



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

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PARISH OFFICE

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

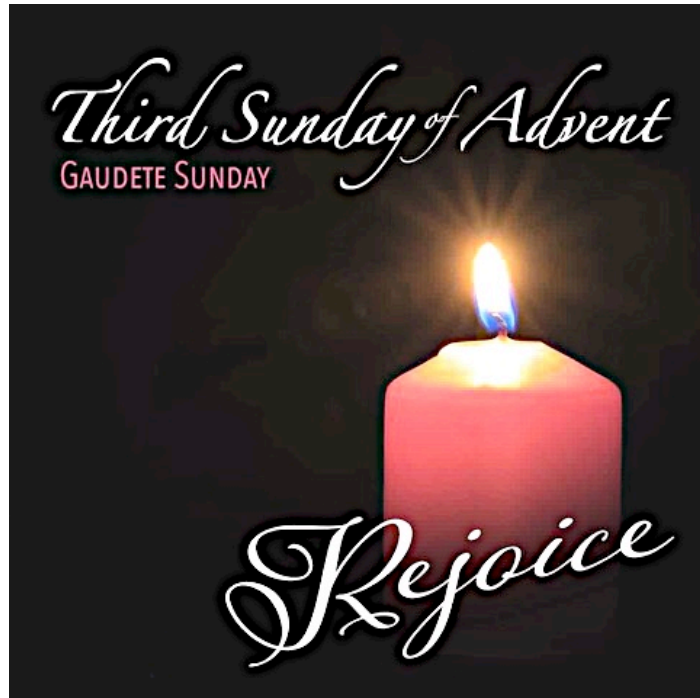
- Fr Josy Sebastian
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MASS CENTRES

- 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

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud!
Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away.
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear.

When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:

Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp.

The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior.

He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Isa 12:2-6

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Isa 61:1

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL

Luke 3:10-18

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be

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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)

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

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

This is the last weekend for parishioners to donate food or toys to supplement the Christmas Hampers which Willunga Conference, with help from the Mini-Vinnies at Galilee, will be putting together this next week.

Please place donations into the basket in the foyer at either Galilee and St Joseph's Churches.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity. *Christine Jones*

ADVENT RECONCILIATION



In preparation for the celebration of Christmas, the Sacrament of Reconciliation at:

- 7.00pm - Monday, 16 December
St Joseph's, Willunga
- 7.00pm - Thursday 19 December
Mary of Galilee, Aldinga.



Caritas Australia's Global Gifts are Christmas Cards with purpose! Every card you buy helps build brighter futures for children, women and men experiencing hardship and poverty.

By putting your compassion into action and shopping for the Global Gifts of your choice you will bring hope and joy to the world's most vulnerable and communities, while giving your loved ones a meaningful Christmas card.

View the range of Global Gifts:
www.globalgifts.org.au

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a Special Collection at Christmas Masses - Catholic Charities - Special Appeal. The Archbishop of Adelaide's charity supporting special projects for Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in SA, Hutt Street Centre, St Patrick's Special School, Our Lady of La Vang Special School and Centacare Family Services.

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025

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

THE SOUTHERN CROSS

"The Southern Cross" December edition will be inserted in "The Advertiser" this weekend, Saturday December 14. Free copies will also be available for distribution in parishes.

OUR NEW CARDINAL IS SWORN IN



At the age of 44, Cardinal Bychok becomes the youngest member of the College of Cardinals, Australia's highest-ranking Catholic, and the first cardinal from Australia since Cardinal George Pell.

The Ukrainian-born missionary, who moved to Melbourne four years ago, said he "never expected" this. He said he aims to be a cardinal who is "flexible, holy, accessible and without eminence".

Mykola Bychok was born and raised in Ternopol, in western Ukraine. He joined the Redemptorists at the age of 17 and professed his first vows the following year. He was ordained as a priest in Lviv seven years later, and has also studied and served in Poland, Russia, and the United States.

In January 2020, he moved to Melbourne after Pope Francis appointed him as the Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Church of Melbourne. Now he becomes Cardinal of the whole Australian Catholic Church.



**CHAMBER
PHILARMONIA
COLOGNE**

8th and 9th March, 2025

Parishioners are now able to book for the concerts on Saturday evening 8 March at 7pm and Sunday afternoon 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)

Saturday 8th March 2025 at 7 pm & Sunday 9th March 2025 at 2 pm

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 Dmitriy Gornovskij * Violoncello

www.kpk-info.de

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

**'INDULGE RESPONSIBLY'
THIS CHRISTMAS**

Supporting brands committed to ending slavery in their supply chains has been simplified to a two-step process: look for the rainforest alliance and/or Fairtrade certifications and double-check Be Slavery Free's chocolate scorecard (chocolatescorecard.com).

If you would like to know more about Indulge Responsibly, contact sacoordinator@acrath.org.au.



HUMAN SOLIDARITY DAY

December 20

International Human Solidarity Day is a day to promote a sense of

shared humanity and encourage individuals, communities, and nations to come together to tackle pressing global issues. It highlights the belief that our collective actions can make a positive impact on the world.

