



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

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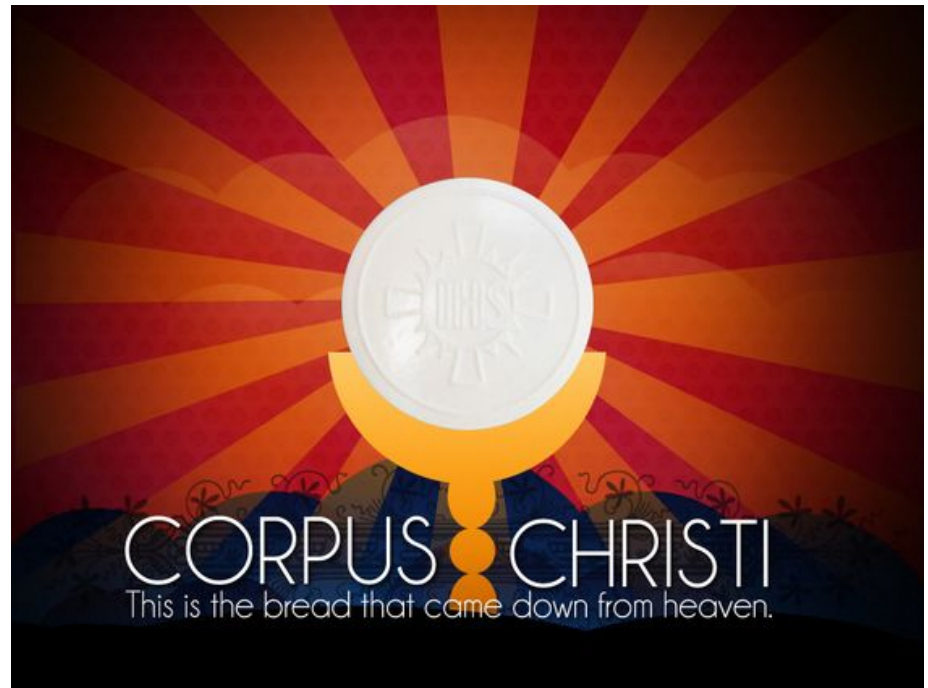
- Mary of Galilee, cnr Quinliven and How Roads, ALDINGA - Galilee
- St Peter's, Cape Jervis Rd, NORMANVILLE
- St Joseph's, St Judes St, WILLUNGA

PARISH GATHERINGS

Restricted weekday Masses:

- Tuesday 9.15am - Galilee, Aldinga
- First Friday 12noon - St Peter's, Normanville
- Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9.00am - St Joseph's, Willunga
- At this time Galilee is allowed 20 attendees; St Peter's 15 and St Joseph's 20.

Private prayer is encouraged, but the number is not exceed our current limit.



FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and to know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 147:12-15, 19-20

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a

communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord: whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. (Continued page 6)



THE JOY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Today, with great joy, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Body & Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. As Catholics each time we approach the Altar at Holy Communion we truly believe that the bread and wine presented at Mass have become Christ truly present to us Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. He gives himself to us as 'food for the journey' through this life, sustaining us and drawing us closer to him in the next life. The real, transformative power of the Eucharist marks our souls each time we receive Him in Holy Communion as venial sins are forgiven and grace is increased and we are re-created to be more like the one whom we eat.

This is a source of great joy for us and experiencing this creative love should change us and make us anxious to spread that love in our daily lives.

'Loves Choice'

*This bread is light, dissolving, almost air,
A little visitation on my tongue,
A wafer thin sensation, hardly there.
The taste of wine is brief in flavour, flung
A moment to the palate's roof and fled,
Even its aftertaste a memory.
Yet this is how he comes.
Through wine and bread
Love chooses to be emptied into me.
He does not come in unimagined light
Too bright to be denied, too absolute
For consciousness, too strong for sight,
Leaving the seer blind, the poet mute;
Chooses instead to seep into each sense,
To die himself into experience.*

Malcolm Guite



EASING OF RESTRICTIONS

- Funerals will be permitted for up to 50 attendees
- Places of Worship permitted for up to 20 attendees
- Further plans will be advised for Places of Worship in the coming weeks, to look at larger gatherings.

