



Welcome to

# Willunga Catholic Parish

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

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD - YEAR A

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## MASS CENTRES

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- 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)



## SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

January 1st

### FIRST READING

*Numbers 6:22-27*

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
May the Lord uncover his face and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 66:2-3, 5, 6, 8*

*May God bless us in his mercy.*

### SECOND READING

*Galatians 4:4-7*

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you

are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Heb 1:1-2*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*In the past, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

*Luke 2:16-21*

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception. *(Continued page 4)*



# Bulletin Board

## 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
1 <sup>st</sup> Fri	9.00am - Willunga 12.00 noon - Normanville

## WEEKEND MASSES

(Times on front page of this bulletin)

## PRIEST ROSTER - WEEKENDS

(Often this roster changes

if something unforeseen crops up)

31 Dec	5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
01 Jan	8.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick 10.30am - N/ville, Fr Tom

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth for ever.

## MIDNIGHT MASS FOR NEW YEAR

Willunga Parishioners are invited to Midnight Mass to be celebrated at St Luke's Church, Noarlunga Downs, for the beginning of 2023.

There will be Exposition of the Blessed sacrament on Saturday night, 31December (New Year's Eve) at 11.00pm followed by Mass at midnight to celebrate the beginning of the new year.

All parishioners are welcome.

## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER ON THE FEAST OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

As we celebrate Mary this January 1, we can pray with Pope Francis, who ended his recent exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), with the following prayer:

"Mary, Virgin and Mother, you who, moved by the Holy Spirit, welcomed the Word of Life in the depths of your humble Faith: As you gave yourself completely to the Eternal One, help us to say our own "Yes" to the urgent call, as pressing as ever, to proclaim the Good News of Jesus. Filled with Christ's presence, you brought joy to John the Baptist, making him exult in the

womb of his mother. Brimming over with joy, you sang of the great things done by God. Standing at the foot of the cross with unyielding Faith, you received the joyful comfort of the Resurrection and joined the disciples in awaiting the Spirit, so that the evangelizing Church might be born. Obtain for us now a new ardor born of the Resurrection that we may bring to all the Gospel of life, which triumphs over death. Give us a holy courage to seek new paths, that the gift of unfading beauty may reach every man and woman. Virgin of listening and contemplation, Mother of love, Bride of the eternal wedding feast, pray for the Church, whose pure icon you are, that she may never be closed in on herself or lose her passion for establishing God's Kingdom. Star of the New Evangelization, help us to bear radiant witness to communion, service, ardent and generous Faith, Justice and love of the poor, that the joy of the Gospel may reach to the ends of the earth, illuminating even the fringes of our world. Mother of the living Gospel, wellspring of happiness for God's little ones, pray for us. (Fr Antony Kadavil)

## RESPIRE CARE

There are numerous community respite opportunities available for older people, to give carers a break from their caring role. Community respite differs from residential respite in many ways including:

- Flexible Respite (an overnight or day-time respite option that can be in your home or in the community)
- Centre-based Respite (a day-time respite option that provides you with the opportunity to talk and interact with other people)
- Cottage Respite (an overnight respite option that is available during the week or over the weekend) and
- Residential Respite (a short-stay respite option best suited if you need ongoing, continuous carer support for most tasks).

If you know of anyone who would benefit from community respite

please feel free to contact me for any additional information.

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## MY TOP 10 BOOKS FOR 2022

*The book you need to read finds you, and finds you at that time in your life when you need to read it.*

I believe that old axiom, and offer it here as an apology for my selection of books for 2022. Good art and good literature always have an objective element to them, a depth and an aesthetic that are not contingent on the eye of the beholder, but an old axiom also asserts that *whatever is received is received according to the mode of the receiver*. Hence, there is always a subjective element in how we judge or evaluate anything. All of this to say that these are the ten books that most spoke to me during this past year. Their practical claim to my top ten list is that they found me and spoke to me. In the area of spirituality, both in its restricted and its wider sense, I found these books particularly meaningful.

- Jim Forest, *At Play in the Lion's Den, A Biography of Daniel Berrigan*.
- Robert Ellsberg, *Dearest Sister Wendy, A Surprising Story of Faith and Friendship*.





