



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

(Part of the Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Cluster of Catholic Parishes)

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR B

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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)
- 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

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears.

The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given

the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east.

'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

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Bulletin Board

Photos from top: Fr Josy blessing hampers, Donna and Jazz, Vinnies helpers.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon No Masses - Willunga Parish
9.00am - Noarlunga

Tue 9.15am - Aldinga

Wed 9.00am - Willunga
12.00noon - Normanville
(No Mass on 23 December)

Thur 9.00am - Willunga

Fri 9.00am - Willunga

WEEKEND MASSES

(Times on front page of this bulletin)

Please Note

We are still required to comply with the 1:2sqm restriction. St Joseph's can accommodate 75 for Mass, St Peter's 26 and Mary of Galilee 45 (plus approx 90 in the adjoining Hall). Bookings are essential for St Peter's - phone Patricia Litvensky (0448 783 288).

QR CODES FOR WILLUNGA PARISH COMMUNITIES

From the beginning of December it is mandatory for all public activities with a Covid-Safe plan to display a QR code.

A QR code is like a barcode, consisting of black and white squares. When you arrive at a venue or business, you will use the COVID SAfe Check-In feature in an app on your smart phone to scan the business' unique QR code instead of signing in manually.

If you do not have a compatible smart phone, a paper record will still be available for you to provide your details.

If you would like more details about the QR code, please go to this link: https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0004/329413/20101130-COVID-SAfe-Check-In-FAQs-for-Individuals-final.pdf

THANK YOU FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL WILLUNGA CONFERENCE

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the following: our Willunga parishioners, Aldinga Bakery, Aldinga Central Shopping Centre, Aldinga Newsagency, Century 21 Aldinga, Charles Farrar - Fleurieu Foods, Galilee Catholic School, Karen Davies, Leon Bignell MP, McLaren Vale Retirement Lodge, members of the public, Seaford Butcher, Seaford Rotary Club, SMT Drainage & Excavations Seaford,



local wineries and businesses, the many individual donors, volunteers and conference members for the tremendous support given to the Willunga Conference for the 2020 Christmas Appeal. Without their help and support as cash, food, gift

cards and toy donations, we would not have been able to prepare and distribute 80 hampers. 141 adults and 131 children and teenagers were helped in our Parish area. We received \$3,657 in cash or credit card donations plus an estimated value

of \$13,000 worth of donated food, toys and gift cards for our Christmas Hampers.

The estimated value of a hamper for a household is between \$200 and \$400 depending on the size of household and the number of children or teenagers. A hamper consists of a Coles gift card, butcher and bakery vouchers, donated food, toiletries and toys.

Thank you to everyone for making this Christmas a brighter occasion for so many struggling families in our region.

Mario Bacchin for
Willunga Conference

A CULTURE OF CARE AS A PATH TO PEACE

Pope Francis' message for this year's World Day of Peace is *A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace*. Building on the recent encyclical *Fratelli Tutti/ Brothers and Sisters All*, the Pope calls for a *common, supportive and inclusive commitment to protecting and promoting the dignity and good of all, a willingness to show care and compassion, to work for reconciliation and healing, and to advance mutual respect and acceptance*. This is a *privileged path to peace*.

The Pope is greatly concerned that the events of the last year, especially the global pandemic, have magnified *the culture of indifference, waste and confrontation so prevalent in our time*. But he also points to the magnificent efforts of so many people and so many sectors of society who have demonstrated exactly what a *culture of care* looks like, through the efforts to prevent and alleviate terrible suffering, even at the cost of many people's lives, such as health workers and aged care workers.

When we look at the life of Jesus, and the culture of the Church, from earliest times till today, it is clear how Christians are called to serve those in greatest need, and to help create a culture of care for all, especially the most vulnerable. The Church's social doctrine, progressively proclaimed over the last 130 years, offers a *compass to esteem the value and dignity of every person, to act together in solidarity for the common good, and to bring relief to those suffering from poverty, disease, slavery, armed conflicts and discrimination*.

As we enter this new decade, the Pope's Peace Message serves as a wake up call to review our lives, the culture by which we live, and our witness to Christ's self-sacrificing love.

(There are some copies of the Pope's message available in the Church foyer - to read and to promote its discussion in our communities as we begin this new year.)
Peter Laffan



I heard the neighbour cough!