Limited Masses will be held at all three of our communities from this week, **until further notice**. The rules about social distancing, hand hygiene and a sign-in sheet to record names (given and surname) and phone numbers, will be in place. It is a requirement that the doors be shut once the stipulated number of people are inside. *(Some parishes have had visits from local police to make sure current regulations are being adhered to.)*

Because of space constraints at this time, the maximum number of people permitted at St Peter's, Normanville is 15 (plus celebrant). Mary of Galilee, Aldinga and St Joseph's, Willunga may have up to 20 attendees (plus celebrant).

The Archdiocese recommends that those who are at higher risk from Covid-19 should be encouraged to stay home, but also reassures everyone that the obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity has not been re-invoked at this stage.

Weekday Masses

- **Mary of Galilee, Aldinga** - Tuesday at 9.15am for 20 parishioners. No bookings required.
- **St Joseph's, Willunga** - Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 9.00am for 20 parishioners. No bookings required.
- **St Peter's, Normanville** - Friday at 12.00noon. Bookings required - phone Dolek Thiele after 2.00pm (0419 844 693).

Weekend Masses

- **Mary of Galilee, Aldinga** - Saturday at 5.30 for 20 parishioners. Bookings required - phone Chris McWilliams (0451 144 776).
- **St Joseph's, Willunga** - Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am for 20 parishioners. Bookings required - phone Gael Maloney (0447 421 948) for the 8.30am Mass, or Sr Margaret Ann (0488 287 552) for the 10.30am Mass. If you miss out this first weekend, your position may be reserved for the following week if you wish.
- **St Peter's, Normanville** - Sunday at 12.00noon. Bookings required - phone Dolek Thiele after 2.00pm (0419 844 693).



OUR STORY Francoise and Ken Creevey



For nineteen days in May Ken and I are the same age, until Ken is a year older on the 26th. He was born in 1937 in Brisbane. This is where he grew up a Methodist with his sister seven years younger. His attraction to rocks and nature in general led him to study geology. He worked in Australia for a few French companies until Société Nationale des Pétroles d'Aquitaine sent him to their main office in Pau, France, to meet the management and work in their top of the range research centre.

In the meantime, I was born and baptised Catholic in Civray, France, in 1938, five years after my only brother. Soon my father was made prisoner on his way to Germany. My mother helped him escape before the group reached the border. We were then refugees in our own country. We lived in four different towns during the war, later in Pau, Casablanca, Pau again, close to the Pyrenees. I studied with an array of wonderful nuns: Dominicans, Carmelites, Sisters of Nevers. I improved my English 'au pair' in London before working shortly for a bank, then five years for British European Airways in Paris. Back to Pau, I became Assistant to the Operations Manager Abroad. One day close to Christmas 1966, no one in Public Relations was available to welcome an Australian geologist coming for a year. I accepted the task... and met Ken. I discovered with pleasure that his French was pretty good.

Soon we went out together. I had always loved the Pyrenees. Ken revealed to me their inner story - their formation - this was wonderful! For this and other reasons, essentially love, we got engaged in May 1967, married in September. On Christmas day we landed together in Brisbane. In 1972 our daughter Annabel was born and our son Paul in 1973. I had dreamed of a quiet life. It was not to be!

In 1974, the company moved to Sydney. Ken was in charge of operations in New Zealand. It was very hard to live, often alone, with two young children in an unknown town! Eventually we joined Ken in Nelson, then Wellington for six months. Some New Zealanders cheated at work. Ken did not like it, asked for another position.

Houston, Texas here we come in 1976. Ken looks after the onshore Gulf of Mexico. Many adventures in America before we come back to Pau in 1981. Lovely surprise - in 1982 our last son Michael, is born! We buy a 'chalet' in the Pyrenees, Bliss!

In 1984, back to Sydney. Soon we are told that 'Aquitaine' will close its operations in Australia. Will Ken stay with them in France or look for a new job in Australia? For many reasons, we opt for the latter. It is hard! Ken is over 50. I try to help, it is a flop! A year goes by, finally success! Ken moves to a small Australian company... in the same building! It proves quite satisfactory. We decide to build a house on dreamlike Dangar Island, at the entrance of the Hawkesbury River. Another adventure! At last we move in for Christmas 1989. Ken declares: 'We have the rest of our life to finish the house. Now, let's enjoy the island!' We did... for less than a year! The small company had been bought! Ken and a number of others are offered a job with the buyer... in Adelaide! Annabel has started Uni in Sydney. Paul refuses to leave the island... for a good reason. Unknown to us, he has met his future wife!

