



Welcome to

# Willunga Catholic Parish

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

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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

*Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8*

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, 'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down! – at your Presence the mountains would melt.

No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19*

*Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.*

## SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Ps 84:8*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

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

## GOSPEL

*Mark 13:33-37*

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each

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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)

2 Dec 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy  
3 Dec 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick  
10.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy  
9 Dec 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Tom  
10 Dec 8.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy  
10.30am - Willunga - Fr Josy  
16 Dec 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick  
17 Dec 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick  
10.30am - N/ville, Fr Tom  
23 Dec 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy  
24 Dec 8.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy  
10.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom  
30 Dec 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick  
31 Dec 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick  
10.30am - N/ville, Fr Tom

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



### CHRISTMAS EVE (Sunday, December 24)

4.00pm - St Peter's, Normanville  
6.30pm - Mary of Galilee, Aldinga  
7.00pm - St Joseph's, Willunga  
12midnight - St Joseph's, Willunga

### CHRISTMAS DAY (Monday, December 25)

9.00am - St Joseph's, Willunga  
9.00am - St Peter's, Normanville

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 24:1-3

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.

## PRELIMINARY NOTICE - PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE

St Joseph's on Sunday 28 January,  
2024 - 3.00pm and 8.00pm. Put the  
date in your calendar now.

## INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE REGIONAL ASSEMBLY "OUR CHURCH"

The Regional Assemblies are a  
continuation of the 2021 and 2022  
Diocesan Assemblies.

The Regional Assembly for our local  
area will comprise School and  
Worshipping Communities located  
within the Parishes of Willunga,  
Noarlunga, Morphett Vale, Victor  
Harbor and Kangaroo Island.

Parish communities are being called  
to our Regional Assembly to discuss  
the realities, challenges and hopes for  
our church in our local area as well to  
help address local Parish priorities  
identified from the Diocesan  
Assembly feedback sessions held in  
2022. Guest speakers will lead us in  
discussion of the following themes:

### Our Community

What makes a vibrant, contemporary  
Parish Community and how can we  
make it attractive enough for youth,  
children and their families to want to  
participate?

### Our Faith

What do we mean by Faith Formation  
and what can we do to create  
opportunities for Faith Formation  
relevant to all ages and stages of life?

### Our call

How can we work collaboratively to  
reach out to those most in need in our  
community? What can we do at a  
local level to encourage our  
community to love and care for their  
environment.

The Regional Assembly is a great  
initiative and an exciting step on the  
road to Parish Renewal.

9 March, 2024

Cardijn College (Marian Campus)  
Commencing 9.30am and  
concluding 4.30pm, followed by a  
Family Mass. Lunch provided.

Register at:

[www.trybooking.com/CNDKK](http://www.trybooking.com/CNDKK)

Willunga Parish contact for more info:  
Garry Triffett: 0402 457 948

## ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLETS

The Pastoral Services Team of the  
Adelaide Archdiocese has produced  
an Advent Reflection booklet. This  
booklet is designed to be used as a  
resource for both group and personal  
reflection. Copies are available from  
Church foyers this weekend.

## SOUTHERN VALES SCHOOL MINISTRY GROUP

### Quarry market sausage sizzle

Dear parishioners, it is our turn for  
Willunga Catholic Parish to do the  
December sausage sizzle. Funds  
raised help to support the work of  
PCWs (Pastoral Care workers) in our  
local schools.

The quarry market in Willunga is held  
on the second Saturday of the month  
between 8.00am and 1.00pm in the  
recreational area near the Fire station.  
Six volunteers alongside Anna Rogers  
are needed for cooking, serving and  
collecting payment.

If you can spare an hour or a little  
more on 9 December, your help will  
be gratefully appreciated. Times are  
8:30am to 10.00am, 10.00am to  
11:30am, and 11:30am to 1.00pm or  
part thereof. These days it is usually  
quiet due to the change of location of  
the Willunga grower's market.

Please contact Anna (0414 266 528).  
Thank you in anticipation and much  
gratitude to everyone who has been  
able to help in the past.

