



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)

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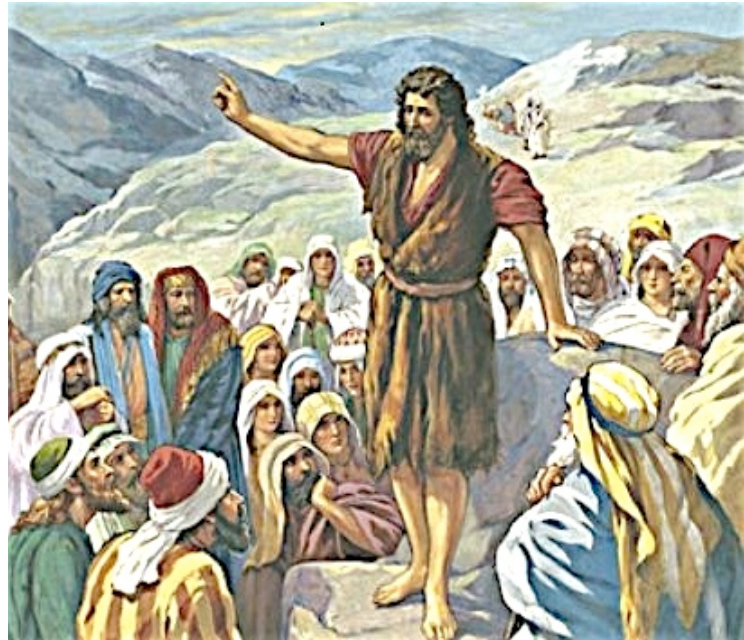
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MASS CENTRES

- 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 61:1-2,10-11

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.

‘I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels.

‘For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lk 1:46-50, 53-54

My soul rejoices in my God.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what

God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Isa 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

John 1:6-8, 19-28

A man came, sent by God. His name was John.

He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him.

He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

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Bulletin Board

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon No Masses - Willunga Parish
9.00am - Noarlunga
Tue 9.15am - Aldinga
Wed 9.00am - Willunga
12.00noon - Normanville
Thur 9.00am - Willunga
Fri 9.00am - Willunga

WEEKEND MASSES

(Times on front page of this bulletin)

Please Note

We will be operating with very restricted numbers again this weekend (12/13 December) to satisfy the current 1:4sqm restriction. There will be significantly more space at Galilee than at either St Joseph's or St Peter's, because the wall between Galilee Church and the Hall will be opened to accommodate extras. St Joseph's can only have 37 attendees and people will be turned away once that number is inside.

Bookings are required for St Peter's - please phone Patricia Litvinsky (0448 783 288).

CHRISTMAS MASSES

• Christmas Eve (Thur, Dec 24) •

4.00pm St Peter's, Normanville
6.30pm Mary of Galilee, Aldinga
7.00pm St Joseph's, Willunga
(Family Mass)
12 midnight St Joseph's, Willunga

• Christmas Day (Fri, Dec 25) •

9.00am St Peter's, Normanville
**10.30am St Peter's, Normanville
9.00am St Joseph's, Willunga
**10.30am St Joseph's, Willunga

**Extra Masses have been provided for both St Peter's and St Joseph's in the event we still have restrictions on numbers - more details when they become available.

NORMANVILLE MASS

There will be no Mass at Normanville on Wednesday, December 23.

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 until sold out. They are excellent value at \$5.00 for a pack of ten cards. All proceeds from the sales go to St Vincent de Paul Willunga Conference.

Mario Bacchin

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

DESERT VOICES

The people around John are odd. What seems to attract them is who he is not: not the anointed saviour of Israel, not Elijah come to announce the end of the world, not the great prophet the Samaritans were expecting. But the evangelist John also tells us who the Baptist is: the testimony to the great light to follow.

What is your life testimony? Does it proclaim fidelity, honesty, generosity? If you had to name ten things you stand for, would any of them be holy? These are hard questions. If I pose them to myself, my answer is wishy-washy: depends on when you ask. Some days are less exemplary than others. Sometimes I'm a shining example of Christian virtue, and I wish my Mum were here to see me. Other times I'm grateful she isn't and wish no one was. John the Baptist, cousin of Jesus and the fruit of a miracle birth, may have had a head start on his testimony. Or maybe he had to work out all the bugs like the rest of us in the years before he turned up at the Jordan.

But the truth is: whatever our origins, they can't be an excuse for who we are or are not, "what we've done, or failed to do". John's desert voice summons me to train mine, to learn to

present another clear testimony to the light.

What element of your witness needs work? How do you refine your 'desert voice,' your independence from the temptations of a secular world view?

GPBS eNews

LABELS GET STICKY

I was at a holiday party standing around the chips and dip with a number of people, most of whom I hadn't met before. We were enjoying lively conversation about movies, politics, and current events. Then one of the people made a pointed comment about capital punishment. Clearly he had strong feelings about the appropriateness of capital punishment, but it wasn't clear whether he was for it or against it. What was clear is that he was fishing to find out how the rest of us felt. His question was designed to put the rest of us on the spot while not having to take a risk of his own.

The question wasn't really meant to involve people in an honest and respectful search for mutual understanding but rather was a means for him to pin each of us down on some arbitrary scale of his making. Then he could deal with each of us not as persons but as a category.

