



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 B**

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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**

***Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3***

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great'.

'My Lord,' Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless ...' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir'. And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood'. Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

***Ps 104:1-6, 8-9***

*The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.*

## **SECOND READING**

***Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19***

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

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# Bulletin Board

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

(Times on front page of this bulletin)

## PRIEST ROSTER WEEKENDS

(This roster may change if something unforeseen crops up)

01 Jan 9.00am - Willunga, Fr Tom  
05 Jan 9.00am - Willunga, Fr Tom  
06 Jan 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick  
07 Jan 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick  
10.30am - N/Ville, Fr Tom  
13 Jan 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick  
14 Jan 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Josy  
10.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy  
20 Jan 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy  
21 Jan 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick  
10.30am - N/ville, Fr Dominick  
27 Jan 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy  
28 Jan 8.30am - N/ville, Fr Dominick  
10.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom

## NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

Fr Tom will be celebrating Mass for New Year's Day (Mary, the Holy Mother of God) at 9.00am on Monday, 1 January, 2024 at St Joseph's, Willunga. All parishioners are most welcome to attend.

## ADVANCE NOTICE

### Second Sunday in January

On Sunday 14 January the Women's Tour Down Under event will be travelling through Willunga twice. Mass at Willunga would normally have been at 10.30am (second Sunday in the month) and Normanville Mass at 8.30am.

The large crowds and road closures in and around Willunga mid-morning will make it very difficult for any St Joseph's parishioners to get both to and from a 10.30am Mass. For this reason, Masses at both centres have been rescheduled. **Mass will be celebrated at 8.30am at St Joseph's and at 10.30am at St Peter's.**

## 2024 RESOLUTIONS PERHAPS??

- Live your best life ... and only buy pants with no buttons or zippers.
- Finish all the DIY projects you started and abandoned in 2023.

Sunday 28th January 2024 at 3 pm and 8 pm

**WILLUNGA**  
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

**VIVALDI**  
THE FOUR SEASONS  
4 Concertos for Violin, Strings and basso continuo

**MOZART**  
Aria »Canzonetta« from the opera Don Giovanni

**POPPER**  
»Tarantella« for Violoncello and Orchestra op.33

**PAGANINI**  
»Carnival in Venice« for Violin and Orchestra

**CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE**  
(Germany)

Sergey Didorenko \* Violin Jaime Roda Segrelles \* Baritone Dima Gornowskij \* Violoncello

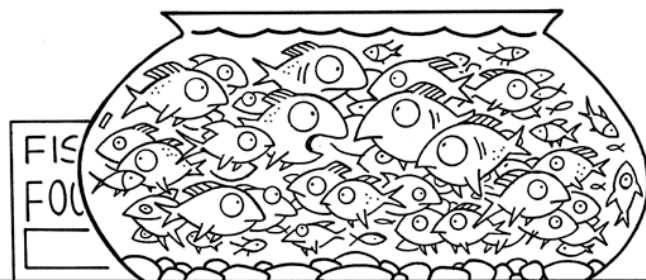
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Tickets available at  
Willunga Catholic Parish Centre, 12 St. Jude Street,  
SA Willunga 5172, Tel. 0447 / 421 948  
Doorsales one hour prior to the concerts - unless sold out previously (cash sales only)

## COLOGNE PHILHARMONIA CONCERT

The Cologne Philharmonia group will be performing at St Joseph's, Willunga on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 3.00pm and 8.00pm (same programme for each). Our parishioners are always given advance notice of this concert - and first option on tickets. However, once the company begins their own advertising, the best seats may no longer be available. We offer designated seating. Patrons won't need to queue for tickets and their seats will be waiting for them when they arrive. Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$35 for children under 12. Seats will be allocated when we receive payment.

For bookings please contact Gael Maloney (0447 421 948 - leave a message, if necessary). Payments by cash or bank transfer - no cheques please.  
Bank Acc: Concert tickets - BSB: 065-188 - Acc no: 100 622 69 - Ref: Your surname.



"Why didn't you tell me your relatives were coming for the holidays?!"



## ST JOSEPH'S and ST PETER'S CEMETERIES

The charges for both Burial and Memorial Leases, as well as most of the fees associated with an interment, will be increased from the beginning of February. These increases, the first since July 2019, will apply to both our Parish cemeteries (St Peter's, Normanville and St Joseph's, Willunga) and have become necessary because of the significant rising costs of maintenance and other services.

If there are any parishioners who have been putting off buying a plot and would still like to purchase one at the old price, please contact one of our Cemetery Curators soon.

Curators at Willunga are Martin Morgan, Michael Hynes or Tony Harding and at Normanville, Peter Bohnsack.

*Thank you!*

Special thanks to parishioners from Willunga and Aldinga for their great generosity in donating so many non-perishable items for our St Vincent de Paul pantry. Our cupboard is now full to the brim with essential items that will be available to those who will need emergency relief and assistance.

As you are aware Vinnies rely on the kindness of those who want to reach out to others less fortunate than themselves.