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A REAL HUNGER

I never thought I'd give up the Eucharist for Lent.

I've voluntarily given up many things for Lent over the course of my life, from chocolate to alcohol to bad language to impatience - and of course meat on Fridays - but I'd never been forced to give up anything, much less the Eucharist, until the coronavirus came to Australia, and I couldn't go to church anymore. Never in my wildest dreams did I think the Eucharist would become inaccessible to me. I had taken it totally for granted. Many times I'd dragged myself to Mass, or at times didn't go, when I didn't feel like going. There's nothing like shockingly losing something to suddenly appreciate it like never before.

When the news of the virus and its potential impact on gatherings first came out, I thought, no way am I giving up dipping my fingers in the holy water font, or extending the sign of peace, and I'm certainly not giving up receiving the Body, or even the Blood, of Christ. But then as the situation worsened, I realised that by keeping myself healthy, I was helping to keep people much more vulnerable than me healthy. Denying ourselves during Lent has always been a form of preparation as we hungered, symbolically, for the eucharistic meal. This year, my hunger became real. *GPBS eNews*

- *Moses had the first tablet that could connect to the cloud.*
- *The first computer dates back to Adam and Eve. It was an Apple with limited memory, just one byte. And then everything crashed.*



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Early 1991, Ken moves to Adelaide, tries his best with unpleasant work, while I keep finishing the house in Dangar to rent it. In October, we settle in Norwood. Michael goes to St Ignatius, likes it but refuses to speak French. I decide to send him to school in the town closest to our house in the mountains in France. A week before our departure, Ken is asked 'Do you like your work?' – 'No' – 'Would you like to leave?' – 'Yes depending on conditions.' These are discussed, agreed. Ken has retired. He soon joins us in France. We spend a few months visiting friends all over Europe. At school, Michael makes friends, plays football, speaks French with a beautiful accent that he has kept.

Back in Adelaide, many refugees come from El Salvador. I speak Spanish. This is very useful with St Vincent de Paul Refugees. Ken helps when possible. Later come the Serbs, Croats, Bosnians... I am hooked! We no longer have a car. Pennington is a long way on bicycle.

In 1993, we buy a cottage in Brompton, renovate it, set up a Food Co-op, a Travel & Leisure with the Community Center. I thought I never would speak French with refugees. Eventually, they come from Rwanda, then the Congo!... Ken is a member of the local Permaculture Association.

In 2002 their AGM is combined with the opening of the Aldinga Arts Eco-Village. We love its philosophy, buy a piece of land. A new adventure begins! We move to Aldinga in 2009 and into our peanut strawbale house in 2011.

Anabel, our daughter, has married a French man, lives in France with two children. Paul lives near Bells Beach (surf!) with wife and two daughters. Michael lives in Modbury with Alyce.

We contacted the Uniting Church a few times. In Sydney, when I told a parishioner I was Catholic she answered, 'It's OK, we are tolerant here!' I didn't want to be 'tolerated'! In Adelaide, the parishioners were too few! In all the places we lived, we joined the local Catholic parish with varied welcome.

WHAT DARK NIGHTS DO FOR US



After Mother Teresa died, her diaries revealed that from age 27 until she died at age 87, she struggled to imagine that God existed and had no affective experience of either the person or the existence of God. Yet, during all those years, everything in her life incarnated and radiated an exceptional, one-in-a-hundred-million, selflessness, altruism, and faith commitment.

On the surface this might seem incongruous, even contradictory; but those two things, her feeling that God was absent and her exceptional selflessness, are not unconnected. The opposite. The latter depends precisely upon the former; her inability to feel God affectively, the dryness of her faith experience, the dark night that enveloped her, were precisely the reason her faith was so pure, and her actions were so selfless.

In short, with all affective feelings gone and with her imagination helpless to create images of God and a concept of God's existence, she was no longer able to manipulate her experience of God and reshape it to fit her own needs. She had to receive God on God's own terms, not on her terms. The very dryness of her faith was what made it so pure. The seeming absence of God also helped assure the absence of her own ego.

