



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

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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

Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 62:2-8

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 24:42, 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the

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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)

11 Nov 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Tom
12 Nov 8.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy
10.30am - Willunga, Fr Josy
18 Nov 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
19 Nov 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick
10.30am - N/ville, Fr Dominick
25 Nov 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy
26 Nov 8.30am - N/ville, Fr Dominick
10.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE - PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE

St Joseph's on Sunday 28 January, 2024 - 3.00pm and 8.00pm. Put the date in your calendar now.

CHERISHED WOMEN'S RETREAT

St Luke's Catholic Church,
Saturday, 25 November
9.30am - 4.30pm

The theme for this year's retreat is "For such a time as this" (from Esther 4:14) and the retreat will be comprised of inspiring talks, testimonies, prayer and worship and opportunities for quiet prayer. You do not have to be Catholic to attend CHERISHED. Women from all backgrounds and walks of life are welcome.

All food, drink and materials are provided in the ticket cost of \$40. All funds raised from the retreat go towards Diamond Women SA which is an incredible pregnancy help centre for vulnerable women facing an unplanned or crisis pregnancy.

For bookings, go to www.eventbrite.com.au and search for Cherished Women's Retreat.

Further information is available through Chris McWilliams (0451 144 776).

WILLUNGA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

At the October meeting Father Josy took council members Kerri Gould, Lorraine Ellis, Kim Calderbank (Aldinga), Rick Zagajewski, Michael Hynes (Willunga) Nigel Pyne and Christopher Symes (Normanville) through the Pastoral Council guidelines.

Election of roles were held, and Kerri Gould was appointed chair, Michael Hynes deputy chair, Kim Calderbank secretary, with Lorraine Ellis child safeguarding representative.

This weekend members will be commissioned at both Normanville and Willunga Masses. Other items discussed at the October meeting included signage of the Galilee Church, and the need to plan for child-focused Mass and formation.

Our next meeting is in November, please speak with your representative if you have any items, you would like the council to discuss. *Kerri Gould*

2024

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Are you considering enrolling your child to celebrate the Sacraments of the Church?

Would you like to know more about how we prepare children to celebrate the Sacraments of the Church?

After Baptism, the order of Sacraments for school-age children is:

- Reconciliation - celebrated in Term 1 of the school year (2024)
- Confirmation - celebrated in Term 2 (2024)
- First Eucharist - celebrated in Term 2 or 3 (2024)

The usual age for beginning this process for school age children is 8 years. This can vary according to the needs of the child and family.

If you would like your child to be part of the new cycle of the Sacraments, or if you would simply like to have more information about the Sacrament program, there will be a parent information session on Wednesday 15 November at 5.00pm in the Mary of Galilee Church at Aldinga.

If you are interested in attending, please speak to Sr Margaret Ann or Kim Calderbank (kim.calderbank@cardijn.catholic.edu.au)

ST PETER'S NORMANVILLE



3 December
following 10.30am Mass

Everyone is most welcome to join with St Peter's parishioners for a BBQ Christmas lunch in the Annie O'Connor Centre. The cost is \$10 per person (meat, bread etc) plus a salad or sweet to share and your own drinks.

Please RSVP to Ann Henriksen (0458 783 901) by 23rd November.

WALK FOR LIFE 2024

Saturday 10 February

<https://youtu.be/brBuAM12qNU>

Each year as we gather united in our resolve to stand for life our efforts are making a difference.

Our society is now questioning, members of parliament are being encouraged and many of those who have been hurt by abortion are coming forward seeking help to heal.

Your effort to join us and invite others is vital for this good work to continue. The 2024 theme is *Every Life Is A Gift*

"THE SOUTHERN CROSS"

The November edition of "The Southern Cross" will be available at Mass centres on the weekend. This issue includes coverage of the Synod in Rome, the conflict in the Holy Land



and the launch of the document
 “Drawn into the Joy of the Gospel”.

