



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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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

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest

from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 88:2-5, 27, 29

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Romans 16:25-27

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen. *(Continued page 4)*



Bulletin Board

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon No Masses - Willunga Parish
9.00am - Noarlunga
Tue 9.15am - Aldinga
Wed 9.00am - Willunga
12.00noon - Normanville
(No Mass on 23 December)
Thur 9.00am - Willunga
Fri 9.00am - Willunga

WEEKEND MASSES

(Times on front page of this bulletin)

Please Note

This weekend (19/20 December) we return to the 1:2sqm restriction. St Joseph's can accommodate 75 for Mass, St Peter's 26 and Mary of Galilee 45 (plus approx 90 in the adjoining Hall). Bookings are essential for St Peter's - please phone Patricia Litvensky (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.

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

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.)

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>

2020 CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Parish Christmas Mass times are available on the Archdiocesan Website and Mass App.

WILLUNGA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The new Parish Pastoral Council was commissioned by Fr Josy at the Eucharist at Mary of Galilee on 14 November. In our first meeting we spent time getting to know each other and discussing the Parish Council Guidelines (which are available on the Parish website). At our second meeting, Pastoral Council Deputy Chair and Galilee Deputy Principal Kerri Gould gave an update of the

expansion of Galilee School to Years 7 to 9 over the coming years, as part of Cardijn College. This will involve the construction of a new building next year on the corner of How and Quinliven Roads, and the creation of a new entrance area, which will help to increase the visibility of the church as well.

Representatives from each of our three communities offered a picture of the character and activities of their worship community. Chair of the Council, Peter Laffan, introduced members to the idea of "pastoral planning", and Fr Josy gave instructions for members of the Pastoral Council to be taking initiatives to consult parishioners and reach out to the wider community to be bringing new members into the parish. For further information, speak to one of your community's representatives on the Council.

Peter Laffan



A PLACE FOR GOD TO LIVE

Mary is called the Ark of the Covenant because, of all the places God chooses to dwell, Mary’s womb is the most surprising. The Ark built in Moses’ time was an elaborate throne; the Temple that housed it more astonishing still. But neither feat of craftsmanship compared with the body of a young girl who embraced the opportunity to serve God so intimately. She was not only a vessel of God-life, but her life upheld and sustained that union. Mary knit her human life together with God’s. Only a mother understands how complete a unity Mary had to make with divinity to arrive at that communion.

The Church calls us to be Christ-bearers too. We carry Christ within us in a mystical way that is nonetheless real. We share Christ-life in our sacraments and are temples of the Holy Spirit, reserves of wonder and power. We’re called to prepare the way for God to pitch a tent into our midst. God’s house will never be a gated community, reserved for the privileged few. We hold a treasure, like Mary did; not for ourselves, but for the world.

How do you bear Christ into the world? Be a Christ-bearer this



Christmas. Don’t just bring gifts, cake and beverages, but also a spirit of reconciliation, compassion, and welcome wherever you go this holiday season. *GPBS eNews*

IT’S A MIRACLE!

Each year on our birthdays my mother would tell my sisters and me the story of our births. My dad, a travelling salesman during those years, was always out of town when my mum would start labour. But then by some miracle, he would get there before or just after each of us was born.

Miracles and childbirth seem to go hand in hand. It is a miracle people are courageous enough to bear children given all that can go wrong. It is a miracle anyone conceives a child given the biological precision required. It is a miracle that the baby survives its time in the womb given all the possible genetic and healthcare threats. It is a miracle that the trauma of childbirth doesn’t overwhelm the baby and its parents more than it usually does. It is a miracle that more often than not, even in remote areas, the mother doesn’t die from infection. It is a miracle that despite even the most incredible odds, most babies thrive and grow. Conception and

childbirth are miracles. Jesus’ conception and birth are no exception. They point to a truth that anyone who watches a child come into the world knows as the truth: that love exists - as a separate, all-powerful being outside ourselves, and we are graced with its presence everyday of our lives. Praise Mary, for her role in bringing this truth to life.