ROSTERS

ALDINGA

Welcomer
Commentator
Readers

Eucharistic Minister

Saturday 14 December

Andre Woodhouse
Cristina Tiedje
Michelle Cormack
Brigid Grimwood
Judi Driscoll

Saturday 21 December

Andre Woodhouse
Michelle Cormack
Rod Boucher
Vivi Boucher
Brigid Grimwood

NORMANVILLE

Welcomer
Commentator
Reader
Data Projector
Altar/Cleaning

Sunday, 15 December

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

Sunday, 22 December

Tim Fleming
Jim Fitzpatrick
Nigel Pile
Rita Steller
Trish Bohnsack, Rita Steller

WILLUNGA

Commentator
Reader
Eucharistic Minister
Flowers
Church Linen

Sunday, 15 December

Marie Andrew
Garry Triffett
Anna Rogers
Tony Harding
Viv Zagajewska

Sunday, 22 December

Michael Hynes
Andrew Beach
Michael Hynes,
Mary Moore
Anna Rogers

**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: Maureen Ellis

DATES

2024

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

COLLECTIONS

30 Nov/01 Dec : 07/08 Dec

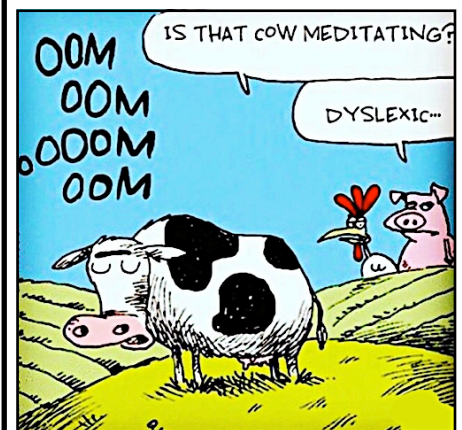
First collection	\$1034.00
Envelopes	\$605.00
Unpledged	\$783.00

(Not including direct debits)

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.

**CELEBRATING THE
YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025**

Pope Francis proclaimed 2025 a Jubilee Year for the whole Church, with the theme Pilgrims of Hope. The Vatican Dicastery (Department) for Religious or Consecrated Life added 'on the path of peace'.



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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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. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

DESERT VOICES

The people around John are odd. What seems to attract them is who he is not: not the anointed Saviour of Israel, not Elijah come to announce the end of the world, not the great prophet the Samaritans were expecting. But the evangelist John also tells us who the Baptist is: the testimony to the great light to follow.

What is your life's testimony? Does it proclaim fidelity, honesty, generosity? If you had to name ten things you stand for, would any of them be holy? These are hard questions. If I pose them to myself, my answer is wishy-washy: depends on when you ask. Some days are less exemplary than others. Sometimes I'm a shining example of Christian virtue, and I wish my Mum were here to see me. Other times I'm grateful she isn't and wish no one was. John the Baptist, cousin of Jesus and the fruit of a miracle birth, may have had a head start on his testimony. Or maybe he had to work out all the bugs like the rest of us in the years before he turned up at the Jordan.

But the truth is: whatever our origins, they can't be an excuse for who we are or are not, "what we've done, or failed to do." John's desert voice summons me to train mine, to learn to present another clear testimony to the light. *GPBS eNews*

CHRISTMAS JOY

The Church calls this Gaudete Sunday, which means "rejoice." Gaudete Sunday always reminds me of Fezziwig. Fezziwig is a character in

Dickens' A Christmas Carol, a man from Scrooge's memory of Christmas Past. Fezziwig was a businessman who had hired the young Scrooge. He was a good man. A generous man. A man who hosted a wondrous Christmas feast at which family, friends, and employees alike shared in abundant food and wine and gifts and music and dancing. Fezziwig was a perfect counterpoint to what Scrooge had lately become: stingy, cramped, bitter, and small of heart.

Christmas puts the choice plainly before us: Will we choose to be like Fezziwig or Scrooge? Too many people have the idea that God is more likely to say, "Bah humbug!" than "welcome to the feast!" The prophet Zephaniah knows different. He predicts that "on that day ... the Lord your God will rejoice over you with gladness and renew you in God's love, God will sing joyfully because of you as one sings at festivals."

Can you imagine the Lord your God singing joyfully because of you? The almighty God belting out songs about you? Behold Fezziwig and he might just make a believer out of you.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(December 16 - 22)

- **Monday, 16:** Monday, 3rd week Advent (Num 24:2-7, 15-17; Mt 21:23-27)
- **Tuesday, 17:** Tuesday, 3rd week Advent (Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17)
- **Wednesday, 18:** Wednesday, 3rd week Advent (Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-24)
- **Thursday, 19:** Thursday, 3rd week Advent (Judges 13:2-7, 24-25; Lk 1:5-25)
- **Friday, 20:** Friday, 3rd week Advent (Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Saturday, 21:** Saturday, 3rd week Advent (Song 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45)
- **Sunday 22:** FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT (Micah 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-44)

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.