



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - YEAR C

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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 (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

2 Samuel 5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 121:1-5

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house." And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. <R>
2. Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. <R>
3. For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. <R>

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:12-20

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 11:9,10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 23:35-43

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus.

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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

(NB: This roster may be changed if something unforeseen crops up)

15 Nov	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Dominick
16 Nov	8.30am, Willunga, Fr Dominick 10.30am, N/ville, Fr Tom
22 Nov	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Julius
23 Nov	8.30am, N/ville, Fr Julius 10.30am, Willunga, Fr Julius
29 Nov	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Dominick 8.30am, Willunga, Fr Tom 10.30am, N/ville, Fr Dominick

ADORATION, ROSARY, EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION

Friday	5.00pm - Adoration, St Joseph's, Willunga, prior to 6.00pm Mass
1st Friday	11.30am - 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 Saturday of each month -12.00pm.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK (during Mass)

- Aldinga: First Saturday of the month
- Normanville: First Friday of the month
- Willunga: to be confirmed.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

NOVEMBER - THE MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

The month of November is traditionally a time when Catholics remember those who have died. We pray for all the faithful departed, and especially for the relatives, friends and neighbours who have brightened our lives.

The names of deceased people to be prayed for during November, can be entered in the Book of Remembrance, available in the foyer at each of our three communities. These people will be remembered especially, during our Parish Masses during November.

ST PETER'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH

St Peter's community will be holding their Christmas lunch on Sunday 7 December, following 10.30am Mass. Put the date in your calendar now.

CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY RETREAT DAY Sunday, December 7

We're beginning again for the first time. LOVE is calling us into the NOW of BEING.

Come and join us on the journey
The Living Flame of Love
Is leading us!



*I have called you by name,
you are mine. Isaiah 43:3*

ALL WELCOME

Sunday, December 7, 2025
St Joseph's Church Hall
7 St George Street, Willunga

- 9.30am Morning Tea
- 10am til 3.30pm finish the day

Please bring some food to share for morning tea and lunch.
Tea and coffee supplied.

To register notify:
Clare Hickey (0411 843 911) *or*
Roby Schrama (0414 365 234) *or*
Tom Gleeson: (0438 153 489)

GALILEE CATHOLIC CHURCH FIRE DRILL AND LOCKDOWN DRILL (Save the Date!)

We kindly ask for you to remain after Mass on Saturday 29th November 2025 for a brief practice of evacuation

and lockdown procedures. Feel welcome to volunteer as a Fire Warden or First Aid Warden. Contact Brigid Grimwood (0404 278754)

BOOK LAUNCH

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan DD, will launch:

*Pope Francis: The Disruptive
Pilgrim's Guide*
By Fr Frank Brennan, SJ, AO

Date: Tuesday 9th Dec 2025 at 2 pm
Venue: Parish Hall next to St Ignatius' Church
137 William Street, Norwood
RSVP: hdregan@atf.org.au by 1 Dec 2026

Book available for purchase at special launch price of \$25.00 soft cover.

COUNCIL FOR INTEGRAL ECOLOGY – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

We welcome expressions of interest to join the council for Integral Ecology. The Council for Integral Ecology is committed to promoting care for the environment and addressing social justice, peace and human development within the Archdiocese of Adelaide. For more information or to send an expression of interest please contact: Sanjay Mohanaraj, Chair: Council for Integral Ecology at jhi@adelaide.catholic.org.au Expressions of Interest close December 15 2025.

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



FAMILY MASS CELEBRATED AT MARY OF GALILEE IN ALDINGA



A well-attended Family Mass was celebrated last Saturday at Mary of Galilee in Aldinga. We were blessed to be joined by the children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Photos courtesy of Jay Peries

ROSTERS

ALDINGA

Saturday 22 November
 Welcomer André Woodhouse
 Commentator David Manders
 Readers Jill McHendrie
 Michelle Cromack
 Eucharistic Minister Mario Bacchin

Saturday 15 November

André Woodhouse
 Cristina Tiedje
 Carla Thomas
 Brigid Grimwood
 Judi Driscoll

NORMANVILLE

Sunday, 23 November
 Welcomer Peter Lloyd
 Commentator Thia Van Kuyk
 Reader Anna Vanuk
 Data Projector Jim Fitzpatrick
 Altar/Cleaning Chris, Symes & Anna Vanuk

Sunday, 30 November

Tim Fleming
 Patricia Bohnsack
 Thia Van Kuyk
 Rita Stellar
 Chris, Symes & Anna Vannuk

