



# 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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## PARISH OFFICE

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## PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

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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)  
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## FIRST READING

*Ecclesiasticus 27:30 -28:7*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 102:1-4, 9-12*

*The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.*

## SECOND READING

*Romans 14:7-9*

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead

we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Jn 13:34*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.*

*Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 18:21-35*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt.

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# Bulletin Board

September is Catholic Charities month

## PARISH MASSES

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	No Masses - Willunga Parish 9.00am - Noarlunga
Tue	9.15am - Aldinga
Wed	9.00am - Willunga 12.00noon - Normanville
Thur	9.00am - Willunga
Fri	9.00am - Willunga

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There is no need to book for Galilee or St Joseph's. BOOKINGS are STILL REQUIRED for St Peter's - please phone Dolek Thiele after 2.00pm (0419 844 693).

## COVID MARSHALS

COVID Marshal are required at all our Mass Centres, for all events and ceremonies. They count the number of people on site to ensure the Church capacity limit is not exceeded, ensure that parishioners sign on as they enter the Church and that hand sanitiser is readily available. They will also remind people, if necessary, to maintain 1.5 metres physical distance.

Our COVID Marshals will have name tags on lanyards and be easily recognisable.

# CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Putting Compassion Into Action

Please support the Catholic Charities 2020 Appeal by making a donation. You may donate online at [www.adelaide.catholic.org.au](http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au) or via Catholic Charities Appeal, Reply Paid 912, Adelaide SA 5001. Donations of more than \$2 are tax deductible.



September 13, 2020

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday. We pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. The Church takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk. Find out more at: [www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday) and [www.catholicreligious.org.au/safeguarding](http://www.catholicreligious.org.au/safeguarding)

## SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a special leaving collection for the Holy Places Appeal (the Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land) at Mass Centres this weekend.

If you would like to make a donation, please leave it in the specially-marked bowl as you leave the Church today (alongside those for the First and Second collections).

## GALILEE TUESDAY MASS

Galilee School Years 3 and 4 and Reception children will be attending Mass at Galilee Church on Tuesday 22 September at 9.15am.

Kerri Gould

## ST PETER'S PASTORAL TEAM MEETING

The next meeting of the St Peter's Pastoral Team will be this Sunday (13 September) following 8.30am Mass.

## 10 YEAR CANONISATION ANNIVERSARY OF ST MARY MACKILLOP

The Archdiocese will be hosting a number of events on Saturday, October 17 to mark the 10 year anniversary of St Mary MacKillop to the sainthood. Archbishop O'Regan will unveil and bless a new statue of Mary MacKillop in the Cathedral at 10.00am, a local bus tour led by Sr Patricia Keane RSJ will leave the Cathedral at 11.00am highlighting places of significance to St Mary and an overnight pilgrimage to Penola will depart Adelaide on Saturday early morning, stay in Mt Gambier and return on Sunday evening. For more information regarding any of the above events or to book a place on either tour, please contact Archdiocesan Events on P: 8210 8220 or E: [events@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:events@adelaide.catholic.org.au).



## SEASON OF CREATION

### PRACTICAL FAITH WORKSHOPS

#### How to make Beeswax Wraps

Inspired by Pope Francis' words in Laudato Si', we are offering practical faith workshops that aim to tackle the "throwaway culture", beginning in this Season of Creation. The first of these workshops will be on making your own "beeswax wraps" – an alternative to using plastic wrap. Materials and an instruction sheet will be provided so you can do it again at home!

- 4.30pm Saturday 26 September in the Hall at Mary of Galilee.
- 11.30am Sunday 27 September in the shed at St Joseph's.

The workshops will be led by Holly Roberts from the Catholic Office of Youth and Young Adults, and Alice Dunlop from Little Earthies. To register, please contact Peter Laffan ([impe@internode.on.net](mailto:impe@internode.on.net) or phone 0488 062 112). Peter Laffan

## Young at Heart'

# Art & Craft Exhibition

**October 5th—10th 2020**



**Open 10am—4pm daily**



**Noarlunga Downs Primary School Gymnasium**  
Canterbury Cres. (off Liguria Cres) Noarlunga Downs  
Bus Stop 70, Bus Route 747 or 745 Seaford Loop.

