



Welcome to

# Willunga Catholic Parish

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

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## WILLUNGA CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRE

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## PARISH OFFICE

If you need to contact the Office, please ring 0447 421 948 if there is no-one available to take your call.

## PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

- Fr Josy Sebastian  
(Fr Josy is away on leave)
- Fr Dominick Okwadha (A/Priest - 8382 1717; 0421 074 212; [okwadha@yahoo.com](mailto:okwadha@yahoo.com))
- Fr Tom Gleeson (Resident Priest - 8557 1072, [tegleeson@bigpond.com](mailto:tegleeson@bigpond.com))
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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

*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.’

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14*

*To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.*

## SECOND READING

*1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2*

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt

from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Ps 84:8*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

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

## GOSPEL

*Luke 21:25-28, 34-36*

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken.

And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all

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# Bulletin Board

## WEEKDAY MASSES

- 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 and ADVENT RECONCILIATIONS

*(NB: This roster may be changed if something unforeseen crops up)*

- 30 Nov 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Julius
- 01 Dec 8.30am, Willunga, Fr Tom  
10.30am, V/ville, Fr Julius
- 07 Dec 5.30pm, Aldinga Fr Tom
- 08 Dec 8.30am, N/ville, Fr Dominick  
10.30am, Willunga, Fr Dominick
- 12 Dec 6.00pm, N/ville, Fr Dominick (R)
- 14 Dec 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Dominick
- 15 Dec 8.30am, Willunga, Fr Julius  
10.30am, N/ville, Fr Julius
- 16 Dec 7pm, Willunga, Fr Dominick (R)
- 21 Dec 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Joash
- 22 Dec 8.30am, N/ville, Fr Tom  
10.30am, Willunga, Fr Dominick
- ..... Christmas / New Year times below .....
- 28 Dec 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Tom
- 29 Dec 8.30am, Willunga, Fr Julius  
10.30am, N/ville, Fr Julius

## CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR MASS TIMES



### CHRISTMAS EVE

*Tuesday, 24 December*

- 6.00pm Aldinga (Fr Julius)
- 6.00pm Normanville (Fr Joash)
- 7.00pm Willunga (Fr Tom)
- 12.00 midnight Willunga (Fr Joash)

### CHRISTMAS DAY

*Wednesday, 25 December*

- 9.00am Willunga (Fr Tom)
- 9.00am Normanville (Fr Dominick)

### NEW YEAR'S EVE

*Tuesday, 31 December*

- 6.00pm Aldinga (Fr Dominick)

### NEW YEAR'S DAY

*1 January, 2025*

- 9.00am Willunga (Fr Tom)
- 9.00am Normanville (Fr Joash)

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

### Chamber Philharmonia Cologne

St Joseph's has been offered two concerts on the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of March, 2025. Put the date in your calendar now. More details (costs, times, etc) when they become available.

# Christmas Lunch

## ST PETER'S, NORMANVILLE

Following the 10.30am Mass  
Sunday 1 December.

\$10 per head to cover cost of BBQ.  
Please bring a salad or dessert to share.  
RSVP to Dolek Thiele (0419 844 693)

### Southern Vales Schools Ministry Group

## QUARRY MARKET SAUSAGE SIZZLE

It is the 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 to help with cooking, serving and collection payment.

If you can spare an hour or a little more on 14 December, your help will be gratefully appreciated. Times are 8.30am - 10.30am, 10.00am - 11.30am and 11.30am - 1.00pm, or part thereof.

### More information

If you would like more information about the work of the PCWs, please give me a ring.  
*Anna Rogers*  
0414 266 528

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

In the past, our parishioners have always been very generous to those who are doing it tough at Christmas.

We are very grateful for this amazing support.

If you would like to make a donation of food or toys to supplement the Christmas Hampers that Willunga Conference will be putting together nearer to Christmas this year, your donations would be very much appreciated. Please place donations into the basket in the foyer at either Galilee and St Joseph's Churches. Goods will be collected weekly.

This year the Mini-Vinnies from Galilee School will be assisting with the assembling of the Christmas hampers.

As well as specific Christmas foods, non-perishable items such as coffee, tea, UHT milk, sugar, tinned fish, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, tinned foods, etc are most welcome.

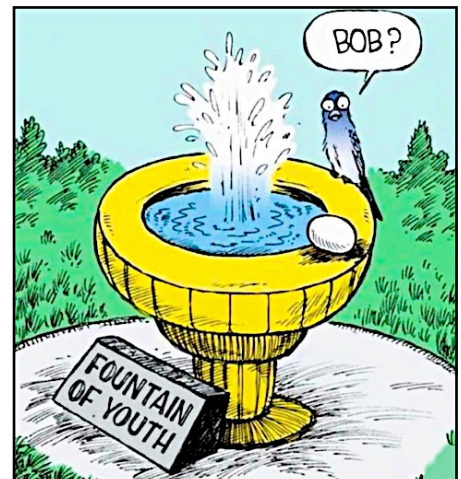
*Christine Jones*

## LEBANON CRISIS APPEAL

The escalating conflict between Israel and Hezbollah has pushed Lebanon into severe turmoil, with tragic consequences that have spread from Southern Lebanon to the entire nation. The situation is dire: over 3,000 lives have been lost, more than 13,000 people injured, and critical infrastructure has been destroyed.

