



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

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- Bob Daly (Parish Finance Officer - 0416 156 213, dalybc@iinet.net.au)

MASS CENTRES

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

MASS TIMES

- SATURDAY EVENING 5.30pm
Aldinga Beach (Mary of Galilee)
(Some changes for Nov - see page 3)
- FIRST, THIRD, FIFTH SUNDAYS
8.30am Willunga (St Joseph's)
10.30am Normanville (St Peter's)
(Some changes for Nov - see page 3)
- SECOND, FOURTH SUNDAYS
8.30am Normanville (St Peter's)
10.30am Willunga (St Joseph's)
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FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into plough-shares, their spears into sickles.
Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away.

It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, (Continued page 4)



Bulletin Board

MASS TIMES

Mass times will be back to normal from the beginning of December.

WILLUNGA PARISH NOVEMBER MASS TIMES

Sat 26 5.30am Galilee (Fr Tom)
Sun 27 10.30am St Joseph's (Fr Josy) 12.15pm St Peter's (Fr Josy)

Mon 28 No Masses - 9am St Luke's
Tue 29 9.15am Galilee (Fr Dominick)
Wed 30 9.00am St Joseph's (Fr Tom)

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

SACRAMENT OF 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). Again, all parishioners are welcome to attend.

ANNUAL LEAVE

- *Fr Dominick* returns from Annual Leave this weekend.
- *Sr Margaret Ann* will be away until 5 December. While she is away, please ring Gael Maloney (0447 421 948). If she can't help you, she will find someone who can.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

From the weekend of 26 and 27 November there will be Christmas Giving Trees at Mary of Galilee and St Joseph Willunga Churches. On the trees are tags with suggested items of food or toys that can be donated to the Willunga Conference to add to the Christmas Hampers being prepared by the conference.

If you would like to make a donation of food or toys, please take tags and return the items to either Galilee or Willunga Churches by Sunday 11 December. We are preparing the Christmas Hampers on the following weekend, 17 and 18 December for distribution on the Monday 19 December. Donated items are needed by Sunday 12 December please.

The conference has placed a Giving Tree in the Aldinga Central Shopping Centre outside of the Coles Supermarket. If it is more convenient, please drop off donated food or toys at Aldinga Central Shopping Centre.

Mario Bacchin



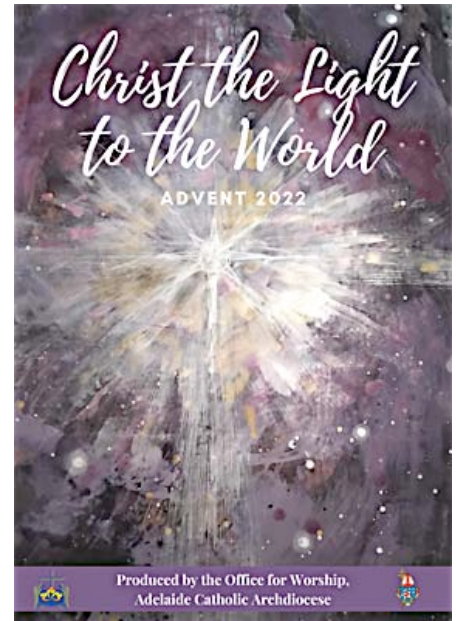
CAN YOU HELP?

It is the turn of Catholic parishioners to run the Sausage Sizzle at the Quarry Market on Saturday, 10 December. The market operates from 8.30am until 1.00pm. We need six volunteers to each work for 1½ hours. Proceeds support the Schools' Ministry Group, who subsidise the Pastoral Care Workers in our local schools.

Please contact Anna (0414 266 528) for more information, or to let her know you can help out.

Anna Rogers

ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKS



Advent Reflection books, produced by the Office for Worship, are available free of charge from Church foyers this weekend. The theme this year is "Christ the Light to the World"

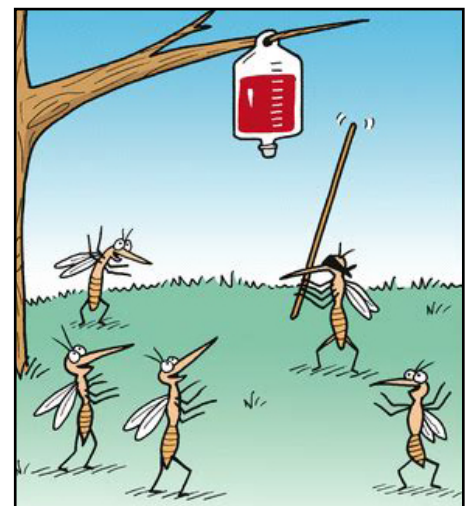
They are suitable for either personal reflection or as a starting point for small group discussion.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

If you missed ordering your Columban calendar earlier in the year, we still have two left. Calendars are \$10 each. Please contact Gael Maloney if you would like to purchase one (0447 421 948).