ROSTERS

ALDINGA	Saturday 2 January	Saturday 9 January
Commentator	Christina Tiedge	Chris McWilliams
Readers	Leo Dundon	Ken Creevey
	Bob Daly	Leo Dundon
NORMANVILLE	Sunday, 3 January	Sunday, 10 January
	To be advised	To be advised
WILLUNGA	Sunday, 3 January	Sunday, 10 January
Commentator	Wayne Best	Vanda Farrall
Reader	Anna Rogers	Chris Dzamko
Church Cleaning	John VH, May D, Mary M	John VH, May D, Mary M
Church Linen	Margaret Guley	Marie Cester

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Val and George Gater, Abbey McIver, Veronica Shortland, Muriel Smith, Jeff Gray, Judy Hore, Kate Hall, Tilly Kirtland, Arthur Jones, Leonie Zeven, Violet Gilli, Colin and Roma Whitford, Walter Litvensky, Deanne Bostock

Recently deceased: Jackie Millare

Anniversaries: Anne and Ian Haese

DATES

Jan 26	Australia Day
Jan 27	First School Term 2021 begins
Mar 8	Adelaide Cup Day
2 Apr	Good Friday
3 Apr	Holy Saturday
5 Apr	Easter Monday
9 Apr	Last day School Term 1
25 Apr	ANZAC Day
27 Apr	First day School Term 2

COLLECTIONS

For the last two weekends and Christmas

First collection	\$1978.00
Second collection	\$474.00
Envelopes	\$844.00
Special Collection	\$1144.00

(Shared - Aboriginal Mission & Caritas Aus)

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.

- One minute you're young and cool ... and the next, you're getting excited about a new vacuum cleaner.
- Apparently, it's only appropriate to say, "Look at you! You've grown so big!" to children. Adults tend to get offended.
- I never thought I'd be the kind of person who'd wake up early in the morning and exercise ... and I was right.
- Does anyone know how long toilet paper will last if you freeze it?



COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(Current - updated 14 December)

- Attendees at Mass must maintain social distancing of 1:2 sqm.
- Funerals are capped at 200 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- Weddings are capped at 200 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- No beverage or food consumption (ie cup of tea after Mass)
- Singing as a congregation is to be avoided.
- Except for families and household groups, people should socially distance. There should be no physical contact outside one's family or household group.
- There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- Every gathering must record contact details - either with the QR code for smart phones, or the handwritten log - both located at the entrance to the Church.
- Hand sanitizer is to be available at church entrances.
- Offertory procession will be omitted. Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed
- Collection plates will not be passed around but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- All surfaces should be cleaned at least daily, with special attention given to frequently touched surfaces.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people should be encouraged not to attend.
- Care should be taking at the dismissal and on leaving the church to minimise social contact.
- The obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage.

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And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The word 'epiphany' means 'manifestation' or 'showing'.
- The gifts brought by the Magi (probably astrologers from Persia) reveal many things about Jesus. The gold signifies his kingship, the frankincense, his priestly role, and the myrrh suggests the spices and ointment with which his body is anointed and wrapped at his death which brought salvation.
- You will note from the text that the number of Magi is not mentioned. A later tradition developed that there were three, probably based on the three gifts, and later still they were given names!
- In some countries and cultures gifts are given on this feast rather than on Christmas Day.

EXPLORING THE WORD

This is a wonderful story about who recognises Jesus and who does not. The Magi are from the East; they are not members of the chosen people of

God, and yet they recognise the signs of a momentous birth and set out to find the child. The king of the Jews, Herod, as well as the chief priests and scribes, the very people who should be looking for the Messiah, have not seen the signs. The positive and joyful response of the gentile Magi is contrasted with the opposite reaction from those who should have known better. The Magi fall in homage to a small child in an inconspicuous house. They have recognised the divine in the ordinary and bow before him as they would a king. In Matthew's community, many were struggling with the fact that the Jews reject the proclamation of the gospel while the gentiles accept it and come to faith in Christ.

SHARING THE TRADITION

This feast of the Epiphany originated in the Eastern Church and took hold in Rome some time during the fourth century. The main focus given to the feast was that of celebrating the coming to faith of the gentiles. Over time, the Magi of the gospel became the three kings of folklore and eventually even developed names: Balthasar, Melchior and Caspar. These three are often depicted as Asian, African and European, representing the three known continents of the time. What is important in this later development is that it retains the original meaning: that Christ came to all nations and is the salvation of all people who recognise him.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(04 - 10 January)

- **Monday, 4:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25)
- **Tuesday, 5:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44)
- **Wednesday, 6:** Weekday, Christmas Time (1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52)
- **Thursday, 7:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1 Jn 4:19 - 5:4; Lk 4:14-22)
- **Friday, 8:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16)
- **Saturday, 9:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30)
- **Sunday 10:** BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Is 55:1-11; 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11)

PASTORAL CARE

If you need a Priest for anointing of the sick or last rites contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).