



Welcome to

# Willunga Catholic Parish

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

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A**

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## PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

### Parish Administrator

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## MASS CENTRES

- Mary of Galilee, car Quinliven and How Roads, ALDINGA
- St Peter's Cape Jervis Road, NORMANVILLE
- St Joseph's, St. Judes St, WILLUNGA



## 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 my 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. R. cf. vv. 7.10*

(R.) Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. (R.)

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. (R.)

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

## 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! A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: 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,

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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  
6.00pm - Willunga

## WEEKEND MASSES

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  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday 11.30 - 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 Sunday of each month - 12.00pm.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK (during Mass)

- Aldinga: First Saturday of the month
- Normanville: First Friday of the month
- Willunga: First Friday of the month

## BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES

Please contact the Parish Office  
(08) 8556 2132

## 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.

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

From Fr. Dominick

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" Isaiah 9:6

Dear Beloved Parishioners, School families, Nursing Homes and Age cares, On behalf of my brother priests, Fr. Tom Gleeson, Fr. Julius Nyandiga CP and on my own behalf, I extend heartfelt Christmas blessings and New Year to you and your loved ones.

As we approach joyful celebration of Christmas and to prepare to begin a New Year 2026, I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude and love for each and every one of you.

In this Jubilee year of Hope and with my silver jubilee of priestly ministry, I'm privileged to serve you as Parish Administrator. I am deeply moved by the unwavering support and faith that each of you brings to our Parish Community. Your prayers, your kindness, and your dedication to our shared mission enrich my life in ways words cannot fully express. I feel truly fortunate to walk this journey of faith with all of you, as we continue to grow in God's peace, love and harmony.

As we look ahead to the new year which begins with the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, I ask for her intercession for each of you, that you may experience abundant blessings, peace and strength in the year to come. May the New Year bring renewed hope, joy, and a deeper relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to our Parish Staff, Parish Pastoral Council members, Finance Committee members, Youth groups, School Staff, Nursing homes and age care staff, Extra ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, readers, altar servers, liturgy committee members, Church cleaners, choirs, money collectors and counters, St. Vincent De Paul members, Caritas, the safeguarding team, Pastoral team, Catechists, prayer groups, YCSers and all volunteers, for

your contributions, love and support to us and the parish over the past year, may the blessings of Almighty God be with you all.

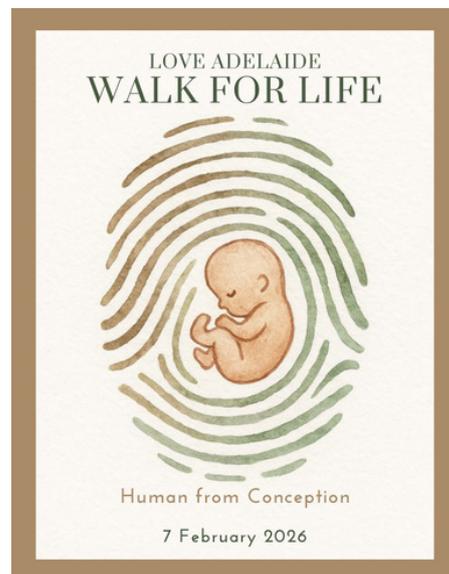
I would like to say once again, THANK YOU, from the bottom of my heart, for the gift of your presence, your prayers, and your support. Please, know that we hold each of you in our hearts and in our prayers. May God bless you abundantly this Christmas and always.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026

Fr. Dominick Okwadha

## LOVE ADELAIDE - WALK FOR LIFE

Parishioners are invited to join the Love Adelaide Walk for Life to bring an end to abortion, a peaceful witness to the dignity of human life from conception, on Saturday, 7 February 2026, 10:00 am-12:00 noon, at Pennington Gardens, opposite St Peter's Cathedral, North Adelaide (gates open 9:00 am). Free registration is required: [trybooking.com/DGGPU](http://trybooking.com/DGGPU). Participants are encouraged to wear a white shirt, bring a drink bottle, and follow event guidelines. More information at [loveadelaide.org.au](http://loveadelaide.org.au).



## ALDINGA CHRISTMAS PARTY AND CELEBRATION OF FR DOMINICK'S SILVER JUBILEE

The Aldinga community recently gathered to celebrate its Christmas get-together and Father Dominick's Silver Jubilee (25 years of faithful priestly service) at the Galilee Community Room.

The celebration was filled with joy and laughter, with Christine McWilliams delighting everyone by reciting joke after joke, alongside lively conversation as prizes and toys from Christmas poppers made their way to the tables. Several raffle prizes were also drawn, adding to the festive spirit.