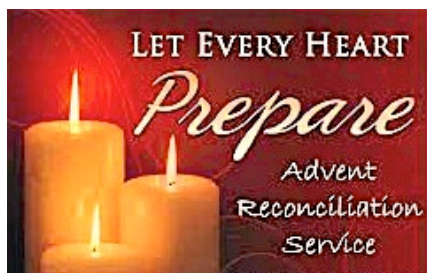
In response to a heartfelt plea for assistance by Bishop Tarabay and Bishop Rabbat, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference in partnership with Catholic Religious Australia, Caritas Australia and Caritas Lebanon, has launched the Lebanon Appeal.

This appeal aims to provide essential humanitarian aid to our brothers and sisters suffering in Lebanon,





especially those who are displaced and without homes or shelter.  
 Donate today: [www.caritas.org.au/lebanondonate](http://www.caritas.org.au/lebanondonate)



In preparation for the celebration of Christmas, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in each of our three communities. All parishioners are invited to attend at any of our centres.

- 6.00pm - Thursday, 12 December  
St Peter's, Normanville
- 7.00pm - Monday, 16 December  
St Joseph's, Willunga
- 7.00pm - Thursday 19 December  
Mary of Galilee, Aldinga



**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

**Bell Paddock opposite  
Willunga Uniting Church**

Join us for a fun afternoon full of Christmas crafts and carols.  
 Bring a chair or a picnic rug.

- 4.00-5.00pm Craft
- 5.00pm BBQ and CFS
- 5.30 - 6.30pm Carols
- BBQ fundraiser for CFS

**THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025  
 PILGRIMS OF HOPE ON  
 THE PATH OF PEACE**

Pope Francis has declared 2025 a Jubilee Year and he wants the year to be lived as a 'year of hope' to which has been added by the Dicastery for the Consecrated Life in Rome: 'on the path of peace'. To pray for peace in our world is a call to each of us.

A Jubilee Year has its origins in the Scriptures, but the first one celebrated in Western Christianity, was in the year 1300, when Pope Boniface VII convoked a special year of grace and conversion, involving prayer, pilgrimage and sacramental repentance. The goal of a Jubilee year is to inspire and encourage holiness of life among the faithful and therefore to strengthen the Church's witness to God's loving mercy in and for the world.

*I don't know exactly what would happen to humanity if gravity suddenly stopped, but I believe we'd rise to the occasion.*

**PLEASE KEEP THESE  
 PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS**  
**Healing list:** Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre Boyd, Janette McIver, Michael Casey, Paul Hancock, Paul Cormack, John Tregeagle, Kathy Ralston (*Mary Faulkner's sister*)

**DATES  
 2024**

- 13 Dec Last day School term 4
- 14 Dec Quarry Market  
Sausage Sizzle
- 25 Dec Catholic Charities Appeal

**2025**

- 1 Jan New Year's Day holiday
- 17 - 26 January Tour Down Under
- Sat 18 Jan - Women's Stage
- finish January: Willunga Hill
- Sat 25 Jan - Men's Stage
- finish on: Willunga Hill
- 26 Jan Australia Day holiday
- 28 Jan First day, School term 1
- 5 Mar Ash Wednesday
- 11 Mar Adelaide Cup Day
- 13 Apr Palm Sunday
- 17 Apr Thursday of Lord's Supper
- 18 Apr Good Friday
- 19 Apr Holy Saturday
- 20 Apr Easter Sunday

**COLLECTIONS**

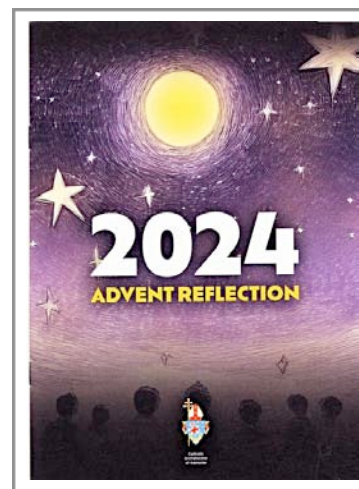
16/17, 23/24 November

First collection	\$804.00
Envelopes	\$367.00
Unpledged	\$440.00

*(Not including direct debits)*

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.

**ADVENT REFLECTION BKLTs**



Advent Reflection booklets have arrived and are available from the foyer of the Church today. Booklets are free and are suitable for individual or group reflection.