CARDIJN COLLEGE GALILEE

Thanksgiving Mass will be held at Mary of Galilee Church on Tuesday 29 November at 9.15am. All welcome.



CREATIVE CORNER

The Galilee Creative Corner craft group raised just over \$520 at their end of year craft / plant / food stall at Aldinga Shopping Centre last week. All proceeds go to Southern Domestic Violence Action group.

It has been a fun year of art and crafts, listening to stories and sharing lives.

If you are interested in joining in 2023 contact Vivi (0490 331 935) or Trish (0421 867 669). *Vivi Boucher*

SALE OF CHRISTMAS CARD PACKS

St Vincent de Paul produced Christmas Card packs will be on sale at the three Mass Centres from this weekend (26 and 27 November) until sold out. They are excellent value at \$7.00 for a pack of ten cards.

All proceeds from the sales will go to St Vincent de Paul Willunga Conference. *Mario Bacchin*



BE A PART OF A STUDY

Resthaven have partnered with Flinders University to facilitate the iSupport study. iSupport is aimed at supporting informal carers of people with dementia and in return the carer will receive a \$50 gift card for each month they are involved (12 months total).

iSupport for Dementia is an online education program for informal carers (family, friends, and neighbours), originally developed by the World Health Organisation (WHO). In Australia, the program contains 6 modules eg being a carer, caring for me, etc.

We would like to know informal carers' experiences of using the Australian iSupport program, and are seeking expressions of interest to participate in this research. We estimate that the total time commitment involved in participating in the trial is for 21 hours over 12 months.

Participants will receive a \$50 gift voucher each month for 12 months as a token of appreciation for your time in contributing to the study.

You are invited to the study if you are an informal carer aged 18 years old or over or you provide care support at home for a person with dementia at least twice a week.

There are a few ways to express your interest in participating in the research. You can text a message or telephone the facilitator, Tanae Ormsby (0407 455 751) or email the researcher to express your interest in participation:

tanae.ormsby@resthaven.asn.au

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, Tony Grimwood, Heidi Kunzelmann, Norah Lejbik, Paul Hancock

Recently deceased: John Smith
(John's funeral will be held at St Peter's Anglican Cathedral, North Adelaide at 10.00am on 10 December)

DATES

- 1 Dec World AIDS Day
- 4 Dec Second Sunday of Advent
- 10 Dec Sausage Sizzle - Quarry Market, Willunga
- 12 Dec Deadline for food and toys - Vinnies Christmas Hampers
- 11 Dec Third Sunday of Advent
- 18 Dec Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 18 Dec Carols - Yankalilla 5.00pm
- 25 Dec Christmas Day
- 25 Dec Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Appeal

IS LOVE ENOUGH?

A relationship education course for couples preparing to marry or in a long-term relationship. This group is based on current research about what makes long term relationships successful. A variety of topics are explored including communication and problem solving.

When: Saturday 4 March
9.30am - 4.30pm

Where: Centacare, Level 2 - 45 Wakefield St Adelaide

Bookings essential - please contact Centacare (8215 6700 or registrations@centacare.org.au)

ROSTERS

ALDINGA *Saturday 26 November*
Welcomer Christina Tiedge
Commentator Christina Tiedge
Readers David Manders
Michelle Cormack
Eucharistic Minister Mario Bacchin

NORMANVILLE *Sunday, 27 November*
Welcomer Leo Montgomery
Commentator Trish Bohnsack
Reader Jim Fitzpatrick
Altar/Cleaning Ann Henriksen

WILLUNGA *Sunday, 27 November*
Commentator Wayne Best
Reader Marie Andrews
Eucharistic Minister Steve Maglieri
Flowers Marie Andrews
Church Linen Anna Rogers