John the Baptist went through the same ordeal with the representatives of religious leaders who were out to get him. He was burning inside with a message of repentance and openness to the power of God, and all the religious leaders wanted to know was what religious camp he was in. They weren't true seekers trying to broaden their own understanding. Instead, they were cowards who wanted to diminish this passionate prophet by reducing him to a label. *GPBS eNews*



My doctor asked me to spend at least one hour each day on the treadmill.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR THE ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY

Once again we will be conducting the annual Christmas Appeal for the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (ACM) with a special collection at all Christmas Masses.

This Appeal is an important tradition in this archdiocese, and a vital source of support for our ministry to Aboriginal people through the Otherway Centre and its range of programs and services.

We ask that you continue to support this appeal generously, and that you remember the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in your prayers and celebrations this Christmas. Your support is essential for the continued outreach of the Otherway Centre to Aboriginal people in the Archdiocese of Adelaide

(Donations may also be made via the "Giving" tab on the Mass app.)

REFLECTION FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Gospel according to St John is an invitation to be witnesses of Jesus before men, just as John the Baptist was. His mission from God was to witness with his life and with his



word, that Jesus Christ is the Messiah and the Son of God.

The great modesty and discretion of John is striking. He did not allow himself to be trapped by the desire for notoriety or prominence. Although deeply rooted among the people of Israel, the Baptist remained level-headed and recognised his true stature. He was the spokesman of the true light. He knew very well that he was not the Messiah. Because behind him came the one "whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."

Today, we are called to be witnesses of the Lord, to be true witnesses of the light in the darkness of our times. Let us become witnesses of the Gospel to the entire world and make His message credible. Let us be humble witnesses in the style of John, followers who do not impersonate or overshadow Jesus. Let us be Christians supported and encouraged by him, so that in our words and deeds we will make visible the unmistakable presence of Jesus alive in our midst.

*Office of Worship
Advent Booklet*

ADVENT CHRISTMAS FOR FAMILIES

Family Liturgies with Gospel Reflection and Activities for Advent Christmas can be found at the following links:

Family Liturgies <https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/our-works-and-community/family-and-parish-based-catechesis/prayer-services>

Advent Christmas Online Links and Advent Christmas Activities <https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/schools/catholic-education-sa/family-and-parish-based-catechesis/resources>

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, Helen Jarvis, Walter Litvinsky, Deanne Bostock

DATES

Dec 13 Third Sunday of Advent
Dec 18 Yankalilla Carols in your car
Dec 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent
Dec 25 Christmas Day
Jan 1 New Year's Day
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

• *Today's three year-olds can switch on laptops and open their favourite apps. Me? When I was three, I ate mud.*

• *I might look like I'm doing nothing, but in my head I'm quite busy.*



If people from 2020 were on the Titanic

ROSTERS

ALDINGA

Commentator
Readers

Saturday 12 December

Peter Laffan
Michelle Cormack
Heidi Davidson

Saturday 19 December

Bob Daly
David Manders
Brianna McIver

NORMANVILLE

Sunday, 13 December

To be advised

Sunday, 20 December

To be advised

WILLUNGA

Commentator
Reader
Church Cleaning
Church Linen

Sunday, 13 December

Jim Smith
Vanda Farrall
Michael Hynes
Margaret Guley

Sunday, 20 December

Anna Rogers
Margaret Guley
Michael Hynes
Marie Cester

COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(Current as at 1 December)

- Attendance for Mass is capped at 100 people, whilst maintaining 1:4 sqm.
- Funerals are capped at 150 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- Weddings are capped at 150 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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This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness:
Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

DID YOU KNOW?

- In the early years, there was rivalry between the disciples of John the Baptist and of Jesus. This gospel makes it clear that John does not see himself as a rival to Jesus but as a witness to him. It is Jesus who is the one sent from God.
- The quote from Isaiah comes from a section of his Book which is addressed to the people in Exile in Babylon in the sixth century BC. It is designed to bring comfort and promises that, when the paths are made straight, the Lord will be revealed.
- Bethany, as mentioned in this gospel text, is not the same town which was home to Mary, Martha and Lazarus. They lived close to

Jerusalem but the Bethany mentioned here lies on the east bank of the Jordan River.

EXPLORING THE WORD

In contrast to last week's text on John the Baptist, this one comes from the last of the written gospels. The Gospel of John was penned at the very end of the first century. One common characteristic, however, is clear: the Baptist is again presented as the forerunner. John the Baptist rejects all messianic or quasi-messianic titles. He throws human expectation into chaos. He claims for himself only the role of the 'voice' of Isaiah 40, but the evangelist presents him as the most reliable of witnesses, 'Sent by God ... to speak for the light'. The only other person in John's Gospel to come from God is Jesus himself. Before an audience of the leaders of the religion of Israel, John witnesses with an authority and a truthfulness that has its source in God.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(14 - 20 December)

- **Monday, 14:** St John of the Cross (Is 61L:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thess 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28)
- **Tuesday, 15:** Tuesday, 3rd week Advent (Zeph 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32)
- **Wednesday, 16:** Wednesday, 3rd week Advent (Is 45:6-8, 18, 21-25; Lk 7:19-23)
- **Thursday, 17:** Thursday, 3rd week Advent (Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17)
- **Friday, 18:** Friday, 3rd week Advent (Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-24)
- **Saturday, 19:** Saturday, 3rd week Advent (Judges 13:2-7, 24-25; Lk 1:5-25)
- **Sunday 20:** Fourth Sunday of Advent (2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38)

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).