**HAVE YOUR SAY -
 BURTON ROAD, ALDINGA**

The Aldinga Washpool is highly valued by local residents and a drawcard for visitors. It is one of the last intact coastal lagoon systems in the Adelaide region, supports several important and rare remnant flora and fauna species, and provides a vital habitat for migratory shorebirds during spring and summer. It is part of the Tjilbruke Dreaming Track, and of significance to Kurna traditional owners.

Button Road is a public road owned by the City of Onkaparinga which provides access to the Washpool and to the beach.

The western end is unsealed and includes a car park and a ramp. Given the importance of this area and the Park Management planning process currently underway, we would like to

understand your views about the western section of Button Road.

For more info and to have your say, please visit the [Your say page](#). Alternatively, you are welcome to provide feedback via any of the below methods:

- Email mail@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au
- Phone 8384 0666
- In person our customer service centres: Noarlunga Office, Ramsay Place, Noarlunga, Aldinga Office, 11 Central Way, Aldinga Beach

The Your Say Onkaparinga team

**VINNIES
 CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

Over the last year, the cost-of-living crisis has become increasingly dire as prices continue to soar and inflation is at some of the highest levels we've seen since the early 1990's.

It's hitting families and other vulnerable members of our community incredibly hard. Many are

experiencing poverty and struggling to keep a roof over their heads. As the crisis deepens, so does their desperation. More and more people are so desperate to survive, they just don't have the resources to think about Christmas.

How can they begin to dream of buying the little extras that make Christmas so special when they can't even afford to pay the bills?

Please donate generously to help provide much-needed relief with emergency hampers for this Christmas.

**PLEASE KEEP THESE
 PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Sick: Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre Boyd, Jim Smith, Stephen Bostock, Janette McIver, David Scott, Anne Maloney, Richard and Margaret Gleeson, Marie Andrews, Michael Casey

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

DATES

- 12 Nov Vinnies Christmas Appeal
- 14 Nov Creative Corner - Aldinga
- 24 Nov Coffee - Louis, Aldinga
- 28 Nov Creative Corner - Aldinga
- 3 Dec St Peter's Christmas BBQ
- 8 Dec Coffee - Louis, Aldinga
- 15 Dec Last day School term 4
- 25 Dec Catholic Charities Appeal

2024

- 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

COLLECTIONS

28/29 October & 04/05 November

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| First collection | \$940.00 |
| Envelopes | \$690.00 |
| Unpledged | \$394.00 |

(Direct debits not included)

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL
 CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

18/19 November
 Envelopes for this appeal will be distributed next weekend.

**ALDINGA COMMUNITY
 CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2023**

**Alone this Christmas?
 Have trouble affording Christmas?
 Come Celebrate with us....**

WHEN: MONDAY 25 DECEMBER 2023

WHERE: Aldinga Institute Hall

TIME: 11am - 2pm



**THIS IS A FREE EVENT AND BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL
 CALL ANNE ON 8215 6310 TO BOOK**

ROSTERS

ALDINGA *Saturday 11 November*
 Welcomer Clarissa Kelly, Noah Ellis
 Commentator Chris McWilliams
 Readers Cristina Tiedje
 Ken Creevey
 Eucharistic Minister Kerri Gould

Saturday 18 November
 Lorraine and Noah Ellis
 David Manders
 Heidi Davidson
 Michelle Cormack
 Tricia Dundon

NORMANVILLE *Sunday, 12 November*
 Welcomer Rita Steller
 Commentator Thia van Kuyk
 Reader Nigel Pile
 Altar/Cleaning Volunteer, Ann Henriksen

Sunday, 19 November
 Peter Bohnsack
 Trish Bohnsack
 Thia van Kuyk
 Volunteer, Ann Henriksen

WILLUNGA *Sunday, 12 November*
 Commentator Vanda Farrall
 Reader Marie Andrews
 Eucharistic Minister Michael Hynes
 Flowers Michael Hynes
 Church Linen Wayne Best

Sunday, 19 November
 Wayne Best
 Marie Cester
 Steve Maglieri
 Mary Moore
 Margret Oomens

FINALLY!



