



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)

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B**

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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**

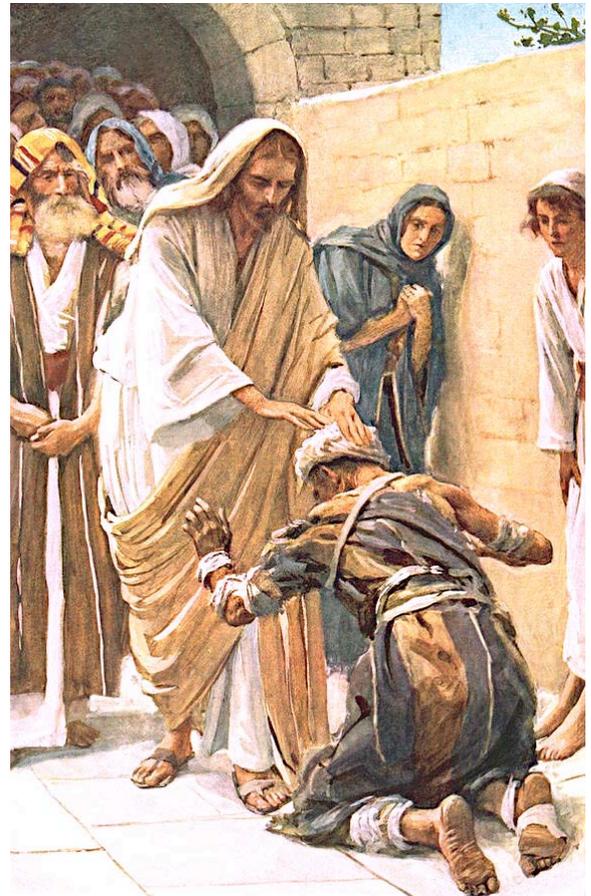
- SATURDAY EVENING 5.30pm  
Aldinga Beach (Mary of Galilee)
- FIRST, THIRD, FIFTH SUNDAYS  
8.30am Willunga (St Joseph's)  
10.30am Normanville (St Peter's)
- SECOND, FOURTH SUNDAYS  
8.30am Normanville (St Peter's)  
10.30am Willunga (St Joseph's)

**FIRST READING**

*Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'



**RESPONSORIAL**

**PSALM Ps 31:1-2, 5, 11**

*I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

**SECOND READING**

*1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1*

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Lk 7:16**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.*

*Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL**

**Mark 1:40-45**

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.'

The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

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# Bulletin Board

## 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

## WEEKEND MASSES

(Times on front page of this bulletin)

### Please Note

We are still required to comply with 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 - phone Patricia Litvensky (0448 783 288).

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Ps 30:3-4*

*Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.*

## ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

**17 February, 2021**

9.00am	St Joseph's Willunga
9.15am	Galilee, Aldinga
12.00 noon	St Peter's, Normanville
7.00pm	St Joseph's, Willunga

## LENT – 2021

The season of Lent is a penitential season of prayer, penance and reaching out to others. In this way the whole Church prepares for the celebration of Easter with those who are to be Baptised.

**Project Compassion** is a practical means of enabling us to reach out in generosity to those in need. This year Caritas Australia is supporting the promotion of many food programs throughout the world where the risk of starvation is high.

### What is Fasting and Abstaining?

Fasting is for Catholics between the ages of 18 and 60 years, unless they have particular health requirements or are sick. Fasting is to have perhaps one meal for the day or to have two smaller meals that equal one meal (with no snacks). Remember to drink lots of water! Fasting is about being more alert. It helps us to heighten our senses and consciousness (as the monks in the desert discovered centuries ago), to aid our prayer, and

to name our deeper desires so that we can be ready to listen to God more openly.

**Abstinence** is for Catholics between the ages of 14 and 60 years, unless they have particular health requirements or are sick. We are to abstain from meat only on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday. Some people choose to do this every Friday of Lent, but this is not required by the Church!

## SPECIAL COLLECTION

### Day of the Unborn Child Appeal

There is a Special Collection this weekend for the Day of the Unborn Child Appeal.

The Day of the Unborn Child assists us to focus on those people in our families and communities who have experienced any sort of childbearing loss, whether miscarriage, stillbirth, the death of a baby soon after birth, or abortion.