- Maria Ruiz Scaperlanda, *The Shepherd Who Didn't Run, Blessed Stanley Rother, Martyr from Oklahoma.*
- Sherry Turkle, *The Empathy Diaries.*
- Amia Srinivasan, *The Right to Sex – Feminism in the Twenty-First Century.*
- Jane Goodall & Douglas Abrams, *The Book of Hope, A Survival Guide for Trying Times.*
- Roosevelt Montas, *Rescuing Socrates – How The Great Books Changed My Life and Why They Matter For A New Generation.*

Among the novels I read, three stand out.

- Sally Rooney, *Beautiful World, Where Are You.*

- Valerie Perrin, *Fresh Water for Flowers.*
  - Jeanine Cummins, *American Dirt.*
- That's ten, but there's an honorable mention:
- Joyce Aitken, *Sincere Condolences – What to Say When You Don't Know What to Say.* Aitken lost her husband to suicide and found that, in its wake, many people found it awkward to talk to her about it, even though that is exactly what she, in her grief, needed. The book is insightful and practical. Don't we all find ourselves in situations that leave us awkward, not knowing what to say? As well, commenting on her inability to prevent her own husband's suicide, she adds a line that needs to be heard by anyone who has ever lost a loved one to suicide: *The Will to save a life does not constitute the Power to prevent a death.*

These are my favorite ten books for 2022.  
Ronald Rolheiser

### CUPPA AFTER MASS

Please join with others for a cuppa after Mass at St Joseph's, Willunga this Sunday (Jan 1). Everyone is most welcome.

- *My boss calls me "the computer". Nothing to do with intelligence - I go to sleep if left unattended for fifteen minutes."*
- *My grandson made the mistake of telling me I was being over-dramatic so I just changed the WiFi password. We'll see who's over-dramatic in about five minutes.*



### ROSTERS

**ALDINGA** *Saturday 31 December*  
 Welcomer Kate Manders  
 Commentator David Manders  
 Readers Christina Tiedge  
 Brianna McIver  
 Eucharistic Minister Brigid Grimwood

*Saturday 07 January*  
 Rose Sulda  
 Christina Tiedge  
 Rod Boucher  
 Vivi Boucher  
 Judy Driscoll

**NORMANVILLE** *Sunday, 01 January*  
 Welcomer Peter Lloyd  
 Commentator Chris Symes  
 Reader Mary Kennedy  
 Altar/Cleaning Jim and Patsy Fitzpatrick

*Sunday, 08 January*  
 Tim Fleming  
 Thia Van Kuyk  
 Michael Steller  
 Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery

**WILLUNGA** *Sunday, 01 January*  
 Commentator Gael Maloney  
 Reader Norman Lee  
 Eucharistic Minister Chris Dzamko  
 Flowers Michael Hynes  
 Church Linen Margaret Guley

*Sunday, 08 January*  
 Michael Hynes  
 Ian La Ronde  
 Denny Ford  
 Tony Harding  
 Marie Cester

### 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, Heidi Kunzelmann

**Anniversaries:** Sarah and Christopher Lane, Anne and Ian Haese

### DATES

- 1 Jan New Year's Day
- 2 Jan New Year's Day holiday
- 21 Jan Tour Down Under - Port Willunga - Willunga 11.00am - 2.30pm
- 22 Jan Lunar New Year (Chinese Year of the Rabbit)
- 26 Jan Australia Day holiday
- 30 Jan First school day - 2023
- 22 Feb Ash Wednesday
- 26 Feb First Sunday of Lent
- 13 Mar Adelaide Cup Day
- 14 Apr Last day School term 1
- 6 Apr Thursday of Lord's supper
- 7 Apr Good Friday
- 8 Apr Holy Saturday
- 9 Apr Easter Sunday
- 10 Apr Easter Monday
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day
- 1 May First day School term 2
- 12 Jun King's birthday
- 7 Jul Last day School term 2
- 24 Jul First day School term 3
- 29 Sep Last day School term 3
- 2 Oct Labour Day
- 16 Oct First day School term 4
- 15 Dec Last day School term 4

### COLLECTIONS

(For the last fortnight)

First collection	\$1749.00
Second collection	\$1509.00
Envelopes	\$488.00
Direct debits	\$951.00
Caritas	\$725.00
Aboriginal Mission	\$725.00

Thank you for your support



## COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 28/12/22)



- 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

### SMILING CHILD AND HIS MOTHER

There is a beautiful little story about a long, tedious train journey, made one Christmas day by some elderly residents of a nursing home who were on their way to a vacation spot.

