



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - 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 (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

Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull, and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

There she left him, for the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

1. How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God. <R>
2. They are happy, who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise. They are happy, whose strength is in you; they walk with ever growing strength. <R>
3. Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer, give ear, O God of Jacob. Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, took on the face of your anointed. <R>

SECOND READING

1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

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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

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

28 Dec	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Tom
29 Dec	8.30am, Willunga, Fr Julius 10.30am, N/Ville, Fr Julius
04 Jan	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Dominick
05 Jan	8.30am, Willuga, Fr Dominick 10.30am, N/Ville, Fr Tom
11 Jan	5.30am, Aldinga, Fr Julius
12 Jan	8.30am, N/Ville, Fr Julius 10.30am, Willunga, Fr Tom
18 Jan	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Tom
19 Jan	8.30am, Willunga, Fr Dominick 10.30am, N/Ville, Fr Dominick
25 Jan	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Julius
26 Jan	8.30am, N/Ville, Fr Julius 10.30am, Willunga, Fr Julius

NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

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

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in the manger.

CHRIST'S BIRTH IN BETHLEHEM – SOOTHING OR DISTURBING?

I've never been fully comfortable with some of my friends who send out Christmas cards with messages like: *May the Peace of Christ Disturb You!* Can't we have one day a year to be happy and celebrate without having our already unhappy selves shaken with more guilt? Isn't Christmas a time when we can enjoy being children again? Moreover, as Karl Rahner once said, isn't Christmas a time when God gives us permission to be happy? So why not?

Well, it's complex. Christmas is a time when God gives us permission to be happy, when the voice of God

says: *Comfort my people. Be comforted! Speak words of comfort!*

But Christmas is also a time that highlights the sad truth that when God was born in our world two thousand years ago, there wasn't room for that birth in all the normal homes and places of the day. *There was no room for him at the inn.* Peoples' busy lives and practical concerns kept them from offering him a place to be born. That hasn't changed. So, there are also good reasons to be disturbed.

But first, the comfort: A number of years ago, I participated in a large diocesan synod. At one point the animator in charge had us divide into small groups and each group was asked the question: What's the single most-important message the church needs to say to the world right now?

The groups reported back and each group named some important spiritual or moral challenge: *"We need to challenge our society toward more justice!"* *"We need to challenge the world to have real faith and not confuse God's word with its own wishes."* *"We need to challenge our world toward a more responsible sexual ethos."* Wonderful, needed challenges, all of them. But no group came back and said: *"We need to speak to the world of God's consolation!"*

Granted, there is injustice, violence, racism, sexism, greed, selfishness, sexual irresponsibility, and self-serving faith around; but most adults in our world are also living in pain, anxiety, disappointment, loss, depression, and unresolved guilt. Everywhere you look, you see heavy hearts. Moreover, many people living with hurt and disappointment do not

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 Gornovskij * 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)

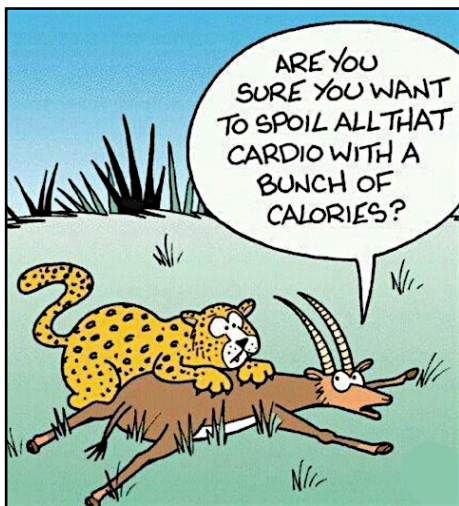
see God and the church as an answer to their pain but rather as somehow part of its cause.

So, in preaching God's word, our churches need to assure the world of God's love, God's concern, and God's forgiveness. Perhaps before doing anything else, God's word is meant to comfort us; indeed, to be the ultimate source of all comfort. Only when the world knows God's consolation will it be more open to accept the concomitant challenge.

