



Welcome to

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

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MASS CENTRES

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- 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 103:1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

1. Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe! You stretch out the heavens like a tent.
2. Above the rains you build your dwelling. You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants.
3. How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small.
4. All these look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up: you open your hand, they have their fill.
5. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth.

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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)

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

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

COMING TO PEACE WITH OUR LACK OF RECOGNITION

We crave few things as deeply as self-expression and recognition. We have an irrepressible need to express ourselves, be known, recognized, understood, and seen by others as unique, gifted, and significant. A heart that is unknown, unappreciated in its depth, lacking in meaningful self-expression and recognition, is prone to restlessness, frustration, and bitterness. And, truth be told, self-expression is difficult and full self-expression is impossible.

In the end, for most of us, our lives are always smaller than our needs and our dreams, no matter where we live or what we accomplish. In our daydreams each of us would like to be famous, the renowned writer, the graceful ballerina, the admired athlete, the movie star, the cover girl, the renowned scholar, the Nobel Prize winner, the household name; but in the end, most of us remain just another unknown, living among other unknowns, collecting an occasional autograph.

And so, our lives can seem too small for us. We feel ourselves as extraordinary, forever trapped inside the mundane, even as there is

something inside us that still seeks expression, that still seeks recognition, and that feels that something precious inside us is living and dying in futility. In truth, seen only from the perspective of this world, much of what is precious, unique and rich, seemingly is living and dying in futility. Only a rare few achieve satisfying self-expression and recognition.

There's a certain martyrdom in this. Iris Murdoch once said: "Art has its martyrs, not the least of which are those who have preserved their silence." Lack of self-expression, whether chosen or imposed by circumstances, is a real death; but like all deaths it can be understood and appropriated in very different ways.

If it is accepted unhappily as tragic, it leads to bitterness and a broken spirit. If, however, it is understood and appropriated in faith as an invitation to be a hidden cell inside the Body of Christ and the human family, to anonymously provide sustenance and health to the overall body, it can lead to restfulness, gratitude, and sense of significance that lays the axe to the roots of our frustration, disappointment, depression, and bitterness.

I say this because much of what gives us life and sustains us in our lives has not been provided by the rich and famous, the high achievers, and those to whom history gives credit. As George Eliot points out, we don't need to do great things that leave a big mark in human history because "the growing good of the world is partly dependent on unhistoric acts; and that things are not so ill with you and me as they might have been is half owing to the number who lived faithfully a hidden life and rest in unvisited tombs."

Well said. History bears this out. I think, for instance, of Therese of Lisieux who lived out her life in obscurity in a little convent tucked away in rural France, who when she died at age twenty-four, was probably known by fewer than one hundred people. In terms of how we assess things in this world she accomplished very little, nothing in terms of outstanding achievement or visible contribution. She entered the convent at age fifteen and spent the years until her early death doing menial things in the laundry, kitchen, and garden inside her obscure convent. The only tangible possession she left behind was a diary,

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 PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE
(Germany)

Sergey Didorenko * Violin Dmitrij Gornowski * Violoncello

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

CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE

8th and 9th March, 2025

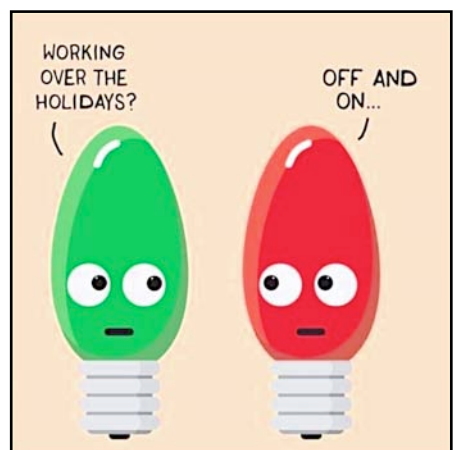
Parishioners are now able to book for the concerts on Saturday evening 8 March at 7pm and Sunday after-noon 9 March at 2pm.

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)



a personal journal with bad spelling, which told the story of her family, her upbringing, and what she experienced during her last months in palliative care as she faced death.

But what she did leave behind is something that has made her a figure who is now renowned around the world, both inside and outside of faith circles. Her little private journal, *The Story of a Soul*, has touched millions of lives, despite its bad spelling (which had to be corrected by her sisters after her death).

What gives her little journal its unique power to touch hearts is that it chronicles what was happening inside the privacy of her own soul during all those years when she was hidden away and unknown, as child and as a nun. What she records in the story of her soul is that she, fully aware of her own uniqueness and preciousness, could un-begrudgingly give that all over in faith because she trusted that her gifts and talents were working silently (and powerfully) inside a mystical (though real, organic) body, the Body of Christ and of humanity. She understood herself as a cell inside a living body, giving over what was precious and unique inside her for the good of the world.

Anonymity offers us this invitation. There is no greater work of art that one can give to the world.

