



Welcome to

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

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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)



VIGIL MASS

(celebrated during the afternoon or evening of 24th December)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

God's grace brings about the conversion of his unfaithful people. With a new-found integrity they (and we) will be called by a new name, and their relationship (and ours) with God will lead to an intimacy beyond their (and our) wildest imaginings. God will rejoice in them (and us).

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 88:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

Paul introduces the Jews and non-Jewish believers in the God of Israel to the new thing that God has done for them in Jesus, whom he has raised up for them as Saviour.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed: the Saviour of the world will be our king. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 1:1-25

This reading from the beginning of Matthew's Gospel reminds us of the mortality and even the sin the Son of God took on himself in becoming one of us, through his birth from the Virgin Mary, in order to save his people from their sins and restore us to God's friendship.

MIDNIGHT MASS

(Celebrated at midnight on 24th Dec)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-7

Light shines in the darkness and overcomes it, because a child is born for us, a son given to us, and his name is Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father Prince-of-Peace.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 95:1-3, 11-13

Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14

God's grace, given in his Son, has made salvation possible for the whole human race. This Son

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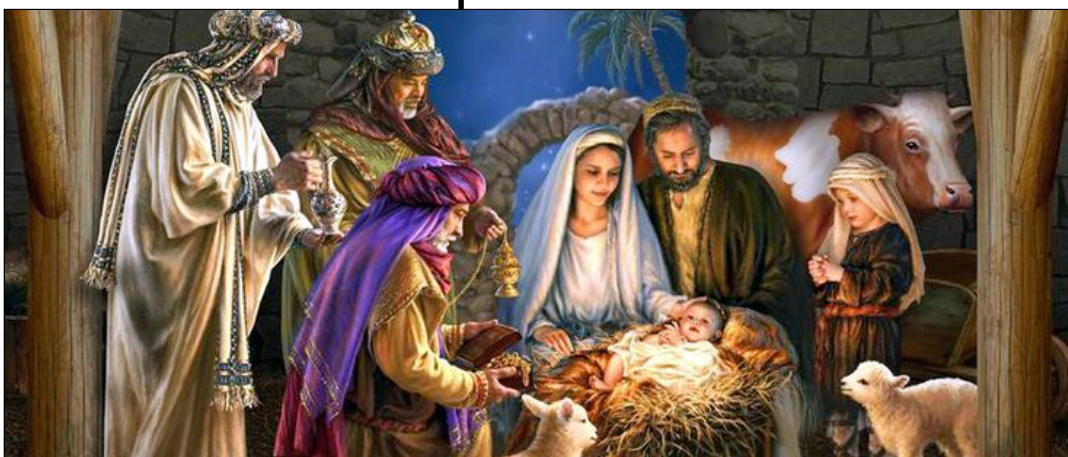
CHRISTMAS MESSAGE
from Fr Josie

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

We are celebrating with joy the great event of God's direct entry into our world. God the Father has packaged His infinite Love for us in flesh and blood like any one of us and made to us this tremendous gift sharing our human lot; for becoming one of us, assuming fully our human condition. Jesus is born into a family poor by material standards, but rich in joy. He is recognized first by the shepherds, who hear from the angel the news of his birth. The good news came first to the shepherds. They lived and slept side by side with their sheep, carrying the smell of the sheep with them. Yet it is these people, living on the margins, who first hear of the birth of the Saviour.

Christmas reminds us of our Saviour's plan to enter into our brokenness. He wants to come into that part of us where we are broken and where we are in pain. He wants to enter into our fears. Prophet Isaiah writes of a "people who walk in darkness" and a land of gloom". The people in Isaiah's time, in Jesus' time, and in our own, faced wars, persecutions, constant battles and they wondered if they would ever be safe. Yet Isaiah promises them - and us - hope. The power that Jesus offers us is the power that comes to us through the virtue of hope. Such power is found when we have no control. Therefore, let us all celebrate Christmas with unending hope giving Jesus the power to control.

I wish everyone Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New year!



May joy be your gift at Christmas and may faith, hope and love be your treasures in the New Year.

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sacrificed himself to set us free from all wickedness, so that our sole ambition might be to do good.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Good News and great joy to all the world: today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-14
In an out-of-the-way little town in Judea, a child is born. He is announced by angels to nearby shepherds as the Christ of the Lord, and the sign confirming this is a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. An early example of "God's Easter methods".

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

(Celebrated during the day of 25th December)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:7-10
The Prophet proclaims good news to the disheartened people of Judah and Jerusalem - their God has not abandoned them, but is coming to save them. Good news to us too - God's salvation is for all peoples.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:1-6
All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-6
God spoke his word through his prophets and in various ways. Now he speaks to us through his Son, who is the radiant light of God's glory.

He has veiled that glory with our humanity so that we can prepare by lives of faith for the full revelation of that glory in Heaven.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 1:1-18
The gospel passage encourages us to ponder reverently the mystery of the Word who was with God in the beginning, who was God, and who became man in Jesus and dwelt among us.

CHRISTMAS QUOTES

"For it is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty Founder was a child himself." Charles Dickens

"Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world." CS Lewis

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

