsy & Jim Fitzpatrick

WILLUNGA *Sunday, 10 December*
Commentator Gael Maloney
Reader Megan Chapman
Eucharistic Minister Andrew Beach
Flowers Vanda Farrall
Church Linen Anna Rogers

Sunday, 17 December
Michael Hynes
John Tregeagle
Anna Rogers
Tony Harding
Margaret Guley

COLLECTIONS

25/26 Nov : 02/03 Dec

First collection	\$936.00
Envelopes	\$576.00
Unpledged	\$759.00

(Direct debits not included)

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.

"Age is something that doesn't matter unless you are a cheese." - Luis Buñuel

"The older you get, the better you get. Unless you're a banana." - Betty White

"If you can't be kind, at least be vague." - Judith Martin

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 07/12/23)



- 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

- John the Baptist is a prominent figure in Mark's Gospel. In Luke's Gospel he is portrayed as a cousin of Jesus, however in the other gospels he seems not to know the identity of Jesus and no family connection is mentioned.
- John's clothing of homespun camel hair tied with a leather thong around the waist is the explicit garb of a prophet.
- God had called the people of Israel out of Egypt and led them across the River Jordan to be a new people. God, through John, is now calling for a new people by passing them through the waters of baptism in the same river.

EXPLORING THE WORD

The prophet Isaiah brought a message of hope and comfort to the people of Israel who were in exile in Babylon. Despite their failings, God is merciful and has promised them a new beginning. John the Baptist appears in the line of that great prophet and again promises Israel the chance of a new beginning if they repent and turn again towards God.

The emphasis in Mark's portrait of the Baptist is very much that of the subordinate. John's self-effacing manner makes it clear that he is not the one who is promised, but the one who is to prepare the way. The emphasis in John's preaching is on judgment; for Jesus it is the Reign of God and salvation.

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when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat.

What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way.
A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the River Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

COMFORT WITH A CATCH

(*Mark 1: 1 - 8*)

"There's good news, and there's bad news". A whole body of jokes begin this way, and we laugh ruefully

because that statement is generally true. The news is hardly ever good or bad, but rather a blend of results better for some than others. One ball team beats another; is this good news, or bad?

John the Baptist preaches repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Good news or bad? It's great news for sinners who repent. It's good news for people who yearn to be forgiven and know they have reason to be. It's not good news for people who have no intention of leaving their sin behind. And its positively bad news for the self-righteous, convinced of their innocence and resentful that sinful types are getting off the hook.

The message of John the Baptist is comfort with a catch. The catch is baptism, a drowning to the old way and a resurrection into grasping new life. We can't find comfort in religion – not this religion! – if we intend to remain just as we are. John's baptism is with water, bracing and cold. The Mighty One is coming along soon with fire and spirit. Things are going to change.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(11 - 17 December)

- **Monday, 11:** Monday of 2nd week Advent (Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26)
- **Tuesday, 12:** Tuesday of 2nd week Advent (Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14)
- **Wednesday, 13:** St Lucy (Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30)
- **Thursday, 14:** St John of the Cross (Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15)
- **Friday, 15:** Friday of 2nd week of Advent (Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19)
- **Saturday, 16:** Saturday of 2nd week Advent (Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:10-13)
- **Sunday 17:** Third Sunday of Advent (Is 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thess 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28)

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.