Evidence suggests that 95% of the time we do manipulate our experience of God to serve our own interests. However, God arranges things so that we cannot do this all the time. God corrects our proclivity to create a God who works for our self-interest by sending us, as he did to Mother Teresa, crushing dark nights of the soul, namely, periods of imaginative and affective dryness within which we simply are unable to imagine and affectively feel either God's existence or God's love for us.

While we continue to somehow "know" God at a deeper level, our imaginations and our emotions run out of gas, completely. When this happens, we find ourselves powerless to manipulate our experience of God in any way – and certainly not to work it for our own benefit.

God can then flow into us purely, with our egos, narcissism, and selfishness now unable to colour the experience. *Ronald Rolheiser*

ST MARY MACKILLOP COMMEMORATIVE ROSARY

October 17, 2020 marks the 10th anniversary of the canonisation of Australia's first saint, Mary of the Cross MacKillop. In celebration, Aid to the Church in Need Australia is proud to have commissioned a commemorative set of Rosary Beads. [Click here](#) for order form. Send completed order form to: orders@aidtochurch.org or order by phone (1800 101 201).

LIVE STREAMING AND BROADCASTING MASSES

The Archdiocese will continue to live stream Sunday Mass at 10am from St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. This Mass can be viewed live and on demand on the home page of www.adelaide.catholic.org.au. An interstate service is screened

live every week on Channel 10 at 6am. Mass for up to 20 people is being held daily in the Cathedral. Visit www.adelcathparish.org for more information about Mass times for the Cathedral, its Mass centres and booking details.

Thank You

Special thanks to Sue Summers, who has filled in as Parish Finance Officer since last July. Sue has done a great job, especially with chasing up outstanding accounts for the cemetery. She will be very much missed.

Parish Finance Council is meeting on Friday 12 and Sue's replacement will be an important item on the Agenda.

Refugee Week 2020



Sunday, 14 June to Saturday, 20 June 2020 is Refugee Week. This week only happens once a year. It is a unique opportunity to make time to learn about the experiences of people from refugee backgrounds and to celebrate the valuable contributions made by refugees to the world. It is a reminder that we are all responsible for creating a welcoming country.

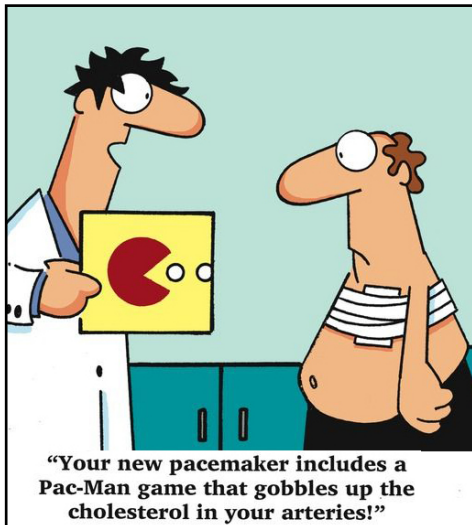
The theme of Refugee Week 2020 is celebrating the year of welcome. A more

welcoming country doesn't start with politicians, it starts with us.

Common Grace is celebrating Refugee Week with an email series containing a Daily Disruption for each day of Refugee Week. Each day we will reflect on a bible verse relating to the theme of Welcome and offer you a way to take action, to join with us to create a more welcoming country.

[Sign up here to receive the Daily Disruption series in your inbox!](#)

This series is a great opportunity for you individually to listen deeply and for your heart to be moved further toward a posture of love and welcome. We look forward to journeying with you through Refugee Week.



Common Grace

<http://www.commongrace.org.au/>

FRIENDSHIP

- *True friendship is walking into a person's house and your wifi connects automatically.*
- *A friend is like a book: you don't need to read all of them, just pick the best ones.*
- *My best mates and I played a game of hide and seek. It went on for hours... Well, good friends are hard to find.*
- *Let me make this simple, I want to be invited, but I don't want to go.*
- *Sometimes, when I am matching socks, I think, "What if these two socks don't even like each other?"*
- *Why call someone when you can just decide where you and your friend want to meet by exchanging 76 text messages?*
- *Writing a horror screenplay. It starts off with a ringing phone. The person answers, and it's their mum saying, "I have a computer question."*

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Val Gater, Abbey McIver, Veronica Shortland, Muriel Smith, Jeff Gray, Judy Hore, Vence Sulda, Kate Hall, Judy Millington, Beth Thomas.