Saturday 3 December
Kate Manders
Dvid Manders
Bob Daly
Heidi Davidson
Maria Jarvis-Maack

Sunday, 4 December
Volunteer please
Thia Van Kuyk
Ann Henriksen
Ann Henriksen

Sunday, 4 December
Anna Rogers
Megan Chapman
Wayne Best
Anna Rogers
Marie Cester

CAROLS IN YOUR CAR

YANKALILLA

MEMORIAL PARK OVAL

5.00pm SUNDAY DEC 18th

You are welcome to bring along a rug or chairs and sit on the oval

Organised by the local churches
Contact
0427 534 095



COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 25/11/22)



- 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

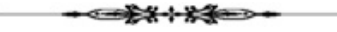
DID YOU KNOW?

- Advent is a four week season of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. The word 'advent' means coming. Advent takes up this theme in looking forward to the coming of Christ at Christmas, and especially in looking towards the future coming of Christ at the end times.
- The early church believed that the second coming of Christ—the Parousia—was imminent. It could happen at any moment.
- The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the church's liturgical year.
- This is Year A of the liturgical calendar, during which the Lectionary readings come predominantly from the Gospel of Matthew.

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he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house.

Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'



EXPLORING THE WORD

Matthew's Gospel is written for a mostly Jewish audience who had converted to Christianity. Because of this Jewish background, Matthew often uses images and incidents from the Hebrew Scriptures or Old Testament, with which his community is very familiar. For Matthew, Jesus is the fulfilment of the prophecies of old, and the Messiah who has long been awaited. In this text, Jesus twice uses the title 'Son of Man' to describe himself. It is an ambiguous term because it can simply mean a human being but is also used in the Hebrew Scriptures to refer to the one who will be judge and saviour of all.

SHARING THE TRADITION

The celebration of a feast to honour the birth of Jesus did not emerge in the West until the fourth century. Scholars generally note that by ad 336, such a feast was in place and celebrated in Rome on 25 December. This comparatively late development of a feast to celebrate the birth of Christ may seem surprising to contemporary Christians, for whom Christmas is so central. However, we must remember that the earliest Christians expected the glorious return of Christ in their own lifetimes. It was only with time and an obvious delay to the Second Coming that such a feast could emerge. Furthermore, time provided the opportunity for a greater and more mature theological reflection on the mysteries of the incarnation and the Second Coming.

Advent, as a period of preparation for the feast of Christmas, developed later still. There is no evidence of such a preparatory time in Rome until well into the sixth century. It was Pope Gregory the Great (ad 590–604) who established a four-week liturgical preparation for Christmas, but the eschatological (end-time) themes of the Second Coming were not established until the Middle Ages.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

Advent has a past, present and future dimension. We look back to the events of Bethlehem when Christ first entered the world; we reflect on Christ's presence today, and we look forward with joy to the future coming of Christ. Today's gospel reminds us that we must be ready for that coming.



THE NIGHT IS FAR FROM SPENT

We know for sure that Santa Claus is coming to town; and so is Snoopy, Peanuts, Frosty, the Grinch, Rudolph, and more seasonal visitors than we may care to name. We also know that Jesus is coming, but he doesn't advertise his arrival as relentlessly as these others so we aren't sure quiet when. Will he arrive in time for the holidays? Too late to stop the next war? Too soon for me to acquire all the things I'd like to have in this world?

This is the Advent from which the season takes its name. Jesus is coming, and his advent is the one all these modern myths seek to recreate. Will Charlie Brown find the real meaning of Christmas? Only with a Scripture-quoting friend like Linus. Will the Grinch get a life? Only if he opens his eyes to the world he's always had. Jesus is coming all the time, but we won't know it if we refuse to change. That is the purpose of Advent, to give us fair notice that it's time to take time seriously.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(28 November - 04 December)

- **Monday, 28:** Monday 1st week Advent (Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11)
- **Tuesday, 29:** Tuesday 1st week Advent (Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24)
- **Wednesday, 30:** St Andrew (Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22)
- **Thursday, 01:** Thursday 1st week Advent (Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27)
- **Friday, 02:** Friday 1st week Advent (Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31)
- **Saturday, 03:** St Francis Xavier (Is 30: 19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 6-8)
- **Sunday 04:** SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT (Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12)

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.