

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 OF EASTER - YEAR A

Vol 18 : No 26

WILLUNGA CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRE

12 St Judes Street (PO Box 14) WILLUNGA SA 5172 Phone: 8556 2132

Email: <u>admin@willungaparish.org.au</u> Web: <u>www.willungaparish.org.au</u>

PARISH OFFICE

If you need to contact the Office please ring 0447 421 948 or 0488 287 552 as we are unsure when there will be someone in the Office at the moment.

NOARLUNGA DOWNS CATHOLIC PRESBYTERY

Phone: 8382 1717

PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

- Fr Josy Sebastian (Parish Priest 8382 1717; emergency 0452 524 169)
- Fr Prathap Katta (A/Priest - 8382 1717)
- Fr Tom Gleeson (Resident Priest 8557 1072)
- Sr Margaret Ann (Parish worker -0488 287 552)
- Gael Maloney (Newsletter articles due Wednesday - 0447 421 948, bahloo2@bigpond.com)
- Sue Summers (Finance 0438 894 887, suesummers 1901@gmail.com)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Peter Laffan (phone 8556 3915)

MASS CENTRES

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

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE THERE WILL BE NO MASSES OR PUBLIC LITURGIES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE SEE THE NEWSLETTER ON OUR WEBSITE.

www.willungaparish.org.au/ parish_newsletter.html



FIRST READING

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 65:1-7,16,20

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we
will come to them.
Alleluia!

(Continued page 6)



MY STORY ... (with Mary Fitzpatrick)



Mary Fitzpatrick (left) with brothers, Mick and Terry and sister-in-law Bev

I was born on 11 August, 1933 in Willunga and am the youngest of the four children of my parents - Charles and Elizabeth (nee Dunn) Fitzpatrick. My brothers Jim, Terry, Mick and I had a very happy childhood, full of the usual pranks which boys would invariably get up to, but being the baby of the family and the only girl, I was always made to feel very special.

I went to primary and junior secondary school at Willunga and then did a secretarial course at St Aloysius College in the city before commencing work for a Stock Company in Adelaide, where I stayed on for the rest of my working life. I would travel by bus into the city each day – leaving home at 7.00am and arriving back at 7.00pm. I loved my job and led a very busy life.

My mother died when I was 18 years old and so with the three boys still at home I was busy with household duties on weekends. However, my brothers were very helpful and I am sure all the work we did together gave us a very special bond which lasted all our lives. I am the last of my immediate family who is left now and I look back on those early years with fond memories.

I took almost two years off from work in the mid 1960's and sailed overseas on a working holiday. It was a most interesting and adventurous time in my life. I lived and worked in places like Holland, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain and Portugal – even rode on a camel in Egypt! I worked in retail and also worked in garden centres tending to bulbs – and this gave me my life-long love of anything to do with gardening. In spite of the language barriers I found the experience of living and working in other countries most enjoyable and it gave me a love of travelling.

After my brother Mick married Carmel (who came from Ireland) I went on a hitch-hiking tour of Ireland and was able to connect with family relatives there.

I retired in 1985 and helped my brother Jim, who was at that time Sacristan at the Church. I eventually took over this job when Jim's health began to deteriorate.

My parents were hard working, loyal Catholics, as were my grandparents, and we have two windows in St Joseph's Church dedicated to the memory of family members. There is also a statue and a pew in the Church donated by my grandfather. Willunga has always been home for me and the St Joseph's Church Community continues to be an important part of my life.

INSTALLATION OF ARCHBISHOP-DESIGNATE PATRICK O'REGAN

The installation will be held in St



Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 10.30am on Monday May 25 with only a small number of clergy and representatives of the Archdiocese in

attendance due to the coronavirus restrictions. The installation ceremony and Mass will be live streamed via the Archdiocesan website www.adelaide.catholic.org.au and on YouTube and Facebook. It will be replayed on Channel 44 the same day at 5.30pm.

LIMITED REOPENING OF CHURCHES

The Premier Steven Marshall has announced that Churches can reopen for private prayer for up to 10 people as of Monday May 11. The Archdiocese is continuing to have discussions with health authorities around a plan for the resumption of Masses. In the meantime, please be sure to maintain physical distancing and hygiene in your churches.

LAUDATO SI' WEEK (May 16-24) "Everything is connected"

It is five years since Pope Francis published his ground-breaking encyclical Laudato Si'- On care for our common home. At this extraordinary moment in history, Laudato Si' teaches us how to build a better world together. People everywhere are crying out for hope, and our faith is urgently needed to light the way. For Laudato Si' Week Catholics are uniting in solidarity for a more just and sustainable future.

Pope Francis is asking us to stand united with our brothers and sisters in faith as we grow through the crisis of this moment to build a better tomorrow, through:

- Reflecting and preparing through online trainings from May 16-23
- Joining the worldwide day of prayer at midday on Sunday May 24 Begin planning actions to celebrate the Season of Creation during September and October.

The official website for Laudato Si' Week is at https://laudatosiweek.org/, where you will find a multitude of resources, guides to reflecting on what the coronavirus pandemic is teaching us, and invitations to register your support and ideas for action.