DATES

Jun 14 Corpus Christi
 Jul 4 School holidays begin
 Jul 20 Term 3 begins
 Aug 15 Assumption of Virgin Mary
 Sep 6 Fathers' Day
 Sep 26 School holidays begin
 Oct 5 Labour Day holiday
 Oct 12 Term 4 begins
 Nov 11 Remembrance Day
 Dec 12 School holidays begin
 Dec 25 Christmas Day

COLLECTIONS

Direct payments

If you would like to organise your Church donations via bank transfer there are several ways you can go about this.

1. Go to www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/donation and follow the prompts. If you wish to donate to both the first and second collections, you will need to do this twice. For the first collection select *First Collection* and for the second collection, select *General*.
2. If you bank online, you can set up periodic, direct payments yourself. Again, you will need to do this twice - once for the first collection and again for second. Acc: Willunga Catholic Parish BSB: 085-005 Acc No: 489 786 511 Ref: Your surname, initials and *First or General*
3. Periodic regular payments may also be organised with your bank. Take the account details (above) with you and bank staff can set it up for you.

If you have envelopes at home, please leave a message on the Parish Office phone to organise collection, or arrange to drop them into the Office on Friday mornings between 9.30am and 11.00am.

COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(The following conditions must be observed for all Church gatherings)

- Attendance for mass or private devotion for the time being is restricted to 20 persons in addition to the celebrants
- The four-square metres per person rule is to be observed in determining the total numbers allowed in the space.
- Except for families and household groups, people should be at least 1.5 metres apart.
- 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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For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

DID YOU KNOW?

- Gathering together to break bread and share the cup is the most ancient practice of the church. Paul wrote a description of 'The Lord's Supper' in I Corinthians 11:23 in about the year 56.
- This feast, which used to be known as 'Corpus Christi', originated in the Middle Ages as a celebration of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharistic bread.
- In John's Gospel, the Eucharist is instituted by Christ in the sharing of the loaves and fishes, not at the Last Supper that he had with his friends on the night before he died. For John, the central act of that Last Supper was the washing of the feet of the disciples—an act of service to others.

EXPLORING THE WORD

This passage comes after Jesus has fed the multitudes with five barley loaves and two fish, but in his explanation of this sign, Jesus refers to himself as 'living bread', 'bread from heaven' that gives eternal life. The ancestors who followed Moses out of Egypt had been sent manna from heaven to nourish them in the desert, but they had still died. The food that Jesus offers - himself - will lead to eternal life!

As is typical in John's Gospel, this text can be read on two levels. The words spoken by Jesus would have been shocking to those who heard them. For the Jewish people, to eat flesh and drink blood was unthinkable; it was abhorrent. Jewish dietary laws forbade the eating of flesh with its blood in it. Blood was the symbol of the life of the creature. At the end of the flood story in

Genesis, God gives to humans all the plants and animals of the earth as food for them, 'with this exception: you must not eat flesh with life, that is to say blood, in it' (Genesis 9:4). Now here is Jesus saying that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood in order to have life. In the continuation of this gospel passage, many turn away from Jesus at hearing him say this. Jesus then asks the disciples if they too will leave him. Peter answers on their behalf with a wonderful acclamation of faith: 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The giving of Jesus' flesh and blood for the life of the world is a reference to the salvific nature of his death and the inauguration of a new covenant through his sacrifice.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

Bread is the 'staff of life' - that which sustains us. Along with water, it is the most basic of staples: simple, nourishing, satisfying. But Jesus is offering more than ordinary bread. He is offering that which will not only sustain us in this life but will lead to eternal life.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(15 - 21 June)

- **Monday, 15:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (1 Kg 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42)
- **Tuesday, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (1 Kg 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48)
- **Wednesday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (2Kg 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)
- **Thursday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (Sirach 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15)
- **Friday, 19:** The Most SACRED HEART of Jesus (Deut 7:6-11; 1Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30)
- **Saturday, 20:** The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Is 61:9-11; Lk 2:41-51)
- **Sunday 21:** 12th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33)

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).