And prominent in that challenge is to make room for Christ at the inn, namely, to open our hearts, our homes, and our world as places where Christ can come and live, no matter how inconvenient that may be. From the safe distance of two thousand years, we too easily make a scathing judgment on the people at the time of Jesus' birth for not knowing what Mary and Joseph were carrying and for not making a place for Jesus to be born. How could they be so blind?

But that same judgment can still be made of us. We aren't exactly making room in our own inns.

When a new person is born into this world, he or she takes a space where before there was no one. Sometimes that new person is warmly welcomed and a loving space is created and everyone around is happy for this new invasion. But that isn't always the case; sometimes, as was the case with Jesus, there is no space created



for the new person and his or her presence is not welcomed.

We see this today (and this will constitute a judgment on our generation) in the reluctance, almost all over the world, to welcome new immigrants, to make room for them at the inn. If Christ is in the poor, in the stranger, and the Gospels assure us that he is, then Christ is surely in the immigrant. Today there are over fifty million refugees in the world, people whom no one will welcome. Why not?

We are not bad people and are capable most times of being wonderfully generous. But letting this flood of immigrants enter our lives would disturb us. Our lives would have to change. We would lose some of our present comforts, some of our old familiarities, and some of our securities.

We are not bad people, neither were those innkeepers two thousand years ago who, not knowing what they were dealing with, in inculpable ignorance, turned Mary and Joseph away. I've always nursed a secret sympathy for them. Maybe because I am still, also in ignorance, doing exactly what they did. My comfort and security often have me say, *No room at the inn.*

The skewed circumstances of Christ's birth, if understood, cannot but disturb. May they also bring deep consolation. *Ronald Rolheiser*

You can read, or download, Ron Rolheiser's weekly columns from his website at: www.ronrolheiser.com

ROSTERS

ALDINGA *Saturday 28 December*
 Welcomer Andre Woodhouse
 Commentator David Manders
 Readers Brigid Grimwood
 Michelle Cormack
 Eucharistic Minister Mario Baccin

NORMANVILLE *Sunday, 29 December*
 Welcomer Peter Bohnsack
 Commentator Antoinette Fleming
 Reader Chris Symes
 Data Projector Jim Fitzpatrick
 Altar/Cleaning Ann Henriksen

WILLUNGA *Sunday, 29 December*
 Commentator Vanda Farrall
 Reader Megan Chapman
 Eucharistic Minister Andrew Beach
 Flowers Vanda Farrall
 Church Linen Wayne Best

Saturday 04 January
 Andre Woodhouse
 Cristina Tiedje
 David Manders
 Ken Creevey
 Judi Driscoll

Sunday, 05 January

TO BE ADVISED

Sunday, 05 January
 Gael Maloney
 Jacinta Best
 Steve Maglieri
 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: Jan Stanway

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

2025 DATES

- 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
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day

COLLECTIONS

14/15 : 21/22 : 24/25 December

First collection	\$1027.00
Envelopes	\$735.00
Unpledged	\$850.00
Special Collection	\$2612.00

(Catholic Charities)

(Not including direct debits)

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.



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

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Chris McWilliams (Secretary)
Thia van Kuyk (Finance Officer)
Martin Morgan (Cemeteries)
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- **St Peter's, Normanville** - Please contact Willunga Parish Office (08) 8556 2132 or 0447 421 948

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES

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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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My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Open our heart, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

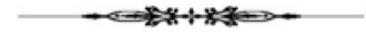
Luke 2:41-52

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They

were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.'

'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(December 30 - January 5)

- **Monday, 30:** 6th day, Octave of the Nativity (1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40)
- **Tuesday, 31:** 7th day, Octave of the Nativity (1 Jn 2:18-21; Gal 4:4-7; Jn 1:1-18)
- **Wednesday, 01:** MARY, the Holy MOTHER of GOD (Num 6:22-27; Lk 2:16-21)
- **Thursday, 02:** Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen (1Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28)
- **Friday, 03:** Friday before the Epiphany (1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34)
- **Saturday, 04:** Saturday before the Epiphany (1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42)
- **Sunday 05:** The EPIPHANY of the LORD (Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12)



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 0447 421 948.