



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

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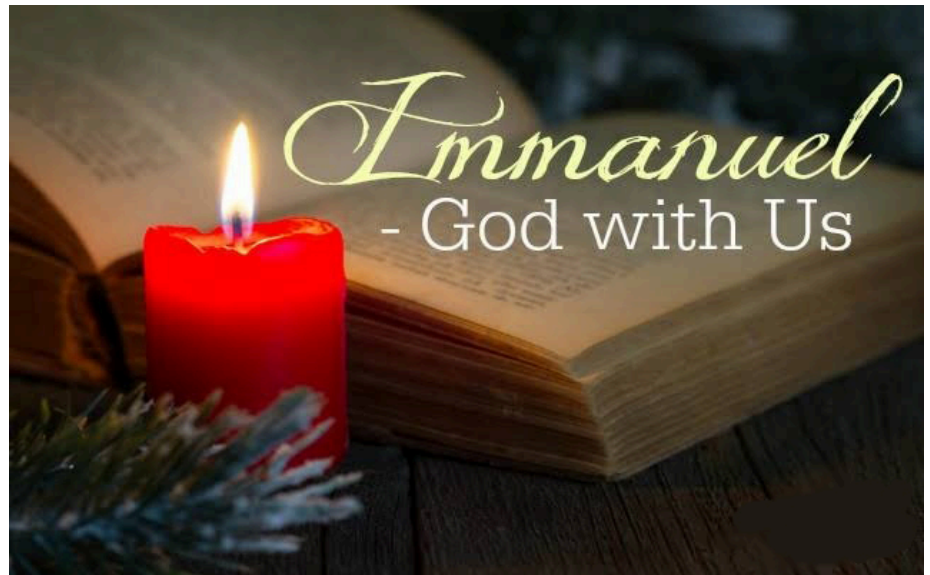
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MASS CENTRES

- 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 7:10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.' Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us."'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 23:1-6

*Let the Lord enter;
he is king of glory.*

SECOND READING

Romans 1:1-7

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took was a descendant of David: it

is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 1:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

The virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Immanuel"
God-is-with-us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-24

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife,

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Bulletin Board

REGULAR MASS TIMES

(resumes beginning of December)

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
1st Fri	9.00am - Willunga 12.00 noon - Normanville

WEEKEND MASSES

(Times on front page of this bulletin)

Christmas

MASSES

• Christmas Eve (Sat 24 Dec) •

4.00pm	St Peter's, Normanville
6.30pm	Mary of Galilee, Aldinga
7.00pm	St Joseph's, Willunga (family)
12midnight	St Joseph's, Willunga

• Christmas Day (Sun 25 Dec) •

9.00am	St Joseph's, Willunga
9.00am	St Peter's, Normanville

PRIEST ROSTER - WEEKENDS

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

17 Dec	5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
18 Dec	8.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom 10.30am - N/ville, Fr Dominick
24 Dec	4.00pm - N/ville, Fr Dominick 6.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick 7.00pm - Willunga, Fr Tom
25 Dec	12am - Willunga, Fr Dominick 9.00am - Normanville, Fr Josy 9.00am - Willunga, Fr Tom
31 Dec	5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

RECONCILIATION

St Luke's

Noarlunga Downs - 7.00pm

In preparation for the celebration of Christmas, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (*Second Form of the Rite of Reconciliation*) will be celebrated on Friday, 23 December for both Willunga Parish and Noarlunga/Seaford Parish. Several Priests will be in attendance. All parishioners from both Parishes are invited to attend.

Reconciliation will also be held at 9.00am at St Luke's on Saturday morning (24 December).

PEOPLE AT HOME

If you or someone you know, is house-bound and would like a Priest to visit for communion or confession (or both) prior to Christmas, please get in touch with Gael (0447 421 948) to organise a time.

GALILEE

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Parishioners at Galilee enjoyed their Christmas Dinner last Saturday. A huge thank you to Lorraine and Sr Margaret Ann for their work and support.

Another thank you to the parishioners who donate meals during the year for the Pot Luck Suppers.

*Happy Christmas,
Chris McWilliams*

SALE OF CHRISTMAS CARD PACKS

St Vincent de Paul produced Christmas Card packs are on sale at Mass Centres this weekend. They are excellent value at \$7.00 for a pack of ten cards.

Last-minute Giving Tree donations are still welcome at this weekend's Masses.

Mario Bacchin

APPEAL FOR ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY

Once again, we will be conducting the annual Christmas Day Appeal for the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry with special collections to be taken up at all Christmas Masses.

The Otherway Centre is the home of the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (ACM) and the cultural hub of Centacare. Money raised from this collection helps fund activities that bring the community together and provide vital healing and yarning opportunities to strengthen cultural and spiritual connections. Located at Stepney, the Centre has been supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the wider community for more than 30 years.