GPBS eNews

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 Litvensky, Deanne Bostock

DATES

- 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

COLLECTIONS

For the last two weekends

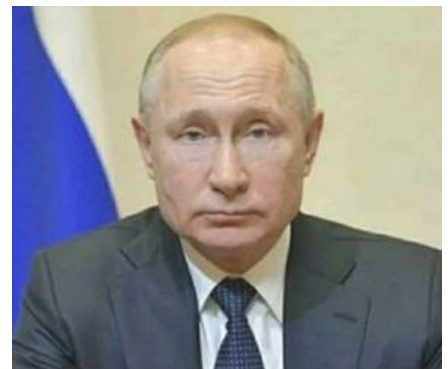
First collection	\$884.50
Second collection	\$328.50
Envelopes	\$975.00

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.

- *I accidentally went grocery shopping on an empty stomach and now I’m the proud owner of Aisle 4.*
- *I might wake up early and go running. I also might wake up and win the lottery. The odds are about the same.*
- *I’m at that delusional age where I think everyone my age looks way older than I do.*

ROSTERS

ALDINGA	Saturday 19 December	Saturday 26 December
Commentator	Bob Daly	Tricia Dundon
Readers	David Manders	Christine Jones
	Brianna McIver	Denis Jones
NORMANVILLE	Sunday, 20 December	Sunday, 27 December
	To be advised	To be advised
WILLUNGA	Sunday, 20 December	Sunday, 27 December
Commentator	Anna Rogers	Vanda Farrall
Reader	Margaret Guley	Megan Chapman
Church Cleaning	Michael Hynes	Michael Hynes
Church Linen	Marie Cester	Anna Rogers



“Poor America, weeks after the election and just finished counting. Here in Russia, we finished counting the day before the election.”

COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(Current from 14 December)

- Attendees at Mass must maintain social distancing of 1:2 sqm.
- Funerals are capped at 200 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- Weddings are capped at 200 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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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High.

The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

DID YOU KNOW?

- This scene from the Gospel of Luke, where such a momentous exchange takes place, is known as the Annunciation, meaning the announcement of the conception of Jesus.
- From the time of the Exile in Babylon, Israel had longed for the Messiah to come. He was to be the anointed one of God and the prophets foretold that he would come from the House of David and be born in David's home town of Bethlehem.

- According to Luke's Gospel, Mary and Joseph live in Nazareth in the north and travel to Bethlehem to be counted in the census because Joseph is of David's line and must return to his 'home' country.

EXPLORING THE WORD

Annunciation stories are a regular literary form. There are a number of such stories in the Hebrew Scriptures; for example, the births of Isaac, Samson and Samuel and, of course, Luke has already recorded the annunciation of John the Baptist. The purpose of the annunciation story is to let the reader know what role the person whose birth is announced will play in salvation history. In this sense they are a device rather than a strictly historical narration, although clearly based on ancient memory.

In the annunciation of the birth of Jesus, however, there are elements which surpass all other annunciation stories. The emphasis is on the creative action of the Holy Spirit, Mary's cooperation with God's will, and it establishes Jesus' transcendental origins. The role that the child to be born is to play in salvation history is defined in terms of Davidic Messiahship and in this last Sunday of Advent we stand on the brink of the fulfillment of the promise made to Mary of messianic hope for the world. The tension of the waiting of Advent is almost over.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(21 - 27 December)

- **Monday, 21:** Mon 4th week Advent (Song 2:8-14, Lk 1:39-45)
- **Tuesday, 22:** Tues 4th week Advent (1 Sam 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56)
- **Wednesday, 23:** Wed 4th week Advent (Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66)
- **Thursday, 24:** Evening Mass of Christmas (2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Lk 1:67-79)
- **Friday, 25:** The NATIVITY of the LORD (Christmas Masses)
- **Saturday, 26:** St Stephen (Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22)
- **Sunday 27:** The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40)

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).