At one station, a young mother with a small child entered the train. The child smiled at all the grim faces around him and began moving from one lap to another talking, shouting with joy and chatting with every one. Instantly, the grim and silent atmosphere in the train was changed to one of joy and happiness.

Today we remember with joy and gratitude how Mary and her Divine Son Jesus transformed a hopeless, joyless and sinful world into a place of joy and happiness.

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### EVERY LIFE

Every life is a wonderful story worthy of being told.

Every life is a work of art, and if it does not seem so, perhaps it is only necessary to illuminate the room that contains it.

The secret is never to lose faith, to have confidence in God's plan for us, revealed in the signs with which [we are shown] the way.

If you learn to listen you will find that each life speaks to us of love, Because love is the key to everything, the engine of the world.

Love is the secret energy behind every note I sing.

Never forget that there's no such thing as happenstance.

That is an illusion lawless and arrogant [people] invented so that they can sacrifice the truth of our world to the laws of reason.

*Andrea Bocelli (2017)  
"The music of silence"  
A film by Michael Radford*

### WHY DID JESUS GIVE US HIS MOTHER?

Jesus gave us his Mother so that she would be the Mother of all humanity. After having considered the role of the Virgin Mary in the mystery of Christ and the Spirit, we should think about her role in the mystery of the Church. We know that the Virgin Mary is the Mother of Jesus Christ and, consequently, the Mother of God. But she is also the Mother of the Church, which is the Body of Christ. Because of this, the mission of Mary is totally inseparable from the mission of the Church. And it should be clearly stated that the role of Mary, as Mother of all humanity, in no way eclipses or diminishes Christ. On the contrary, her role can only help to clarify Christ's role. This is one of the reasons God decided to share his Mother with us.

Many non-Catholic Christians really don't pay much attention at all to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We Catholics, on the other hand, recognise her as the Queen of Heaven and Earth. We know that Jesus took her up to Heaven, body and soul, as soon as her earthly

mission was over. This is the Dogma of the Assumption, defined by the Church with an infallible papal definition. It makes sense that the woman who bore God in her womb should be borne by God into Heaven and not left in a grave to turn back into dust. In fact, in the Old Testament, the Queen of the Kingdom of Israel was always the Queen Mother. One of King Solomon's first acts when his father David gave him the throne was to raise his mother Bathsheba to his side, to be the royal Queen - a mini-Assumption. There was a practical reason for this tradition: Old Testament Kings used to marry more than one wife, but the King had only one Mother, so she became Queen. But there was also a deeper, prophetic meaning at work. God was already planning to send the Messiah through a Virgin, to involve a Mother intimately in the Redemption, just as a mother (Eve) had been involved intimately in the Fall (original sin). God did it that way on purpose. God gives his Mother a special place in the ongoing history of salvation because He wants to tell us something about His love for us. His love is faithful, strong and indestructible, because He is our Father. But it is also gentle, patient, and ever-present, always watching over us - like a Mother. Mary, our heavenly Queen and spiritual Mother, reminds us of this. *(E-Priest)*

### WEEKDAY READINGS

(02 - 08 January)

- **Monday, 02:** Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen (1 Jn 2:22-28 ; Jn 1:19-28 )
- **Tuesday, 03:** Tuesday before Epiphany (1 Jn 2:29 - 3:6; Jn 1:29-34 )
- **Wednesday, 04:** Wednesday before Epiphany (1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42)
- **Thursday, 05:** Thursday before Epiphany (1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51)
- **Friday, 06:** Friday before Epiphany (1 Jn 5:5-13 ; Mk 1:6-11)
- **Saturday, 07:** Saturday before Epiphany (1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11)
- **Sunday 08:** The EPIPHANY of the LORD (Is 60:1-6 ; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12)

### 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.