## LIKE LEAVES IN THE WIND

(Mark 13: 33-37)

I've known several people in the last  
three years who were told by their  
doctors they were terminally ill. In  
each case, these folks immediately  
made decisions about their lives that  
they'd been delaying until now.  
People who know they're dying can't  
afford to save anything until later.



"This call may be monitored or recorded because  
otherwise nobody would believe how stupid  
some tech support questions can be!"

There may not be a “later”. There’s only now.

The rest of us are kidding ourselves if we think we’re not dying: not now, not any time soon, maybe never. When Jesus says, “Be watchful!”, we think he means the other guy. We put our faith squarely in “later”. Some of us belong to the Church of Later, in which we fully intend to be good, spiritual, faithful people – at a future time to be announced.

Some of us may live to a satisfying old age and wear out with a smile. Some of us will get a deadline from our doctors and have some lead time to prepare. Many of us are left in the dark as to when we’ll die or how. This can make us sloppy about the way we live, even arrogant about it. Not taking death seriously is a real mistake in the spiritual life. The church’s wisdom is to remind us, right from the start of the church year, that mortality is just what it says it is: a short-term proposition.

What are the lessons that death teaches you?

**Ponder:** Resolve to live this Advent season with watchfulness and



“Never mind what Susie’s mother said. Two-parent families are not a cult!”

attention. Miss no opportunity to be kind, generous, forgiving. Resist spiritual laziness with its shrug toward “later”. Be a saint in the making right now. *GPBS eNews*

### A DAY OF PRAYERFUL REFLECTION ‘Under the Bell Tree’

#### The Gift and Challenge of 2023

Saturday 9, Dec - 9.30am to 4pm  
Bethany Hall, Willunga Uniting Church

A time to reflect on the movements of the year?  
Our Gratefulness, Surprises,  
Joys, Sorrows, Concerns.

There will be time for Personal Reflection, Silence, Meditation, Scripture, Journalling. Please bring a Bible, Journal and Creative Materials of your choice.

Tea and Coffee will be provided. Bring some lunch to share. Cost by donation Enquiries and registration to David (0416 641 521 or [mdwoods@internode.on.net](mailto:mdwoods@internode.on.net))

*David Woods*

### CUPPA AFTER MASS

There will be a cuppa in The Shed following Mass at St Joseph’s today. Everyone is most welcome.

### LAWS YOU CANT CHANGE

1. Law of Probability - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.
2. Law of the Alibi - If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tyre, the very next morning you will have a flat tyre!

### ROSTERS

**ALDINGA** *Saturday 2 December*  
 Welcomer A Woodhouse, N Ellis  
 Commentator Michelle Cormack  
 Readers Brianna McIvor  
 Ken Creevey  
 Eucharistic Minister Brigid Grimwood

*Saturday 9 December*  
 A Woodhouse, C Kelly  
 Tricia Dundon  
 Rod Boucher  
 Vivi Boucher  
 David Manders

**NORMANVILLE** *Sunday, 3 December*  
 Welcomer Leo Montgomery  
 Commentator Antoinette Fleming  
 Reader Michael Steller  
 Altar/Cleaning Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery

*Sunday, 10 December*  
 Peter Lloyd  
 Ann Henriksen  
 Thia van Kuyk  
 Patsy & Jim Fitzpatrick

**WILLUNGA** *Sunday, 3 December*  
 Commentator John Tregagle  
 Reader Anna Rogers  
 Eucharistic Minister Viv Zagajewska  
 Flowers Vanda Farrall  
 Church Linen Wayne Best

*Sunday, 10 December*  
 Gael Maloney  
 Megan Chapman  
 Andrew Beach  
 Vanda Farrall  
 Anna Rogers

**PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS**  
**Sick:** Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre Boyd, Jim Smith, Stephen Bostock, Janette McIver, Marie Andrews