Jesus said as much. He told us to do our good deeds in secret and not let our left hand (and our neighbors and the world) know what our right hand is doing.

Ronald Rolheiser

POPE'S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION

'for the right to an education'

Pope Francis' monthly prayer intention this January is for "the right to an education."

The Pope invited the Church to pray for this intention in this month's "The Pope Video", which is entrusted to the entire Catholic Church through the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network.

250 million without

Due to wars, migration, and poverty, the Holy Father decried, some 250 million boys and girls lack education. "All children and youth have the right to go to school," the Pope insisted, adding, "regardless of their immigration status."

"Education, he went on to say, is a hope for everyone. In addition, he reminded, "it can save migrants and refugees from discrimination, criminal networks, and exploitation."

Tool for integration

"So many minors," he decried, "are exploited!" Education, therefore, is essential, because it "can help them integrate into the communities who host them."

A better future

Education, the Pope underscored, opens the doors to a better future. "In this way," he explained, "migrants and refugees can contribute to society, either in their new country or in their country of origin, should they decide to return."

Read the entire article at

www.vaticannews.va/en/newsletter

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

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 (Wood Snake)
31 Jan	Morning coffee - Louie's
9 Feb	Day of Unborn Child Appeal
14 Feb	Morning coffee - Louie's
28 Feb	Morning coffee - Louie's
5 Mar	Ash Wednesday
5 Mar	Project Compassion
8 Mar	Concert - St Joseph's - 7pm
9 Mar	Concert - St Joseph's - 2pm
10 Mar	Adelaide Cup Day
14 Mar	Morning coffee - Louie's
28 Mar	Morning coffee - Louie's
11 Apr	Morning coffee - Louie's
12 Apr	Last day School term 1
13 Apr	Palm Sunday
17 Apr	Thursday of Lord's Supper
18 Apr	Good Friday
18 Apr	Holy Places Appeal
19 Apr	Holy Saturday
20 Apr	Easter Sunday
25 Apr	ANZAC Day
28 Apr	First day School term
18 May	St Vincent de Paul Appeal
9 Jun	King's birthday holiday
29 Jun	Holy Father's Appeal
2 Jul	Last day School term 2
6 Jul	NATSIACC Appeal
20 Jul	Stella Maris - Sea Sunday
21 Jul	First day School term 3
10 Aug	Vocations Appeal
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

ROSTERS

ALDINGA

Welcomer
Commentator
Readers
Eucharistic Minister

Saturday 11 January

Andre Woodhouse
Michelle Cormack
Rod Boucher
Vivi Boucher
Kerri Gould

Saturday 18 January

Andre Woodhouse
Chris McWilliams
Cristina Tiedje
Jill McHendry
Maria Jarvis-Maack

NORMANVILLE

Welcomer
Commentator
Reader
Data Projector
Altar/Cleaning

Sunday, 12 January

Peter Lloyd
Michael Steller
Nigel Pile
Jim Fitzpatrick
Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery

Sunday, 19 January

Peter Bohnsack
Ann Henriksen
Thia van Kuyk
Rita Steller
Trish Bohnsack, Rita Steller

WILLUNGA

Commentator
Reader
Eucharistic Minister
Flowers
Church Linen

Sunday, 12 January

Marie Andrews
Margaret Guley
Wayne Best
Anna Rogers
Margaret Guley

Sunday, 19 January

Ian La Ronde
Marie Cester
Viv Zagajewska
Anna Rogers
Margaret Guley



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

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

FINANCE COUNCIL

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Chris McWilliams (Secretary)
Thia van Kuyk (Finance Officer)
Martin Morgan (Cemeteries)
John McPhail (Treasurer)

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BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES

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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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SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

GOSPEL BACKGROUND

Today's Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It's a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry.

It needs to be pointed out that Jesus did not need the baptism of John. John was baptising as a call to and sign of interior repentance. Jesus had no need to repent. But, nonetheless, He comes to John. John resists at first but Jesus insists. Why did He receive baptism?

By accepting the baptism of John, Jesus affirms all that John has said and done and affirms his sacred role of preparing the way for Jesus and for a new era of grace.

It has been said that when Jesus entered the waters of baptism, He was not baptised by the waters. His Baptism was one in which all the created waters of this world were, in a sense, "baptised" by Him. By entering into the waters, Jesus sanctified water and poured forth His grace making all water the future source of salvation.

As we prepare to begin Ordinary Time, turn your eyes to Jesus and prepare yourself to follow Him and to heed every word He speaks. He was sent into this world to draw us to the Father, allow Him to fulfil that mission in your own life.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(13 - 19 January)

- **Monday, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20)
- **Tuesday, 14:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28)
- **Wednesday, 15:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39)
- **Thursday, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45)
- **Friday, 17:** St Anthony, abbot (Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12)
- **Saturday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17)
- **Sunday, 19:** 2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11)

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.