**ROSTERS**

<b>ALDINGA</b>	<b>Saturday 30 November</b>	<b>Saturday 07 December</b>
Welcomer	Andre Woodhouse	Andre Woodhouse
Commentator	Chris McWilliams	David Manders
Readers	Brigid Grimwood	Cristina Tiedje
	David Manders	Viv Boucher
Eucharistic Minister	Maria Jarvis-Maack	Mario Bacchin
<b>NORMANVILLE</b>	<b>Sunday, 01 December</b>	<b>Sunday, 08 December</b>
Welcomer	Peter Lloyd	Rita Steller
Commentator	Thia Van Kuyk	Ann Henriksen
Reader	Chris Symes	Michael Steller
Data Projector	Jim Fitzpatrick	Thia Van Kuyk
Altar/Cleaning	Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery	Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery
<b>WILLUNGA</b>	<b>Sunday, 01 December</b>	<b>Sunday, 08 December</b>
Commentator	Garry Triffett	Jacinta Best
Reader	Vanda Farrall	Norman Lee
Eucharistic Minister	Norman Lee	Marie Cester
Flowers	Anna Rogers	Anna Rogers
Church Linen	Viv Zagajewska	Viv Zagajewska

**WILLUNGA PARISH**  
(Aldinga, Normanville, Willunga)  
NGARRINDJERI, RAMINDJERI,  
PERAMANGK, KAURNA land

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

- *Aldinga* - Kerri Gould, Lorraine Ellis, Kim Calderbank
- *Willunga* - Rick Zagajewski, Michael Hynes
- *Normanville* - Nigel Pile, Christopher Symes

### FINANCE COUNCIL

Dolek Thiele (Chairperson)  
Chris McWilliams (Secretary)  
Thia van Kuyk (Finance Officer)  
Martin Morgan (Cemeteries)  
John McPhail (Treasurer)

### CEMETERY CONTACTS

- *St Joseph's, Willunga* - Curator Martin Morgan (0417 851 902) - in his absence please contact: Michael Hynes (0490 677 314) or Tony Harding (0488 330 748)
- *St Peter's, Normanville* - Please contact Willunga Parish Office (08) 8556 2132 or 0447 421 948

### BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES

Please contact the Parish Office (8556 2132 or 0447 421 948)

### SACRAMENTS

For more information please contact:

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([kim.calderbank@cardijn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kim.calderbank@cardijn.catholic.edu.au) : [08] 8550 2200)

### CHILD PROTECTION

We are a Child Safe Organisation which is committed to the care, well-being and protection of children and young people.

We believe that all God's children and young people have the right to be healthy and safe, and to have their voice heard, respected, and valued. A safe environment for all.

Willunga Parish contact - Michael Hynes or Child Protection Unit (8210 8159).

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times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

### THE ADVENT OF A NEW YEAR

I was terrified to start my first year of high school. While I was excited about the prospect of learning, I was afraid to go forward alone. My classmates from primary school were attending a different high school. I wasn't sure I would make it without the friends I had been with since kindergarten. I was sure my first day of high school would be the end of me.

As the summer holidays wound up, my mum encouraged me to check out a flyer from the soccer team about tryouts. I was a tough defender in other sports, so I figured I'd probably do well in the soccer team about the goal posts. My mum rearranged her schedule so that she could drive me to tryouts and then for practice after I made the team. I spent two weeks running drills with the team before school started. I got to know my teammates and found that a few of us shared the same classes. By the first day of high school, I had a few friends – and even some sports cred.

While it was tough to arrive at the end of what I had known for most of my life, it was also necessary in order for the great new adventure to begin. And people like my mum would be with me, giving me strength and encouragement – and car rides – all along the way.

As we start this first week of Advent, we remember that we go forth not alone but with our faith community. In this season of hope, we can trust that together we will find strength and encouragement for whatever adventures and challenges lie ahead.

### PROMISES, PROMISES

(Luke 21:25-28, 34-36)

When we read end-of-the-world passages in Scripture, we usually focus on destruction unleashed on the unsuspecting world. "Apocalypse now" sounds really scary - and it's supposed to. But not to us believers. Be not afraid is one of the most oft-repeated pieces of advice in

the New Testament. If you're with Jesus, there's nothing to fear, even when the boat is rocking in a violent storm.

Some may die of fright when disaster strikes, whether it's apocalyptic or a mere crisis of modern living. We all know people who die a thousand deaths when the bank account is overdrawn. Fearful living is not faithful living. For believers there's no disaster large enough to be bigger than God's sovereignty. And though at first glance it seems strange to begin Advent and the new church year on such a note, on further examination it is the perfect place to start. We know we're not really waiting the coming of the Christ child but rather the coming of Christ the King (remember, last Sunday?) Redemption is at hand. We have nothing to fear.

### KIDS' CORNER

When we're faced with a difficult choice, it would be easier if there were big arrow signs reading: GOD'S WAY. But God's way can't be found on a map. They are found in God's Word, in Jesus and through the Holy Spirit working in our hearts. How do we tune in? Prayer. Spend quiet time with God each day, and you will come to know what God wants for you and from you. *GPBS eNews*

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(December 02 - 08)

- **Monday, 02:** Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> week Advent (Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11)
- **Tuesday, 03:** St Francis Xavier (Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24)
- **Wednesday, 04:** Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> week Advent (Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37)
- **Thursday, 05:** Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> week Advent (Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27)
- **Friday, 06:** Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> week Advent (Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31)
- **Saturday, 07:** St Ambrose (Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 – 10:1, 6-8)
- **Sunday 08:** SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT (Baruch 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6)

### 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 0447 421 948.