



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

Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.

‘I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels.

‘For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lk 1:46-50, 53-54
My soul rejoices in my God.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give

thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

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

John 1:6-8, 19-28

A man came, sent by God. His name was John.

He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him.

He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. *(Continued page 4)*



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)

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

PRIEST ROSTER CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS EVE (Sun, December 24)

4.00pm - Normanville - Fr Dominick
6.30pm - Aldinga - Fr Dominick
7.00pm - Willunga - Fr Tom
12.00 midnight - Willunga - Fr Dominick

CHRISTMAS DAY (Mon, December 25)

9.00am - Willunga - Fr Tom
9.00am - Normanville - Fr Josy

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

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

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*

MARY AS A MODEL OF FAITH

Among all the people in the Gospels, Mary is the pre-eminent example of the one who hears the word of God and keeps it. For this reason, more than because of biological motherhood, Jesus claims her as his mother. Giving birth to Christ is something more than biological. Moreover, it's also something we're asked to do.

Looking at how Mary gave birth to Christ, we see that it's not something that's done in an instant. Faith, like biology, also relies on a process that has distinct, organic moments.

What is the process by which we give birth to faith in the world?

First, like Mary, we need to get pregnant by the Holy Spirit. We need to let the word take such root in us that it begins to become part of our actual flesh. Then, like any woman who's pregnant, we have to lovingly gestate, nurture, and protect what is growing inside us until it's sufficiently strong so that it can live on its own, outside us.

Eventually, of course, we must give birth. What we have nurtured and grown inside of us must be given birth

outside. Birth, however, is only the beginnings of motherhood. Mary gave birth to a baby, but she had to spend years nurturing, coaxing, and cajoling that infant into adulthood. The infant in the crib at Bethlehem is not yet the Christ who preaches, heals, and dies for us.

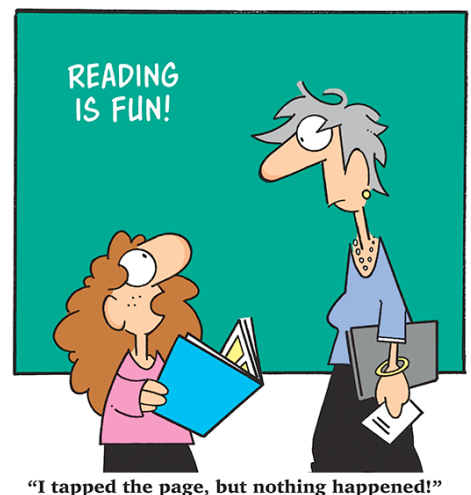
Finally, motherhood has still one more phase. As her child grows, matures, and takes on a personality and destiny of its own. The mother, at a point, must ponder and let herself be painfully stretched in understanding, in not knowing, in carrying tension, in letting go.

Our task too is to give birth to Christ. From Mary, we get the pattern: Let the word of God take root and make you pregnant; gestate that by giving it the nourishing sustenance of your own life; submit to the pain that is demanded for it to be born to the outside; then spend years coaxing it from infancy to adulthood; and finally, during and after all of this, do some pondering, accept the pain of not understanding and of letting go.

Christmas isn't automatic. It can't be taken for granted. It began with Mary, but each of us is asked to make our own contribution to giving flesh to faith in the world. *Ronald Rolheiser*

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 from this weekend and over the Christmas season.



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



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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)

CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE

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

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 offer designated seating. 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 Maloney (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.

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.

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.

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

Thursday, 28 December

Mass on this day is dedicated to the babies killed by Herod in his search for baby Jesus.

These days our dedication includes the victims of abortion and prayer for the extended families.

Chris McWilliams

ROSTERS

ALDINGA

Welcomer
Commentator
Readers
Eucharistic Minister

Saturday 16 December

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

Saturday 23 December

A Woodhouse, N Ellis
David Manders
Cristina Tiedje
Tricia Dundon
Judi Driscoll

NORMANVILLE

Welcomer
Commentator
Reader
Altar/Cleaning

Sunday, 17 December

Peter Lloyd
Jim Fitzpatrick
Trish Bohnsack
Patsy & Jim Fitzpatrick

Sunday, 24 December

Peter Bohnsack
Thia van Kuyk
Nigel Pile
Patsy & Jim Fitzpatrick

WILLUNGA

Commentator
Reader
Eucharistic Minister
Flowers
Church Linen

Sunday, 17 December

Michael Hynes
John Tregeagle
Anna Rogers
Tony Harding
Margaret Guley

Sunday, 24 December

Gael Maloney
Anna Rogers
Wayne Best
Vanda Farrall
Wayne Best

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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

DATES

- 24 Dec 4th Sunday of Advent
- 24/25 Dec See Christmas times 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



"Mrs Claus bought me a smartwatch! It knows when you are sleeping, it knows when you're awake, it knows if you've been bad or good ..."