**New Exhibitors Welcome**  
**Entries close Sept. 24th 2020**



Enquiries  
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## CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY

A prayer and reflection group, based on Ignatian spirituality, meets at 3.30pm on the 2nd and 4th Mondays in the Chapel at Mary of Galilee, beginning on Monday 14 September. Learn to see how God is moving in your life, and to grow in "finding God in all things." For further information contact Peter Laffan ([impe@internode.on.net](mailto:impe@internode.on.net) or phone 0488 062 112). *Peter Laffan*

## VINNIES SA BUSHFIRE APPEAL REPORT



We are delighted to present a report detailing how funds were raised and distributed to those impacted by bushfires last summer. 100% of the \$2.05million raised via the appeal, plus interest, was distributed by 30 June 2020 - it would have been sooner had we not continued to receive generous donations right up until this time.

The report is available to read online at [www.vinnies.org.au/BushfireReportSA](http://www.vinnies.org.au/BushfireReportSA)

## TOUGH COMPASSION

If someone was locked in the embrace of sin, it's the servant in this parable about mercy. Though compassion is shown to him, he's incapable of returning it. Watch the way he treats his fellow servant! His un-forgiveness imprisons him in the same way.

The spirit of unforgiveness lurks in Peter's question about 'how much' forgiveness is required. What he's really asking is: When can I reasonably refuse to forgive those who offend me? Surely there's a limit

to how much forgiveness is strictly necessary.

Jesus won't play this game. Jesus paints God as a king willing to forgive an outrageous sum owed to him, not because it's necessary - a king has no obligation to forgive anything - but for compassion's sake. Peter, in the guise of the first servant, sees his anger against his brother as actually justifiable. In the world of gospel parable, that attitude is destined for destruction. Holding others bound to their sin poisons our love. Our unforgiveness reveals how far short we fall of the mercy God shows to us. When I'm in opposition to a sister or brother, I know it's for my sake, as much as for theirs, that I find my way to forgiveness. To the extent that I choke my neighbour with my wrath, that's how far the embrace of sin has choked the love out of me.

Whom do I find hardest to forgive? What makes it hard, and what price do you pay for unforgiveness?

As Scripture says, "Do not give the devil a chance to work on you". Resolve not to allow unforgiveness a breeding ground in your heart. Confess it and reconcile with your offender as quickly as possible.

*GPBS eNews*

## STOP MODERN SLAVERY SA PETITION

To generate interest and support for the "Stop modern slavery SA" campaign, an online petition has been started. It is another way for people to add their support for the campaign. Click on link to view petition <https://www.megaphone.org.au/p/stopmodernslaverySA>.

After you've signed the petition, please also take a moment to share it with others.

## PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Val and George Gater, Abbey McIver, Veronica Shortland, Muriel Smith, Jeff Gray, Judy Hore, Vence Sulda, Kate Hall, Tilly Kirtland, Arthur Jones, Leonie Zeven, Amy Jasper, Violet Gilli, Colin and Roma Whitford

## DATES

Sep 26 School holidays begin  
 Sep 26 Workshop - Galilee 4.30pm  
 Sep 27 Workshop - Willunga 11.30am  
 Oct 5 Labour Day holiday  
 Oct 12 School Term 4 begins  
 Nov 1 All Saints' Day  
 Nov 2 All Souls' Day  
 Nov 11 Remembrance Day  
 Nov 22 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
 Nov 29 First Sunday of Advent  
 Dec 6 Second Sunday of Advent  
 Dec 12 School holidays begin  
 Dec 13 Third Sunday of Advent  
 Dec 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent  
 Dec 25 Christmas Day