SOMEONE MADE A COFFEE CUP
 FOR LEFT-HANDED PEOPLE

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 09/11/23)



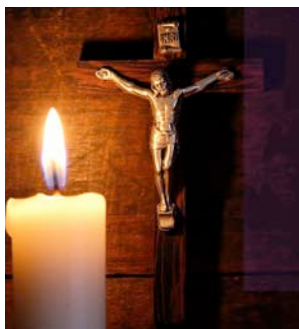
- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at Church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands.

EXPLORING THE WORD

As the public ministry of Jesus draws to a close, Matthew introduces the themes of delay and the need to be ready for the second coming of Christ. Matthew's community were living in the 'in-between' times. Christ's victory over death through his resurrection had begun a new phase in history but it was not yet complete. Completion would only come with his return in glory. We again hear the familiar imagery of the messianic banquet or wedding feast to which all are invited. But only those who live with an attitude of openness and readiness will come into the great hall. Today's parable speaks strongly of the need to live in the present with an eye to the future. We cannot live only for the 'now' with no thought for our ultimate goal, nor can we ignore the sufferings and responsibilities of the present and set our hearts only on heaven.

DID YOU KNOW?

A solemn procession from the house of the bride's father to the house of the bridegroom was an important part of the Jewish wedding ceremony. These bridesmaids are a 'guard of honour' to greet the groom on his return with his bride. Sometimes problems with the marriage contract or the unhurried exchange of gifts between families lead to long delays in their return.



In November we pray for all who have died.

May they rest in peace.

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sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps.

The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him."

At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

KEEPING VIGIL

(Matthew 25: 1 - 13)

For a few years I worked in downtown San Francisco. It's a lovely city by every standard, but it has one drawback that gives newcomers pause: it's located on an earthquake fault line. When you ask long-term residents how they cope with the idea that at any moment, without warning, their entire world could collapse under their feet, they look at you with the amusement of experience. "You get used to it," they tell you.

Most people who live on fault lines dismiss the odds. They don't have the emergency supplies on hand that local phone books recommend: enough bottled water for several days, torches, spare batteries, a transistor radio. To non-residents, this seems like madness. But consider all the things you may not be prepared for. How many people go through life without health insurance? Who prepare for divorce, disability, or unemployment? In

some ways, we all go about without oil in our lamps, like the five in the story, playing the odds that we won't come up short.

One way to be prepared for any eventuality is to ground our lives, not in fluctuating circumstances, but in Christ. Though the earth shiver and crack open beneath us someday, we won't be lost if Christ is the bedrock upon which we stand.

What is the central truth upon which your life is grounded? Will that truth support you "come hell or high water"?

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KIDS' CORNER

Do you know what integrity is? Integrity is doing the right thing all the time, even when nobody is watching. It's doing the right thing simply because it's the right thing. That's not always easy. But God sees everything. God sees when we act with integrity and when we could do better. God isn't watching just so God can catch us slipping up. God really wants us to live with integrity. And God wants to help us, especially when it's hard.

Loving God, please help me live with integrity all of my life. Amen.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(13 - 17 November)

- **Monday, 13:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 32 (Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6)
- **Tuesday, 14:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 32 (Wis 2:23- 3:9; Lk 17:7-10)
- **Wednesday, 15:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 32 (Wis 6:11; Lk 17:11-19)
- **Thursday, 16:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 32 (Wis 7:22 - 8:1; Lk 17:20-25)
- **Friday, 17:** St Elizabeth of Hungary (Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37)
- **Saturday, 18:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 32 (Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8)
- **Sunday 19:** 33rd Sunday, Ordinary Time (Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thess 5:1-6l; Mt 25:14-30)

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.