A highlight of the evening was Father Dominick humorously announcing his own number as a raffle winner, much to everyone's surprise, sending the room into fits of laughter and ending the night on a joyful note.

It was indeed an intimate sit-down dinner, an occasion blessed with a warm and heartwarming meal shared in fellowship. Our sincere thanks go to the Aldinga parishioners who worked tirelessly to organise and deliver such a memorable and meaningful celebration.



Photos by Jay Peries

### ALDINGA

Welcomer  
Commentator  
Readers

Eucharistic Minister

### NORMANVILLE

Welcomer  
Commentator  
Reader  
Data Projector  
Altar/Cleaning

### WILLUNGA

Commentator  
Reader  
Eucharistic Minister  
Flowers  
Church Linen

### Saturday 20 December

Andre Woodhouse  
David Manders  
Brigid Grimwood  
Jill McHendrie  
Judi Driscoll  
Leo Montgomery  
Antoinette Fleming  
Jim Fitzpatrick  
Rita Stella  
Patricia Bohnsack & Rita Stellar

### Sunday, 21 December

Ian La Ronde  
Megan Chapman  
Andrew Beach  
Anna Rogers  
Wayne Best

### Saturday 27 December

Andre Woodhouse  
Michelle Cormack  
David Manders  
Cristina Tiedje  
Lorraine Ellis

### Sunday, 28 December

Peter Lloyd  
Michael Stellar  
Chris Symes  
Jim Fitzpatrick  
Antoinette Fleming & Ann Henriksen

### Sunday, 28 December

Anna Rogers  
Andrew Beach  
Steve Maglieri  
Viv Zagajewska  
Margaret Guley

## 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 Fonseca

**Anniversaries:** Maureen Ellis, Zenadia Castro

## EUCHARISTIC MINISTER – COMPULSORY TRAINING

An upcoming Eucharistic Minister Training session will be held on Tuesday, 20 January, at Noarlunga Catholic Parish, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

This session is ideal for first-time participants and also serves as a compulsory refresher for those who are already Eucharistic Ministers. Parishioners from across the Archdiocese, including Aldinga, Normanville, and Willunga, are warmly invited to attend.

With the reintroduction of receiving communion from the chalice, this training provides an important opportunity for formation. It has been five years since many have received the Precious Blood from the chalice, which is another form of Holy Communion. The fullness of communion is expressed through the offering of both the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine.

For further information, or if you wish to attend or are unable to attend as a refresher (for current Eucharistic Ministers), please contact Jay Peries on 0423 703 133.

## 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

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### 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, Oonagh Cook

### FINANCE COUNCIL

Christopher Symes (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

### SACRAMENTS

For more information please contact:

- Parish Office (08) 8556 2132, [admin@willungparish.org.au](mailto:admin@willungparish.org.au) or
- Jay Peries 0423 703133 or [galilee.pastoral@outlook.com](mailto:galilee.pastoral@outlook.com)

### 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)

‘Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, 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-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.

### 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.

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(22 - 28 December)

- Monday, 22: Monday 4th Week of Advent (1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5,6-7, Luke 1:46-56);
- Tuesday, 23 Tuesday 4th Week of Advent (Mal 3:1-4-23-24; Luke 1:57-66)
- Wednesday, 24: Wednesday 4th Week of Advent (2 Samuel 7:1-5, Luke 1:67-79)
- Thursday, 25: Nativity of the Lord (Is 9:1-6, Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14)
- Friday, 26: Friday Feast of St. Stephen (Acts 6:8-10,7:54-60, Matthew 10-17-22)
- Saturday, 27: Feast of St John, Apostle & Evangelist (1 John 1:1-4, John 20:1a & 2-8)
- Sunday 28: Holy Family Feast (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14), Colossians 3:12-21, Matthew 2:13-15,19-23)

**WILLUNGA**  
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

**VIVALDI**  
CONCERTI VIRTUOSI  
Concerto for Violin, Strings and basso continuo »Spring«  
Concerto B minor for Violoncello, String Orchestra RV 424

**MOZART**  
Divertimento B-flat major KV 137 »Salzburg Symphony«

**MENDELSSOHN**  
»Herr Gott Abrahams« - Aria from the oratorio »Elijah«

**SARASATE**  
»Gypsy Airs« for Violin and Orchestra op.20

**CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE**  
(Germany)

Sergey Didorenko \* Violin Jaime Roda Segrelles \* Bariton Dmitrij Gornowskij \* Violoncello

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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

### 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).