"THE SOUTHERN CROSS"

As usual, there will be no edition of "The Southern Cross" published in January. Our first issue for 2023 will be available in parishes on the weekend of February 4/5 and online from February 6. The FREE December edition will be available

over the Christmas period. If you have any story ideas, please contact Jenny Brinkworth (8210 8147 or jbrinkworth@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

Thank you for your support in 2022 and a happy Christmas and New Year from the Catholic Communications team.

SYNODALITY AND MISSION

Sr Nathalie Becquart in Adelaide
February 1, 2023
Grange Golf Course
5.30pm Dinner
6:30 - 8.30pm Program

Sr Nathalie Becquart is the Under-secretary for the General Synod in the Vatican, which is responsible for the organisation of the 2023-24 Global Synod on Synodality.

Sr Nathalie will be in Adelaide on February 1, 2023, as part of a visit to Australia/Oceania. All are invited to the Sr Nathalie's presentation on synodality and mission at the Grange Golf Course.

RSVP essential, register online at www.trybooking.com/CEUOA by January 27, 2023. Visit www.adelaidediocesanassembly.org for more information.

CATHOLIC MISSION,

on behalf of our missionaries around the world, would like to thank you for your support this year. Your generosity has made a difference in the lives of many by giving them tangible support, but more importantly by giving them hope. To conclude this year, Catholic Mission would like to wish you and your family a blessed and joyful Christmas.

*Tony Johnston (Diocesan Director)
Archdiocese of Adelaide*

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council, I would like to thank all those who have volunteered in the Parish this year. Thank you for your service to the community.

I would also like to thank parish council members for their service, especially Chris Mc Williams who has served as chair for the past two years, John Smith (recently deceased) and Vivi Boucher who will end her tenure at the end of this year. Look out for more information about the Parish Council in 2023.

Kerri Gould (Acting Chair)

CARITAS AUSTRALIA

*A child's smile. A mother's joy.
Yours to give this Christmas.*

*Christmas is a time of miracles
– of hope and renewal.*

Throughout rural Vietnam, children and families living with disabilities, like Mrs Lan and her children Quan and Loah, are less likely to be employed, and children are less likely to go to school. Mrs Lan's dreams for her children are simple. She wants them to "live like every other child, going to school, playing, having a happy life, and growing and learning like other children".

Through the generosity of our supporters, Quan and Loah joined a community-based classroom and learned to socialise with other children and found confidence in themselves. This Christmas, you can help create opportunities for children and adults with disabilities and to enable more families like Mrs Lan's to access resources to improve their income and living status.



Please join Caritas Australia's wonderful community of generous supporters this Christmas in giving loving parents of children with disabilities the incredible gift of seeing their children smile.

Visit www.caritas.org.au/christmas this Christmas or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS

The Church around the world has entered the Continental Stage for the Synod of Bishops on Synodality. Groups around the country are praying with and responding to the Document for the Continental Stage, which was published recently. Read the document and access the submission portal at: www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch.

FEAST OF HOLY INNOCENTS

Wednesday, December 28

The regular 9.00am Mass at Willunga will have a special focus on our current Abortion issue.

We pray for the precious lives of the unborn. We pray for more supportive alternatives for mothers facing the dilemma. We pray for the comfort of mothers (and fathers) before and after birth. We pray for changes in the proposed new law, which will allow abortion to birth.

Nothing will happen without prayers from faithful people. Please give up one hour to pray for change.

Chris McWilliams

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Veronica Shortland, Muriel Smith, Janet Burbidge, Arthur and Carol Jones, Bill and Janet McIver, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Heidi Kunzelmann, Paul Hancock, Ren Dunn and all those parishioners recovering from Covid

Anniversary: Jeff Gray

DATES

18 Dec	Fourth Sunday of Advent
18 Dec	Carols - Yankalilla 5.00pm
25 Dec	Christmas Day
25 Dec	Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Appeal
1 Jan	New Year's Day
2 Jan	New Year's Day holiday
26 Jan	Australia Day holiday
30 Jan	First school day - 2023
22 Feb	Ash Wednesday
26 Feb	First Sunday of Lent

COLLECTIONS

(For the last fortnight)

First collection	\$1155.00
Second collection	\$676.00
Envelopes	\$750.00
Direct debits	\$615.00
Advent Ukraine Appeal	\$387.00

Thank you for your support

QUOTES

The musical lyrics that state there's a highway to hell and a stairway to heaven, tell us something about anticipated traffic numbers.

Anna and Mike (via Aunty Pat)

The problem with losing one's memory is that when I talk to myself and I don't get to the end, I need to start all over again.



