



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

Micah 5:1-4

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts

or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-44

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth.

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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)

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

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a Special Collection at Christmas Masses - Catholic Charities - Special Appeal - 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.

CHRISTMAS ROSTERS

MARY OF GALILEE, ALDINGA

Christmas Eve - Tuesday 24th

Sacristan: Lorraine Ellis
Welcome: Andrew Woodhouse
Commentary: Chris McWilliams
Reader 1: Jill McHendry
Reader 2: Cristina Tiedje
Euch Min: Lorraine Ellis
Collection: A Woodhouse, Paul
PowerPoint: Tricia Dundon

ST PETER'S, NORMANVILLE

Christmas Eve - Tuesday 24th

Welcome: Peter Bohnsack
Commentary: Antoinette Fleming
Reader: Trish Bohnsack
PowerPoint: Jim Fitzpatrick
Collection: Peter Bohnsack

Christmas Day - Wednesday 25th

Welcome: Ann Henriksen
Commentary: Chris Symes
Reader: Nigel Pile
PowerPoint: Nigel Pile
Collection: Ann Henriksen

ST JOSEPH'S, WILLUNGA

Christmas Eve - Tuesday 24

Welcome: Terry and Denny Ford
Commentary: Anna Rogers
Reader: Vanda Farrall
Powerpoint: Gael Maloney
Euch Min: Denny Ford
Sacristan: Wayne Best
Collection: Terry and Denny Ford

Christmas Midnight -

Tuesday / Wednesday 24/25

Welcome: Brian Crosbie
Commentary: Michael Hynes
Reader: Marie Andrews
PowerPoint: Michael Hynes
Euch Min: Andrew Beach
Sacristan: Andrew Beach
Collection: Brian Crosbie

Christmas Day - Wednesday 25

Welcome: Tony Harding
Commentary: Gael Maloney
Reader: Wayne Best
PowerPoint: Gael Maloney
Euch Min: Viv Zagajewska
Sacristan: Wayne Best
Collection: Tony Harding

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 Dmitrij Gornowski * Violoncello

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)

CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE

8th and 9th March, 2025

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



**OUR SOUL IS WAITING
FOR THE LORD**

*In him do our
hearts find joy. Ps 33:20*

Advent is a time of waiting, and most of us are not good at that. Time is precious, and we want quick answers and instant results. But God is outside time. To him “a day can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day”.

The time of “Advent waiting” for the Lord’s coming into our hearts is a gift to prepare ourselves spiritually for the joyful day of his birth when Jesus entered the world to redeem us. It is also the time that foreshadows the fulfilment of this joy-filled event in his Second Coming, and our longer-term spiritual preparation for it when he calls us home to himself.

Christmas is just a few days away, and perhaps you are feeling you have not prepared well enough. All the time spent on practical preparations have perhaps left little time for spiritual preparation. Don’t lose heart. Remember Peter’s words: God can do in a day what can take us four weeks to achieve! It’s never too late with the Lord, and that’s a great consolation. Like the beloved in today’s first reading, he bounds over the mountainous obstacles to claim us for his very own, and nothing—not even ourselves—can stop him.

So, in these last days, be open to God and his grace. Stop to remember what Christmas is really about. May Mary, his Mother, help us to ponder in our heart the Mystery we celebrate.

Jesus, as my soul waits for you, help me to be open to your grace. In you does my heart find joy. Amen.

Fr Christopher G Sarkis



We extend a very big thank you to all the fabulous volunteers from our Willunga Catholic Parish who helped out with cooking, serving, orders and friendly companionship during the Southern Vales Schools’ Ministry Group sausage sizzle on Saturday (14 December) at the Willunga Quarry Market.

This month the sausage sizzle for our pastoral care workers in schools was a huge success! We sold ten kilos of Willunga butcher’s beef sausages, many loaves of bread and six tubs of onions. We ran out of food only just in the last ten minutes, well done everyone.

Many thanks to Jim Elgar and Heidi Watts for preparation, pack up, clean up and financials. To our team: Marie Andrews, Michael Hynes, Terry and Denny Ford, Vanda Farrall, Wayne Best, Ian and Dorien La Ronde, Mary Moore, Marie Cester and Andrew Beach. We couldn’t have done it without you, thanks!

