



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 35:1-6, 10

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts,

‘Courage! Do not be afraid.

‘Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy in their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:6-10

Lord, come and save us.

SECOND READING

James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Is 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

Matthew 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?’ Jesus answered, ‘Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed,

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REGULAR MASS TIMES

(resumes beginning of December)

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
1st Fri	9.00am - Willunga 12.00 noon - Normanville

WEEKEND MASSES

(Times on front page of this bulletin)

Christmas

MASSES

• Christmas Eve (Sat 24 Dec) •

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

• Christmas Day (Sun 25 Dec) •

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

PRIEST ROSTER - WEEKENDS

(Often this roster changes

if something unforeseen crops up)

10 Dec	5.30am - Aldinga, Fr Josy
11 Dec	8.30am - Normanville, Fr Josy 10.30am - Willunga, Fr Josy
17 Dec	5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
18 Dec	8.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom 10.30am - N/ville, Fr Dominick
24 Dec	4.00pm - N/ville, Fr Dominick 6.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick 7.00pm - Willunga, Fr Tom
25 Dec	12am - Willunga, Fr Dominick 9.00am - Normanville, Fr Josy 9.00am - Willunga, Fr Tom
31 Dec	5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

RECONCILIATION

St Luke's

Noarlunga Downs - 7.00pm

In preparation for the celebration of Christmas, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (*Second Form of the Rite of Reconciliation*) will be celebrated on Friday, 23 December for both Willunga Parish and Noarlunga/Seaford Parish. Several Priests will be in attendance. All parishioners from both Parishes are invited to attend.

Reconciliation will also be held at 9.00am at St Luke's on Saturday morning (24 December).

PEOPLE AT HOME

If you or someone you know, is house-bound and would like a Priest to visit for communion or confession (or both) prior to Christmas, please get in touch with Gael (0447 421 948) to organise a time.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES

There are Christmas Giving Trees at Mary of Galilee and St Joseph Willunga Churches. On the trees are tags with suggested items of food or toys that can be donated to the Willunga Conference to add to the Christmas Hampers being prepared by the conference.

If you would like to make a donation of food or toys, please take tags and return the items to either Galilee or Willunga Churches by Sunday 11 December. We are preparing the Christmas Hampers on the following weekend, 17 and 18 December for distribution on the Monday 19 December.

The conference has placed a Giving Tree in the Aldinga Central Shopping Centre outside of the Coles Supermarket. If it is more convenient, please drop off donated food or toys at Aldinga Central Shopping Centre.

Mario Bacchin

IS LOVE ENOUGH?

A relationship education course for couples preparing to marry or in a long-term relationship. This group is based on current research about what makes long term relationships successful. A variety of topics are explored including communication and problem solving.

When: Saturday 4 March
9.30am - 4.30pm

Where: Centacare, Level 2 - 45
Wakefield St Adelaide

Bookings essential - please contact Centacare (8215 6700 or registrations@centacare.org.au)

SALE OF CHRISTMAS CARD PACKS

St Vincent de Paul produced Christmas Card packs are on sale at the three Mass Centres this weekend until sold out. They are excellent value at \$7.00 for a pack of ten cards.

All proceeds from the sales will go to St Vincent de Paul Willunga Conference.
Mario Bacchin

RIDES TO MASS

If you live in the McLaren Vale area and are finding it difficult to drive to Mass, we have some drivers who are happy to assist. Please get in touch with Gael (0447 421 948) if you would like to take advantage of this offer.



Palms Australia
Reach Beyond

You've got a lot to give beyond Christmas gifts. In January you can prepare for mission at home or abroad. Palms Australia has trained Australians to live and work within cultures and communities overseas since 1961. Now four days of that training will be available for parishioners interested to assist harness the diverse gifts of our community and make it stronger.

At Home

Palms' [Neighbours Without Borders](#) program (January 7 - 11) will "focus on building communities that are welcoming to all, with particular attention to those on the margins of society and the church" as urged by the recent Plenary Council.

Overseas

Completing a further four days (January 12 - 15) will prepare you to meet one of the [many requests Palms has from communities in Africa, Asia and the Pacific who need educators; health professionals; administrators and others](#) to assist build on the strengths of their people who otherwise have little opportunity for training.