**Recently deceased:** Deborah Thomson (*Deborah’s funeral will be held at St Joseph’s on Friday 8 December at 11.00am*)

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

### DATES

- 3 Dec St Peter’s Christmas BBQ
- 8 Dec Coffee - Louis, Aldinga
- 15 Dec Last day School term
- 24/25 Dec See Christmas roster elsewhere in this bulletin
- 25 Dec Catholic Charities Appeal

### 2024

- 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

### ADVENT 2023 PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS

with The Catholic Guy,  
Bruce Downes

Join me and people all around the world for a free Daily Devotional that will guide you on a life-changing journey through Advent. Starting 3 December, you’ll receive a short inspirational video each day filled with real life stories and practical ways to help you in your prayer and spiritual journey. I find, “You don’t become what you hope to become. You only become what you do.” What will you do this Advent?

Register here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Advent/> For more information, email: [info@brucedownes.org](mailto:info@brucedownes.org)

### GALILEE CAROLS

The Galilee Campus Carols Night is on Friday 8 December at 6.00pm on the oval.

Parishioners are most welcome. Please bring along a picnic rug or seats to sit on.

*Kim Calderbank*



## COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 31/11/23)



- 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.

### 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 336 AD 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 early 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 (590–604 AD) who established a four-week liturgical preparation for Christmas but the eschatological (end times) themes of the Second Coming were not established until the Middle Ages.

‘Advent has a two-fold character—as a season of preparation for Christmas when Christ’s coming in history is remembered; and as a season when that first coming directs the mind and heart to await Christ’s second coming at the end of time’ (General Norms of the Liturgical Year)

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with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - PEACE

After a tumultuous year, there is comfort to be found when we pause to read, pray, and reflect over the course of the Advent season in which believers eagerly anticipate the celebration of Christ’s birth. This first Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to centre our thoughts on hope.

### SLOW DOWN, YOU'RE MOVING TOO FAST

*“So, stay at your post, watching. You have no idea when the homeowner is returning, whether evening, midnight, cockcrow, or morning. You don’t want anyone showing up unannounced, with you asleep on the job. I say it to you, and I’m saying it to all: Stay at your post. Keep watch!” (Mark 13:35-37)*

Like so many others before and after me, when I was in university I discovered the power of caffeine. I could stay up all night and prepare for an exam. With my photographic memory it was just a matter of going over the material enough times to imprint it in my brain. The combination of NoDoz and strong espresso did the trick for a factual kind of exam. But, if the test meant using my cognitive abilities or writing an essay, I was in trouble. My mind would race too quickly for me to sort things out. It would have been easier to have rested before those exams.

Advent begins with the encouragement to stay awake and be ready for the coming of our saviour. There are no short cuts or artificial ways to do this. And we have only four weeks (actually three this year!) to prepare ourselves. It’s a short period of time, especially when we are ironically so

busy with all the preparations for what we are trying to celebrate.

So what are we to do? We need to take the time to remember why we have all these traditions: the tree, ornaments, presents, parties – all of this must be put in their context. We can either walk through them like we are asleep, or become frantic and overstimulated by it all. Or we can make the conscious choice as Advent begins to pray and reflect on what the birth of Jesus means to us and to our world and how we can make the presence of Jesus more real for ourselves, our loved ones, and people of good will. Today we have the time. But we know how quickly this time will pass.

Go from here, as people ready to follow God’s way:

- We are ready to welcome a faithful change in our daily routine.
- We are ready to see local families reflected in the image of the struggling holy family.
- We are ready to say, “It can be done”.
- We are ready to overcome prejudice with acceptance.
- We are ready to live as if the coming few days were the biblical last days.

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### THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(4 - 10 December)

- **Monday, 4:** Monday of 1<sup>st</sup> week Advent (Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11)
- **Tuesday, 5:** Tuesday of 1<sup>st</sup> week Advent (Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24)
- **Wednesday, 6:** Wednesday of 1<sup>st</sup> week Advent (Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37)
- **Thursday, 7:** St Ambrose (Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27)
- **Friday, 8:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Saturday, 9:** Saturday of 1<sup>st</sup> week Advent (Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 6-8)
- **Sunday 10:** Second Sunday of Advent (Is 40:1-5m 9-11; 2 Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8)

### 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.