WILLUNGA

Sunday, 23 November
 Commentator Garry Triffett
 Reader Andrew Beach
 Eucharistic Minister Marie Cester
 Flowers Tony Harding
 Church Linen Barb Triffett

Sunday, 30 November

John Tregeagle
 Marie Andrews
 Viv Zagajewska
 Vanda Farrall
 Tamaran La Ronde

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

Recently deceased: David Hibbert

2025 DATES

- 7 Dec St Peter's Christmas lunch
- 16 Nov St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal
- 12 Dec Last day School term 4
- 25 Dec Catholic Charities Appeal
- 17 Jan Women's Tour Down Under Start and finish at Willunga. 11.10am start, 3.02pm finish
- 24 Jan Men's Tour Down Under Finishes Willunga 3.02pm
- 25 Jan Cologne Philharmonia Two concerts at St Joseph's 2.00pm and 7.00pm

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a Special Collection this weekend for the St Vincent de Paul Appeal.

HOLY FATHER'S 2025 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to the gardeners who have been doing an amazing job at St Joseph's lately. We're also delighted to see the progress with the installation of the glass windows on the shed. We're grateful to all who have helped in ways big and small, may you continue to support our churches in all ways possible.

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

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)
- **St Peter's, Normanville** - Please contact Willunga Parish Office (08) 8556 2132

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES

Please contact the Parish Office (08) 8556 2132

SACRAMENTS

For more information please contact:

- Parish Office (08) 8556 2132, admin@willungparish.org.au or
- Kim Calderbank (08) 8550 2200 kim.calderbank@cardijn.catholic.edu.au

INTEGRITY & SAFEGUARDING

We are committed to the care, well-being and protection of children, young people and adults at risk.

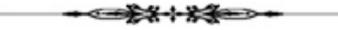
- Michael Hynes (Willunga Parish contact - 0490 677 314)
- Integrity and Safeguarding Dept (8210 8150 - select Option 2)



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As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'



HOPE IN THE CARPARK

Hannah sat alone in her parked car outside the parish after-school program, gripping the steering wheel. She'd just picked up her son, Caleb, who had been suspended earlier that day for swearing at a teacher. He was now silent in the back seat, staring out the window, refusing to talk. Everything inside Hannah felt heavy – embarrassment, frustration, worry. She wondered where she had gone wrong, and whether anyone at church would even look at her the same way again.

Just then, someone tapped on her window. It was Tom who ran the after-school program, holding a small bag of leftover afternoon-tea biscuits. He smiled, as if he'd been expecting her. "Rough day?" he asked gently. She nodded, unable to speak. Caleb wouldn't meet his eyes.

Tom crouched down beside the open car door. "You know," he said, "in the Gospel, there's a man who turns to Jesus at the very end of a very messy life. He says, 'Remember me.' And Jesus doesn't shame him. He doesn't lecture him. He just says, 'Today you will be with me.' That's the kind of God we have."

Caleb finally looked up, eyes wet. "Even if I've stuffed up?" he whispered.

"Especially then," Tom replied.

Something softened in Hannah – like a knot loosening. They weren't being judged. They weren't being written off. They were being remembered.

Caleb reached for the bag of biscuits. Hannah let out a breath she didn't know she was holding. It wasn't a fix. It wasn't all better. But it was hope. And for that moment, it was enough. *GPBS eNews*

ADVENT



Advent is the season of new beginnings. A new liturgical year begins on the First Sunday of Advent (next Sunday - 30 November) and it beckons to us with images of transformation and hope. It is the season of the impossible becoming possible. In the scriptures we read of the dry, barren wilderness bursting into bloom; of broken hearts healing; of a barren woman and a young virgin both conceiving children. It is the season of longing and light. Week by week, candles are lit on the Advent wreath signifying our longing for the light of Christ, as the time of his birth draws near.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(24 - 30 November)

- **Monday, 24:** Sts Andrew Dūng-Lac and companions (Dan 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4)
- **Tuesday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 34 (Dan 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11)
- **Wednesday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 34 (Dan 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19)
- **Thursday, 27:** Weekday, Ord Time 34 (Dan 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28)
- **Friday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 34 (Dan 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33)
- **Saturday, 29:** Weekday, Ord Time 34 (Dan 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36)
- **Sunday 30:** FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT (Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44)

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. In an emergency call Fr Dominick (0421 074 212).