Enquire about Palms Orientation for mission via www.palms.org.au or call 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.



**FAREWELL - SHARON DOYLE
and KAREN EDWARDS**

Parishioners are invited to a School Liturgy in Mary of Galilee Church on Tuesday, 13 December at 10.00am to farewell Sharon Doyle and Karen Edwards who are both leaving Galilee School after many years of service to the community.

Sharon was a foundation member of the staff at Galilee, and has held the roles of APRIM (Assistant to the Principal: Religious Identity and Mission) and of Deputy Principal, during that time.

Karen has served the community as a member of the School's Leadership Team and as a Resource Teacher in various subject areas.

Morning tea will follow the Liturgy in the School Staff Room.

Sr Margaret Ann

**APPEAL FOR ABORIGINAL
CATHOLIC MINISTRY**

Once again, we will be conducting the annual Christmas Day Appeal for the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry with special collections to be taken up at all Christmas Masses.

The Otherway Centre is the home of the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (ACM) and the cultural hub of Centacare. Money raised from this collection helps fund activities that bring the community together and provide vital healing and yarning opportunities to strengthen cultural and spiritual connections. Located at Stepney, the Centre has been supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the wider community for more than 30 years.

**ADVENT
REFLECTION BOOKS**

Advent Reflection books, produced by the Office for Worship, are still available free of charge from Church foyers. The theme this year is "Christ the Light to the World".

MUST WE WAIT FOR ANOTHER?

No one ever born was greater than John the Baptist, by Jesus' own admission. And yet even John found it hard to keep patient while Jesus wandered through the first season of his ministry. From prison, John heard the reports of Jesus teaching, healing, gathering crowds to hear the word of God. He didn't hear what he had expected: Jesus proclaiming his kingship, claiming Jerusalem as his capital, denouncing the Romans or the Temple leaders, and "laying the axe to the root of the tree," once and for all. John had preached the coming destruction, and Jesus seemed, well, more lamb than God. It was hard for John not to be disappointed, and to wonder for a moment if he had misread Jesus altogether.

Jesus doesn't chide John for lacking faith. Instead, he quotes prophecy to reassure John that God's time of favour has arrived. Then Jesus reminds the crowds that John's greatness in history is surpassed by anyone who arrives at an understanding of the kingdom through faith. If we wait for no other, if we cast our lot with Jesus, we find that we do not have to get to the kingdom at all. The kingdom arrives in us. What circumstances make you impatient? How far might you be willing to follow Jesus and wait for his kingdom?
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**PLEASE KEEP THESE
PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Sick: Veronica Shortland, Muriel Smith, Janet Burbidge, Arthur and Carol Jones, Bill and Janet McIver, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Tony Grimwood, Heidi Kunzelmann, Paul Hancock, Ren Dunn

Anniversary: Jeff Gray

DATES

- 11 Dec Deadline for food and toys - Vinnies Christmas Hampers
- 11 Dec Third Sunday of Advent
- 18 Dec Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 18 Dec Carols - Yankalilla 5.00pm
- 25 Dec Christmas Day
- 25 Dec Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Appeal

**ADVENT APPEAL
FOR UKRAINE**

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is supporting a special Advent appeal for the people of Ukraine, following a request from Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR, Eparch of Sts Peter and Paul for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia.



Collections in parishes on the Third Sunday of Advent will support Mudra Sprava (Wise Action), a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine. The organisation has three focus areas: Evacuation of people from frontline territories; Food packages for people in need; Shelters for internally displaced persons. Find out more at: www.catholic.au

Our Special Collection will be held at Masses this weekend (10/11 Dec).