## COLLECTIONS

*For the last two weekends*

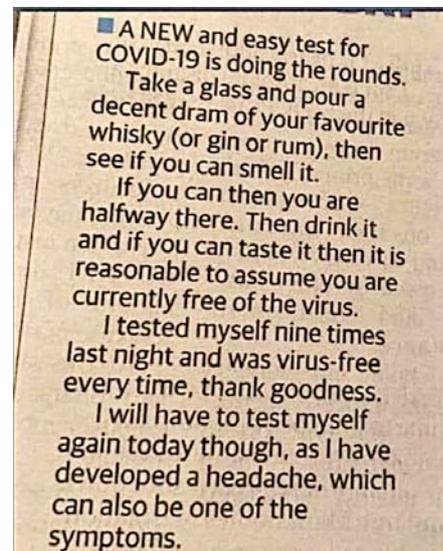
First collection \$837.00  
 Second collection \$1201.00

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.

- *Rabbits jump and they live for 8 years. Dogs run and they live for 15 years. Turtles do nothing and live for 150 years. Lesson learned!*
- *I've decided to take something for my kleptomania.*

## ROSTERS

	<i>Saturday 12 September</i>	<i>Saturday 19 September</i>
<b>ALDINGA</b>		
Commentator	Michelle Cormack	David Manders
Readers	Heidi Davidson Brianna McIver	Robert Daly Brian Younie
<b>NORMANVILLE</b>	<i>Sunday, 13 September</i>	<i>Sunday, 20 September</i>
	To be advised	To be advised
<b>WILLUNGA</b>	<i>Sunday, 13 September</i>	<i>Sunday, 20 September</i>
Commentator	John Hounslow	Marie Andrews
Reader	Megan Chapman	Norman Lee
Church Cleaning	Rebecca Pace	Rebecca Pace
Church Linen	Pauleen Hounslow	Anna Rogers



## COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

*(The following conditions apply for the time being)*

- Attendance for mass is dependent on the 1 in 2 sq.m rule restriction.
- This number also applies for funerals and weddings.
- 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. Logs are located at the entrance to the Church.
- Hand sanitizer is to be available at church entrances.
- Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- No collection plates or hymn books are to be passed around.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- 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.
- Collection plates will not be passed around but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- Offertory procession will be omitted.
- 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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### WILLUNGA PARISH

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Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt.

His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt.

And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- The sum of ten thousand talents would have been an impossibly huge debt. A Jewish talent was made of silver weighing 43,620 grams!
- A debt of one hundred denarii was still a hefty sum. The denarius was a commonly used Roman coin made of silver weighing 3.64 grams. A denarius was the wage paid for one day's casual labour.
- The use of the word 'torturers' in this text is problematic. The Greek term is linked to the notion of 'tormentors'. It may be that the debtor's friends and relations would more vigorously try to raise the necessary funds if the culprit is undergoing torment but it may also be an eschatological reference given what follows in the next verse.

## SHARING THE TRADITION

In the life of the Church the sacrament which celebrates forgiveness is the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance. Baptism into the community of Christ included an element of forgiveness of sin, but what happened when one of the faithful sinned again after baptism? In the early Church they grappled with the problem of people who denounced their faith in the face of persecution or committed a grave offence like murder or adultery. How often were they to be forgiven and reinstated to the community? In those early centuries, forgiveness required a public confession and public penance like the wearing of sack-cloth and ashes. Gradually the Celtic monastic practice of having a spiritual guide became more popular. This was a person with whom one had regular contact and with whom one shared failings and concerns. From this practice, the sacrament of confession and administration of forgiveness and penance became more private and auricular (heard). This is now the norm of the Church except in exceptional circumstances.

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

*(14 - 20 September)*

- **Monday, 14:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Num 21:4-9; Jn 3:13-17)
- **Tuesday, 15:** Our Lady of Sorrows (Heb 5:7-9; Jn 19:25-27)
- **Wednesday, 16:** Sts Cornelius and Cyprian (1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 7:31-35)
- **Thursday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 24 (1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50)
- **Friday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 24 (1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3)
- **Saturday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 24 (1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15)
- **Sunday 20:** 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16)

### 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).