*Christine Jones*

## NEW YEAR'S TRADITIONS AROUND THE WORLD

Some New Year's traditions include:

- *Japan: The Japanese start off the year with a warm bowl of soba noodles. The tradition reportedly started in the Kamakura period, and it is believed that eating the long thin noodles symbolizes a literal break away from the old year.*
- *Denmark: Danish people start the year by throwing old plates to bring loved ones good luck. The belief is that the more broken kitchenware you accumulate on your doorstep, the better off you'll be.*
- *Spain: Celebrate the new year with a fruity tradition by eating 12 grapes, which symbolize each strike of the clock. The tradition of las doce uvas de la suerte started in the late 19th century and is believed to ward off evil and boost prosperity and luck.*



## PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre Boyd, Jim Smith, Janette McIver, Marie Andrews, Michael Casey

**Anniversaries:** Sarah and Christopher Lane, Anne and Ian Haese

*Please pray for all the faithful departed and may all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ.*

## DATES

- 1 Jan New Year's Day
- 14 Jan Women's Tour Down Under event - Willunga
- 20 Jan Men's Tour Down Under event - Willunga
- 28 Jan Philharmonia Cologne concerts 3.00pm and 8.00pm
- 29 Jan First day, School term 1
- 14 Feb Ash Wednesday
- 18 Feb 1st Sunday of Lent
- 25 Feb 2nd Sunday of Lent
- 3 Mar 3rd Sunday of Lent
- 10 Mar 4th Sunday of Lent
- 17 Mar 5th Sunday of Lent
- 18 Mar St Patrick's Day
- 24 Mar Palm Sunday of the Passion
- 28 Mar Thursday of Lord's supper
- 29 Mar Friday of Passion of the Lord
- 30 Mar Holy Saturday
- 31 Mar Sunday of the Resurrection
- 12 Apr Last day School term 1
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day
- 29 Apr First day School term 2

## ROSTERS

<b>ALDINGA</b>	<b>Saturday 30 December</b>	<b>Saturday 06 January</b>
Welcomer	A Woodhouse, C Kelly	A Woodhouse, N Ellis
Commentator	Cristina Tiedje	Tricia Dundon
Readers	Chris McWilliams	Jill McHendrie
	Michelle Cormack	David Manders
Eucharistic Minister	Lorraine Ellis	Maria Jarvis Maack
<b>NORMANVILLE</b>	<b>Sunday, 31 December</b>	<b>Sunday, 07 January</b>
Welcomer	Peter Lloyd	Leo Montgomery
Commentator	Trish Bohnsack	Ena Harvey
Reader	Nigel Pile	Chris Symes
Altar/Cleaning	Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery	Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery
<b>WILLUNGA</b>	<b>Sunday, 31 December</b>	<b>Sunday, 07 January</b>
Commentator	John Tregagle	Wayne Best
Reader	Norman Lee	Ian La Ronde
Eucharistic Minister	Steve Maglieri	Marie Cester
Flowers	Tony Harding	Michael Hynes
Church Linen	Viv Zagajewska	Margaret Oomans

## 2024 PARISH APPEALS CALENDAR

- Feb 11 Day of the Unborn Child
- Feb 14 (Ash Wednesday) - Project Compassion
- Mar 29 (Good Friday) - Holy Places Appeal
- May 12 St Vincent de Paul - Winter
- Jun 30 Holy Father's Appeal
- Jul 7 NATSICC Appeal
- Jul 14 Stella Maris - Sea Sunday
- Aug 11 Vocations Appeal
- Sept Catholic Charities Month
- Oct 5/6 Supporting Clergy Campaign
- Oct 20 World Mission Month
- Nov 10 St Vincent de Paul - Christmas
- Dec 25 Catholic Charities

## COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 29/12/23)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home until you have fully recovered.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are also requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at Church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands.

### GOSPEL BACKGROUND

Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are presented in today's Gospel as a faithful Jewish family. They are participating in the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, an event shared each year with family and friends. When Jesus is found, Luke describes him as seated in the Temple in the midst of the Jewish teachers. Although he is young, Jesus seems not to need teaching about his Jewish tradition. In his dialogue with these learned teachers, Jesus astounds them with his insight and understanding. Jesus is a child of Israel. His Father is God.

The dialogue between Mary and Jesus contains many references to family relationships. In fact, in this Gospel reading Mary and Joseph are never identified by name. Instead they are referred to by their relationship to Jesus. Ultimately, this emphasizes Luke's point about the identity of Jesus. When Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple, they question Jesus and express their anxiety. Jesus replies in words that many have thought to be disrespectful. Jesus says that he was never lost; he was at home. Jesus is God's Son, and he is in his Father's house. Luke will continue to suggest that faith in Jesus establishes new family relationships as he describes Jesus' public ministry.

In Luke's Gospel, Mary's importance is even greater than her role as Jesus' mother. Mary is the first disciple and will be present with Jesus' disciples after his Resurrection at Pentecost to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone. Because of this, Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan for salvation.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Heb 1:1-2*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son.*

*Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*Luke 2:22-40*

"When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord - observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected - and a sword will pierce your own soul too - so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years.

Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(1 - 7 January)

- **Monday, 1:** MARY, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD (Num 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21)
- **Tuesday, 2:** Sts Basil the Great and Gregory (1Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28)
- **Wednesday, 3:** Wednesday, before Epiphany (1Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34)
- **Thursday, 4:** Thursday before the Epiphany (1Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42)
- **Friday, 5:** Friday before the Epiphany (1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51)
- **Saturday, 6:** Saturday before the Epiphany (1Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:6-11)
- **Sunday 7:** 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 0488 287 552.