*Anna Rogers
on behalf of the SVSM group*

ROSTERS

ALDINGA *Saturday 21 December*
 Welcomer Andre Woodhouse
 Commentator Michelle Cormack
 Readers Rod Boucher
 Vivi Boucher
 Eucharistic Minister Brigid Grimwood

Saturday 28 December
 Andre Woodhouse
 David Manders
 Brigid Grimwood
 Michelle Cormack
 Mario Baccin

NORMANVILLE *Sunday, 22 December*
 Welcomer Tim Fleming
 Commentator Jim Fitzpatrick
 Reader Nigel Pile
 Data Projector Rita Steller
 Altar/Cleaning Trish Bohnsack, Rita Steller

Sunday, 29 December
 Peter Bohnsack
 Antoinette Fleming
 Chris Symes
 Jim Fitzpatrick
 Ann Henriksen

WILLUNGA *Sunday, 22 December*
 Commentator Michael Hynes
 Reader Andrew Beach
 Eucharistic Minister Michael Hynes,
 Flowers Mary Moore
 Church Linen Anna Rogers

Sunday, 29 December
 Vanda Farrall
 Megan Chapman
 Andrew Beach
 Vanda Farrall
 Wayne Best

**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.

Recently deceased: Maureen Ellis, Jan Stanway

Anniversaries: Pasquale Maglieri, Sarah and Christopher Lane, Anne and Ian Haese

**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

**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)

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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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Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL (Luke 1: 39-45)

At our parish we call them L.O.L.s: Little Old Ladies. They're the backbone of the community. They come to meetings, bake cakes for functions, crochet for fundraising, pray for a storm, drop their money in the baskets, bringing communion to the sick, volunteer for everything. They go about their work almost invisibly, but what they accomplish is enormous. Without L.O.L.s, someone once observed, you could close the doors of most parishes.

Elizabeth was a Little Old Lady. To look at her, one might not expect much more to come from a person of her advanced years. Certainly, the contribution of new life was biologically behind her. Yet God's grace proved that assumption wrong, as often explodes our careful theories and plans. God's grace can overshadow us and bring new life from the "too old," the "too young," and every other place where we've closed a door in our minds. God may be opening a door for you right now, in the place you least expect.

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BRING THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE HOME

This weekend usually is one of the busiest travel times of the year. Airports, bus terminals, train stations, and, of course, highways will be filled with people laden down with gifts, all trying to make it home for the holidays. Home with their loved ones is where people want to be, if at all possible. And so they are willing to withstand all sorts of incredible trials

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.

and tribulations to get to where they want to go. If some breakdown and accidents are in the mix, it is guaranteed to snarl everything. But year after year people do it.

Scripture tells us little of Mary's journey to her cousin Elizabeth home. We are given only vague details telling us that it is somewhere in the hill country and that Mary hurries there because of Elizabeth's pregnancy. It probably was a gruelling trip for her to make. But Mary does it willingly to be where she is needed. And when her own pregnancy nears completion, she will take another difficult journey, this time to Bethlehem to fulfill the words of the prophets.

Mary, this "Christ-bearer," is bringing to Elizabeth the presence of the messiah for the first time. And it has a dramatic effect on her and on the baby John in her womb. Neither would ever be the same again.

With Christmas only days away, we are challenged to bring that very same presence to all whom we will touch this Christmas holiday season. Mary has become the embodiment of what we are called to be and do as Christians in our service to one another.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(December 23 - 29)

- **Monday, 23:** Monday, 4th week
Advent (Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66)
- **Tuesday, 24:** Tuesday, 4th week
Advent (2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Lk 1:67-79)
- **Wednesday, 25:** The NATIVITY of the LORD (Specific Christmas readings for various times of day)
- **Thursday, 26:** St Stephen (Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22)
- **Friday, 27:** St John, (1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:2-8:)
- **Saturday, 28:** The Holy Innocents (1 Jn 1:5 - 2:2; Mt 2:13-18)
- **Sunday 29:** The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28; 1Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52)