



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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## PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

### Parish Administrator

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Jayne Castro

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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 35:1-6,10*

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 145:6-10. R. cf. Isa 35:4*

*(R.) Lord, come and save us.*

*Or (R.) Alleluia!*

**1.** It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. *(R.)*

**2.** It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who

are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. *(R.)*

**3.** It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. *(R.)*

## SECOND READING

*James 5:7-10*

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Isa 61:1 (Lk 4:18)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 11:2-11*

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the

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## 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.

## DECEMBER – THE POPE’S MONTHLY INTENTION

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.

## 2026

### CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE CONCERT

Parishioners are now able to book for the concerts on Sunday, 25 January, 2026. The same concert will be performed twice on that day - at 2.00pm and 7.00pm.

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 for 2025: Adults \$50, Children (under 12) \$35.

For bookings, please contact Gael (0447 421 948). Leave a message, if necessary, and she will return your call as soon as possible.

- From Gael Maloney

## FR. DOMINICK SILVER JUBILEE ORDINATION

The parish community joyfully celebrated the memorable Silver Jubilee of Fr. Dominic Okwadha, marking 25 years of faithful service. The celebration was graced by the presence of more than 10 priest and visitors from near and far, indicating parishioners from Aldinga, Noarlunga, Normanville, and Willunga, all gathered in thanksgiving and unity.

A deeply moving homily by Fr. Paul Mwaura was shared, capturing the significance of Fr. Dominick's vocation and ministry. Msgr. David Cappo offered beautiful and heartfelt words of tribute, while Fr. Tom Gleeson led a powerful prayer in support of his fellow brother priest, highlighting the strength of fraternity within the clergy. We thank everyone who attended and contributed to this special occasion, as we continue to pray for Fr. Dominick and his ongoing ministry in our parish and beyond.



**A WELL-SUPPORTED CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING  
COMMUNITY RETREAT DAY  
ST. JOSEPH WILLUNGA**



**Reflection from the Retreat**

We are truly blessed to have Father Tom, an incredibly gifted priest, who has guided and supported us in achieving our life goals.

– *From Judy Coleman, attendee of the retreat*

**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.

**BRIGHTEST AND BEST – A Celebration of Christmas Music**

Come and enjoy an uplifting evening of Christmas music presented by the musicians, singers, and readers of Our Lady of Grace Church. The event will be held at Our Lady of Victories Church, High Street, Glenelg, on Monday, 22 December 2025, at 7:30 PM. Admission is free with general seating. A gold coin or QR code donation to Vinnies would be greatly appreciated, and gift vouchers from major retailers are also welcome, with all proceeds supporting the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. For enquiries, please contact Kate Crocker on 0432 591 636 or the Glenelg Catholic Parish on (08) 8294 1888.

**ALDINGA**

Welcomer  
Commentator  
Readers  
Eucharistic Minister

**Saturday 13 December**

André Woodhouse  
Chris Mc Williams  
Jill McHendrie  
Cristina Tiedje  
Maria J.M.

**Saturday 20 December**

Andre Woodhouse  
David Manders  
Brigid Grimwood  
Jill McHendrie  
Judi Driscoll

**NORMANVILLE**

Welcomer  
Commentator  
Reader  
Data Projector  
Altar/Cleaning

**Sunday, 14 December**

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

**Sunday, 21 December**

Leo Montgomery  
Antoinette Fleming  
Jim Fitzpatrick  
Rita Stellar  
Patricia Bohnsack & Rita Stellar

**WILLUNGA**

Commentator  
Reader  
Eucharistic Minister  
Flowers  
Church Linen

**Sunday, 14 December**

Marie Andrews  
Anna Rogers  
Michael Hynes  
Anna Rogers  
Wayne Best

**Sunday, 21 December**

Ian La Ronde  
Megan Chapman  
Andrew Beach  
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, Paul Hancock

**Recently deceased:** Peter Jeffries, Esther Virginia Fonseka

**Anniversaries:** Maureen Ellis, Zenaida Castro

**2025 DATES**

- 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 and will be closed from December 23, 2025 and will resume on January 6, 2026.**

For non-urgent matters or enquiries outside these hours, please **email us at [admin@willungaparish.org.au](mailto: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.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING**

There will be an upcoming Eucharistic Minister Training on Tuesday 20 January Noarlunga, beginning at 6:30 pm. The session is ideal for first time participants and also serves as a valuable refresher for those who are already Eucharistic Ministers.

## 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

## 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)
- **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@willungaparish.org.au](mailto:admin@willungaparish.org.au) or
- Kim Calderbank (08) 8550 2200 [kim.calderbank@cardijn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kim.calderbank@cardijn.catholic.edu.au)

## 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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one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.' As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

## ALDINGA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2025

You are warmly invited to the **Aldinga Community Christmas Lunch**, a gathering dedicated to offering companionship, joy, and support during the festive season.  
**When:** Thursday, 25 December 2025  
**Where:** Aldinga Community Centre, Stewart Ave, Aldinga Beach  
**Time:** 11:00 am – 2:00 pm  
This is a **free event**, and **bookings are essential**.

To reserve your place, please contact **Tanika at 8215 6310**. We are also seeking volunteers to help make this event a success. If you are able to assist, please call the number above. Come and share a meal, make new friends, and celebrate the spirit of Christmas with our community.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(15 - 21 December)

- **Monday, 15:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent (Num 24:2-7,15-17a; Mt 21:23-27);
- **Tuesday, 16:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent (Zep 31-2,9-13; Mt 21:28-32)
- **Wednesday, 17:** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent (Gen 49:2,8-10; Mt 1:1-17)
- **Thursday, 18:** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent (Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-24)
- **Friday, 19:** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent (Judg 13:2-7,24-25a ; Lk 1:5-25)
- **Saturday, 20:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent (Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Sunday 21:** FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT (Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24)

## 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

### CHRISTMAS DAY - Thursday December 25

12.00am (Midnight) St Joseph's,  
Willunga  
9.00am St Joseph's, Willunga  
9.00am St Peter's, Normanville

## NEWSLETTER ITEMS

We look forward to your newsletter items. Please email [admin@willungaparish.org.au](mailto: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.

## ANNOUNCEMENT FROM FATHER DOMINICK

Father Dominick extends his heartfelt thanks to the Aldinga community of Mary of Galilee for organising and celebrating his Silver Jubilee. He truly appreciate all of you.

## 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).