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 14/12/23)



- 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?

- In the early years, there was rivalry between the disciples of John the Baptist and of Jesus. This gospel makes it clear that John does not see himself as a rival to Jesus but as a witness to him. It is Jesus who is the one sent from God.
- The quote from Isaiah comes from a section of his Book which is addressed to the people in Exile in Babylon in the sixth century BC. It is designed to bring comfort and promises that, when the paths are made straight, the Lord will be revealed.
- Bethany, as mentioned in this gospel text, is not the same town which was home to Mary, Martha and Lazarus. They lived close to Jerusalem but the Bethany mentioned here lies on the east bank of the Jordan River.

EXPLORING THE WORD

In contrast to last week's text on John the Baptist, this one comes from the last of the written gospels. The Gospel of John was penned at the very end of the first century. One common characteristic, however, is clear: the Baptist is again presented as the forerunner. John the Baptist rejects all messianic or quasi-messianic titles. He throws human expectation into chaos. He claims for himself only the role of the 'voice' of Isaiah 40, but the evangelist presents him as the most reliable of witnesses, 'Sent by God ... to speak for the light'. The only other person in John's Gospel to come from God is Jesus himself. Before an audience of the leaders of the religion of Israel, John witnesses with an authority and a truthfulness that has its source in God.

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This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness:
Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

APPEARANCE ISN'T EVERYTHING

There once was a man, his name was John, sent by God to point out the way to the Life-Light. He came to show everyone where to look, who to believe in. John was not himself the Light; he was there to show the way to the Light. (John 1: 6 - 8)

Anyone who has ever gone on a job interview knows that two elements can be the determining factors to getting hired or not. The first is the resume. It needs to follow certain clear guidelines that include length (no more than two pages), appearance (perfect), and content (highlights, not an autobiography). Of course, it has to be honest and accurate or it may come back to haunt you. Done right, it will get you in the door where the second factor comes into play, the interview.

In the interview everything needs to fall into place from appearance (conservative suits, no dangling jewellery), to eye contact, to modulated responses. After that all you can do is wait and hope you did a

good job of selling yourself.

Isaiah presents himself as anointed by God and speaks with joy, which Paul tells us we should always do. John the Baptist, however, doesn't care how people respond to his appearance. It is his message that is important. He proclaims with joy that the Messiah is coming and coming soon.

But John is not the cause for joy. Everyone will have to wait, even if it is just for a little while. And that is the meaning and message of Advent. We wait because the Messiah will change so much. Our joyful waiting, says Paul, should be prayerful because God has chosen us. We need to get ready.

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KIDS' CORNER

Rejoice always

There are so many reasons to rejoice this time of year! We get to spend time with people we love, and we can enjoy special surprises and gifts. But sometimes we're disappointed. Maybe someone you love can't be with you at Christmas. Maybe you can't have the gift you most wish for. Before you go to bed tonight, can you find three things to thank God for? One thing might be having someone who loves you. Or having enough food to eat or a safe place to sleep. What else will you think of tonight? There is always a reason to rejoice!

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(18 - 24 December)

- **Monday, 18:** Monday, 3rd week Advent (Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-24)
- **Tuesday, 19:** Tuesday, 3rd week Advent (Judges 13:2-7, 24-25; Lk 1:5-25)
- **Wednesday, 20:** Wednesday, 3rd week Advent (Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Thursday, 21:** Thursday, 3rd week Advent (Song 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45)
- **Friday, 22:** Friday, 3rd week Advent (1 Sam 1:24-28; Lk 1:56-56)
- **Saturday, 23:** Saturday, 3rd week Advent (Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66)
- **Sunday 24:** Fourth Sunday of Advent (2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38)

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.