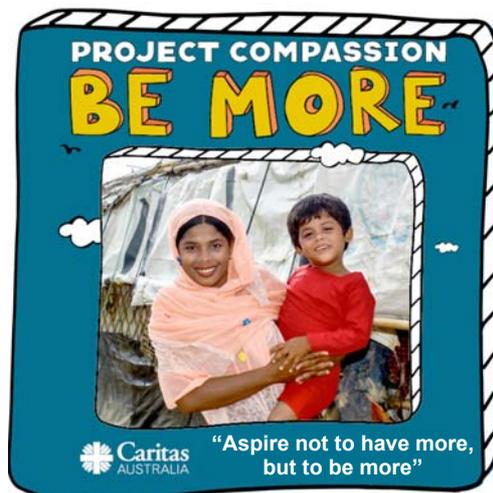
## PROJECT COMPASSION

### SUNDAY - 14 February

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "Be More". As Saint Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more."

Through your generosity and by aspiring to "Be More", you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities. Thank you for being more!

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



## LENTEN EVENING PRAYER

### "Rebuild my Church"

Earlier this year, Archbishop O'Regan wrote to all parishes in the Adelaide Archdiocese to let people know there will be no Lenten Stational Masses this year.

His message strongly encouraged parishes to organise their own Lenten prayer events, with assistance from the Office of Worship, who are producing a Lenten Booklet that may be used as a guide.

Our booklets haven't arrived yet, but should be here in time for distribution on the First Sunday in Lent. They are free and available to anyone who would like a copy.

In Willunga Parish, a Lenten Group will meet at Mary of Galilee Church, Aldinga at 6.00pm on Tuesday evenings. Parishioners from all three of our communities are warmly invited to take part.

The evening will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, evening prayer, a scripture reading (gospel of the day), a 2-3 minute personal reflection on the gospel from a willing volunteer, prayer of the Magnificat, prayers of intercession and concluding with a blessing.

Everyone most welcome.

## FEAR SEPARATES,

### LOVE HEALS

The day after primary school ended my family moved, and all summer long I missed my friends back in the city. So, I invited my friend Billy to spend the weekend.

Our visit was a bit stilted at first. At 12 we were both changing so drastically. After walking around my new neighbourhood (where I knew no one) and playing some card games Billy had learned since I had moved, it was time to get ready for bed. Trying to be casual, Billy asked, "You don't sleep with a teddy bear, do you?"

"Heck no!" I replied, wondering if I'd hid my stuffed animals well enough in the laundry cupboard. "Oh," replied Billy. "I hope it doesn't bother you that I brought mine along". He pulled a small, worn bear from his overnight bag.

I felt horrible! I'd betrayed my best buddy and was still too afraid of appearing uncool to do the right thing

and drag out my own favourite teddy bear. The rest of the weekend I felt a rift between us.

Years later, we met at a school reunion. It was great seeing Billy, now a police officer and a good man. We spent the whole time catching up and joking around like old times. Driving home, I reflected on all the time with Billy I'd lost - all because of fear.

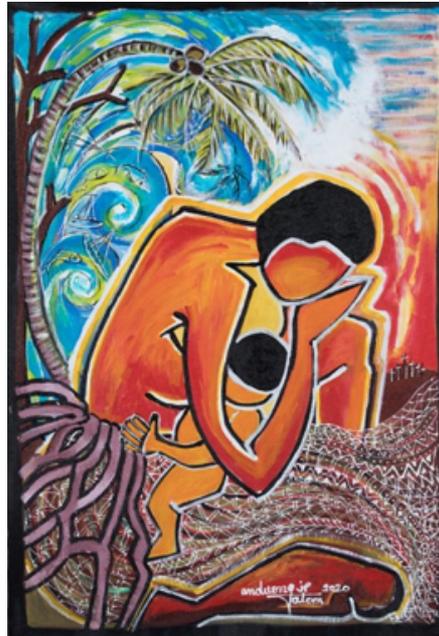
*The Commissioning*

Go as the young servant of Naaman this day, filled with the truth of the prophet's word that there is healing for the least and the greatest among us. Speak peace, teach kindness, be glad. May God's blessings attend you this and every day. You are not alone. Go in peace. Amen.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

**"Build on a strong foundation"**

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. Through preparation and participation in the worship service, we can come to know how our sisters of other countries, languages and cultures understand the Biblical passages in their context. We can hear their concerns and needs and can feel ourselves in solidarity with them as we pray with and for them.



In this way, it is possible to enrich our Christian faith as it grows deeper and broader in an international, ecumenical expression.