This Christmas, impress her with something expensive.

ROSTERS

ALDINGA

Welcomer
Commentator
Readers

Eucharistic Minister

Saturday 17 December

Lorraine Ellis
Michelle Cormack
Brianna McIver
Ken Creevey
David Manders

Saturday 24 December

Christina Tiedge
Tricia Dundon
Michelle Cormack
Brian Younie
Bob Daly

NORMANVILLE

Welcomer
Commentator
Reader
Altar/Cleaning

Sunday, 18 December

Peter Bohnsack
Ann Henriksen
Thia Van Kuyk
Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery

Sunday, 25 December

Peter Lloyd
Ann Henriksen
Chris Symes
Jim and Patsy Fitzpatrick

WILLUNGA

Welcomer
Commentator
Reader
Eucharistic Minister
Flowers
Church Linen

Sunday, 18 December

Brian Crosbie
John Tregeagle
Marie Cester
Andrew Beach
Vanda Farrall
Viv Zagajewska

Sunday, 25 December

Tony Harding
Marie Andrews
Vanda Farrall
Wayne Best
Michael Hynes
Wayne Best

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 15/12/22)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please follow the instructions as per SA Health in terms of contact tracing and isolating yourself as per government health protocols. Please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Wearing of face-masks in Church is strongly recommended.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home and not attend services.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- Procession of gifts has resumed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact

DID YOU KNOW?

- In Matthew's Gospel, Joseph is the main protagonist in the infancy narrative, while Luke's story of the birth of Jesus centres on Mary and her response.
- There are significant differences between the two accounts, which can be understood as reflecting the particular theological perspective of each author and the way each seeks to point to the identity of Jesus and address the concerns of his own community.
- Did you notice that there is no stable or manger in Matthew's account of Jesus' birth? Jesus is born at the home of Joseph and Mary, who live in Bethlehem.

FOURTH CANDLE

Today we relight the first three candles of the Advent Wreath — the candles of HOPE, PEACE and JOY.

Now we light the fourth candle of Advent. This is the candle of LOVE.

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because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us.'

When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

GOD IS WITH US

All four candles on the Advent wreath are brightly shining. The anticipation for Christmas is growing more intense. As the shopping centres get busier, the parties become more frequent, and the carols are sung louder and louder, how do we stay grounded in the quiet waiting of this season?

One way to stay centred in the spirit of Advent is to reflect on a single word: Emmanuel, which literally means "God with us". In one night, in one small child, in a humble stable, God came among all people in the most intimate way possible – as one of us. God, right here in our midst!

Emmanuel in our joy.
Emmanuel in our suffering.
Emmanuel in our celebration.
Emmanuel in our loneliness.
Emmanuel in our song.
Emmanuel in our silence.
Emmanuel in our work and school.
Emmanuel in our home.

God is with us in everything and through everything!

In these final days of Advent, it can be very difficult to keep a sense of quiet and prayer with so much seasonal activity going on. Think about all the ways God is truly with you this week. Think about the ways you can make God's presence known to those around you. Think about the ways you can keep the spirit of Advent alive even as everything around you speaks of Christmas.

What puts me at arm's length from

God? What keeps me from seeing and touching the goodness of God each day? What final preparations do I need to make within myself for the coming of Christmas? What can I do this week to let others know that God is with them?

GPBS eNews

SHARING THE TRADITION

- One of the common ways for God to communicate with human beings, as related in the Hebrew Scriptures, is through dreams— Abraham, Jacob, Joseph and Hannah are famous examples. In this text, God communicates the importance of this child and the integrity of his mother to Joseph using this favoured method. Being intuitive to the voice of God is an important aspect of faith.
- In the two stories that have come down to us of the birth of Jesus, one of the common aspects is the faith response of the two protagonists. Both Mary and Joseph face risking their personal security in the world of their time by choosing to cooperate in God's plan. The price, especially for Mary, is high. If she is found to have committed adultery, the penalty, under Jewish law, is death (see John 8:1-11).

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(19 - 25 December)

- **Monday, 19:** Mon 4th week, Advent (Judges 13:2-7, 24-25; Lk 1:5-25)
- **Tuesday, 20:** Tue 4th week, Advent (Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Wednesday, 21:** Wed 4th week, Advent (Song 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45)
- **Thursday, 22:** Thu 4th week, Advent (1 Sam 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56)
- **Friday, 23:** Fri 4th week, Advent (Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66)
- **Saturday, 24:** The NATIVITY of the LORD (**Christmas Eve** - Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25); (**Midnight** - Isaiah 9:1-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14)
- **Sunday 25:** The NATIVITY of the LORD (Christmas Day - Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18)

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.