ROSTERS

ALDINGA	Saturday 10 December	Saturday 17 December
Welcomer	Rose Sulda	Lorraine Ellis
Commentator	Bob Daly	Michelle Cormack
Readers	Rod Boucher	Brianna McIver
	Vivi Boucher	Brian Younie
Eucharistic Minister	Kerri Gould	Bob Daly
NORMANVILLE	Sunday, 11 December	Sunday, 18 December
Welcomer	Rita Steller	Peter Bohnsack
Commentator	Jim Fitzpatrick	Ann Henriksen
Reader	Michael Steller	Thia Van Kuyk
Altar/Cleaning	Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery	Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery
WILLUNGA	Sunday, 11 December	Sunday, 18 December
Commentator	Vanda Farrall	John Tregeagle
Reader	Marie Andrews	Marie Cester
Eucharistic Minister	Viv Zagajewska	Andrew Beach
Flowers	Vanda Farrall	Vanda Farrall
Church Linen	Margaret Oomens	Viv Zagajewska



COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 08/12/22)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please follow the instructions as per SA Health in terms of contact tracing and isolating yourself as per government health protocols. Please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Wearing of face-masks in Church is strongly recommended.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home and not attend services.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- Procession of gifts has resumed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Word Messiah means ‘anointed one’ in Hebrew. The word Christ means the same thing in Greek.
- The healing of those who are afflicted was one of the signs given in the Hebrew Scriptures that the Messiah had come. When the blind see and the deaf hear; when the downtrodden are raised up and the lame walk, the reign of God will have come.
- John the Baptist was arrested and executed by Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great and ruler of Galilee, because John had criticised Antipas for his marriage to his brother’s wife, Herodias, who was also his niece.

THIRD CANDLE

The third candle on the Advent wreath is called the “Shepherd’s Candle,” and is pink because rose is a liturgical colour for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

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and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor;

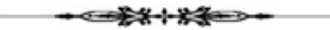
and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.’

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: ‘What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No?’

Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says:

‘Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you.

‘I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.’



A QUESTION OF FAITH

“Are you the one who is to come?” is among the most fascinating questions in the New Testament. First, it is the question on the minds of anyone who encounters Jesus (then and now). A simple yes or no would suffice, but in typical Jesus fashion the answer is rich, layered, and challenging. We all are looking for a Messiah, but is one who cures and comforts outcasts the person we had in mind? Basically, Jesus’ message to John is: “Here are the facts. It is for you to decide”.

Second, what is so amazing about John’s question is the level of trust it implies. John was confident Jesus would tell him the truth. In fact, John already knew the truth. If he hadn’t been convinced Jesus was the Messiah, he would not have posed the question.

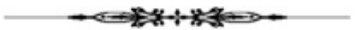
When you find yourself in doubt who Jesus is, first think about Jesus’ answer to John: Is the one who brings good news to the poor, helps the blind see, and deaf hear the saviour you had in mind? If not, then perhaps you’re on the wrong path – or more probably

unaware of your own needs. Second think about John’s question. If you are asking Jesus whether or not he is your saviour, chances are you already know the answer.

Friends of Jesus, go confidently from this place. We will question fearlessly. We will support one another consistently. We will go forward carefully. We will meet trouble compassionately. We will meet troublemakers patiently. We will meet injustice creatively. We will meet the apathetic with a challenge. You are the friends of Jesus, and your eyes are wide open as you walk his way. *GPBS eNews*

EXPLORING THE WORD

As we have already noted, one of the main purposes of Matthew’s Gospel is to reveal Jesus as the long awaited Messiah of the Jews to Matthew’s largely Jewish community. In this text, Matthew cites the evidence that is before their eyes. Why is it necessary for John to question the identity of Jesus when his own eyes and ears will give him the answer he seeks? The blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and good news is proclaimed to the poor! Such were the signs of the coming of the Lord that Isaiah had prophesied. Such are the actions that Jesus undertakes! His identity is clear for all who have the eyes to see it.



THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(12 - 18 December)

- **Monday, 12:** Mon 3rd week, Advent (Num 24:2-7, 15-17; Mt 21:23-27)
- **Tuesday, 13:** St Lucy (Zeph 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32)
- **Wednesday, 14:** St John of the Cross, (Is 45:6-8, 18, 21-25; Lk 7:19-23)
- **Thursday, 15:** Thur 3rd week, Advent (Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30)
- **Friday, 16:** Fri 3rd week, Advent (Is 56:1-3, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36:)
- **Saturday, 17:** Sat 3rd week, Advent (Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17)
- **Sunday 18:** 4th Sunday of Advent (Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24)

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.