This year a local World Day of Prayer service will be hosted by the Uniting Church at the **McLaren Vale Uniting Church on Friday, March 5 at 7.00pm.**

The 2021 featured country is Vanuatu and there will be a guest speaker. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

*Jenny Esots*  
(0447 839 040)



**ROSTERS**

**ALDINGA**

Commentator  
Readers

**Saturday 13 February**

Tricia Dundon  
Peter Laffan  
Ken Creevey

**Saturday 20 February**

Christina Tiedge  
Bob Daly  
Rod Boucher

**NORMANVILLE**

**Sunday, 14 February**

To be advised

**Sunday, 21 February**

To be advised

**WILLUNGA**

Commentator  
Reader  
Church Cleaning  
Church Linen

**Sunday, 14 February**

Gael Maloney  
Marie Cester  
Michael Hynes  
Margaret Guley

**Sunday, 21 February**

Wayne Best  
Sue Thompson  
Michael Hynes  
Marie Cester

**PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Sick:** Val and George Gater, Abbey McIver, Veronica Shortland, Muriel Smith, Jeff Gray, Judy Hore, Arthur Jones, Violet Gilli, Colin and Roma Whitford, Deanne Bostock, Vence Sulda, Leonie Zeven

**Recently deceased:** Jeff Field  
(Geraldine Robinson's brother)

**Anniversaries:** Elizabeth and Terry Fitzpatrick

**Happy Birthday:** Fr Tom (15 Feb)

**DATES**

- Feb 14 Project Compassion begins
- Feb 17 Ash Wednesday
  - 9.00am - St Joseph's
  - 9.15am - Mary of Galilee
  - 12.00 noon - St Peter's
  - 7.00pm - St Joseph's
- Feb 21 First Sunday of Lent
- Mar 5 World Day of Prayer
- Mar 8 Adelaide Cup Day
- 1 Apr Holy Thursday
- 2 Apr Good Friday
- 3 Apr Holy Saturday
- 4 Apr Easter Day
- 5 Apr Easter Monday
- 9 Apr Last day School Term 1
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day
- 26 Apr ANZAC Day public holiday
- 27 Apr First day School Term 2
- 14 Jun Queen's birthday holiday
- 4 Oct Labour Day holiday

**COLLECTIONS**

*(For the last two weekends)*

First collection	\$567.00
Second collection	\$321.00
Envelopes	\$745.00
Collection for Fr Josy	\$1,400.00

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.



## COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(Current for 23/24 January)

- 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 taken 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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## EXPLORING THE WORD

This is yet another confrontation between Jesus and evil. In recent gospels, we have seen Jesus overcome possessing demons, sickness and social taboos; many of the themes merge in this text.

The leper takes an audacious step in approaching Jesus, defying all the rules and conventions of his society. Despite his exclusion and isolation, he has not lost hope. Jesus reacts in exactly the opposite way from that which may be expected. He is moved by pity not revulsion. Instead of sending the man away he responds with immense compassion to the man's courage and faith. He reaches out and touches him. This is not only an act of ritual impurity but of human foolhardiness! Not wanting to be known only as a miracle worker, Jesus orders the leper not to speak of his cure but to undergo the necessary rituals to enable him to re-enter the people of Israel. The priest should be able to recognise that, in the cure of the leper, the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled and the Messiah is among them. The great irony is that by curing the leper and allowing his re-entry into the community, Jesus places himself in a position where he is forced to go out into isolation in places where no-one lived.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- As the first reading suggests, having or being suspected of having leprosy caused a person to live outside the community. They were considered unclean and had to warn of their approach so that they would not contaminate others. While this was a measure to protect the community, it must have been unbearable to live this way, not only sick but totally excluded.
- The very elaborate regulations about leprosy and becoming purified after its cure can be read in Leviticus 13 and 14. Leviticus is one of the first five books of the Hebrew Scriptures known as the

Torah or the Law. They are often referred to as the books of Moses.

- By responding to the leper and touching him, Jesus put himself 'outside the community' and is now forced to 'stay outside in places where nobody lived'.

## BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Mark's Gospel tells us that after this healing, it became difficult for Jesus to travel freely. There are several possible explanations for this. There might have been concern about the repercussions of Jesus' breach of social and religious norms. In touching the man with leprosy, Jesus made himself unclean. Mark's narrative, however, leads to the conclusion that Jesus' movement was hampered by his popularity. Despite his instructions, the cured man spread the word about Jesus' healing power. Even when Jesus was in deserted places, people sought him out in search of his healing.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(15 - 21 February)

- **Monday, 15:** Weekday, Ord Time 6 ( Gen 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13)
- **Tuesday, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 6 ( Gen 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21)
- **Wednesday, 17:** ASH WEDNESDAY (Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)
- **Thursday, 18:** Thursday after Ash Wednesday (Deut 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25)
- **Friday, 19:** Friday after Ash Wednesday (Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15)
- **Saturday, 20:** Saturday after Ash Wednesday ( Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32 )
- **Sunday 21:** FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Gen 9:8-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15)

## 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).