ONELINERS

- Garden Centres can't open soon enough for me, I've been living on borrowed thyme.
- In an unsettling reversal of my teenage years, I am now yelling at my parents for going out.
- Now everyone wants to know what introverts do for fun.
- Whoever started this game at the beginning of 2020, please finish it quickly.
- What an awful year this week has
 heen
- A side effect of isolation is it's really difficult to end phone calls. Twice today I almost said, 'Ok I have to run' before realising there is nowhere to run to.
- Let's not forget that Rapunzel was quarantined and met her future husband, so let's think positively here.
- If you needed 144 rolls of toilet paper for a 14-day isolation, you probably should have been seeing a doctor long before Covid-19.
- My 50th birthday is today, but I just want everyone to know I will be postponing it indefinitely due to the coronavirus and I will be turning 50 at a later date.



why did i even buy a 2020 planner.



ANDREW O'BRIEN

(Researched by Michelle Cormack)

Andy O'Brien, a well known Mail Coach driver in the Willunga area, is buried with his wife, Elizabeth, and their daughter in St Joseph's Cemetery Willunga. Their headstone was carved by one of the notable slate carvers of Willunga, William Hawken.

Andrew O'Brien was a Mail Coach driver in the Willunga area between Willunga and Adelaide during the 1850s and 1860s. He was born in 1822 and came to Australia from Glendalough in Ireland. He and his wife, Elizabeth Leigh, had five children between 1853 and 1858. Their third child, Hugh, died at 2 years of age and Mary, their last child, died at nine weeks. It is known that one of their children lived to marriageable age. The O'Brien family lived at 19 St Judes Street, Willunga.



Anecdotes about Andy in the newspapers paint a picture of a popular, energetic and sociable man.

Road travel during the 19th century could be a hazardous experience, with stories of injuries and people jumping off careering coaches.

Andy seems to have had his share of risky moments:

'A serious accident happened to the Willunga mail coach on Tuesday afternoon at the corner of Waymouth Street and West Terrace. It appears that the sole cause of the mishap was the team being turned too sharply round upon the terrace... [and]... the vehicle fell over on the footpath. Several of the passengers jumped off... Mr. Wilkie, an outside passenger, was thrown to the ground with great force ... Mr. and Mrs. Kell jun, with a baby, were among the passengers, and, though not seriously injured, would not tempt the dangers of the road any further that day. Andy O'Brien, the driver, was quite uninjured. The guard was somewhat hurt, but proceeded on the journey with Andy and the remaining passengers, amongst whom were Mr. Whinnerah and Mr. Low, solicitor.' (Express and Telegraph 18 March 1868:2)

It appears, however, that Andy had a period of illness following the accident and later resumed work driving the coach to Aldinga:

'Messrs. Cobb & Co. have put on a new omnibus to Aldinga. It is considered a great improvement to the one lately in use. Mr. Andy O'Brien, who has been for some time past unwell, has again made his appearance, to the no small delight of numbers who have to travel that route, whilst it is hoped he will be long spared to use the whip'. (Express and Telegraph 18 March 1868:2)

In September 1858, when he used to drive the coach from Willunga to the Golden Fleece Hotel in Currie Street, Andy was in the Adelaide Court. The proprieter, Mr Schmidt, sought payment of £4/5- for 68 dinners. During the hearing, it became clear that Mr Harriot , the previous owner of the Golden Fleece, had allowed Andy 'free access to the larder'. Mr Schmidt had taken the hotel over and hadn't told him that the arrangement had changed.

This final story sums up Andy's droll manner and aptitude as a coach driver: 'I have a better knowledge of some of the old drivers in the south; between Adelaide and Willunga. The man who stands out in my memory is Andy O'Brien; he was surely a witty fellow. I never knew a passenger able to take a rise out of him. In those days the last changing station before reaching the city was on the top of Tapley's Hill, quite the wrong place from which to start downhill with a fresh team of horses. On one occasion, just as the ostler released the horses, the offside leader stood up on his hind legs and bolted off, taking the whole box of tricks with him. Down we went hell for leather, now on one pair of wheels, then on the other - every moment in expectation of an almighty smash. Providentially a careless, but heaven-sent woodcarter had dropped a log; the front wheels butted fair and square into it, skidded, and the coach was brought to a standstill. Halting in front of the Victoria Hotel, the passengers dismounted for a 'steadier.' I invited Andy to join. 'Sure, faith,' cried he, 'coming down the hill beyant I thought it was in hell itself you and I would be having the next little drop together!' (Register 30 July 1921:4)

CHURCH SIGNS

(We get the idea that cleanliness really is next to godliness!)











LOVE AND EVIDENCE

When Jesus says, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" one might think Jesus is giving the disciples some sort of ultimatum (Jn 14: 15). If you love me, you will keep my commands. We must remember, however, that Jesus does not force us to do anything. Rather, Jesus continually offers an invitation to follow him. With this, Jesus' words sound much more like a simple statement of fact. The disciples will keep Jesus' commandments because of their love for Jesus. Similarly, we will keep the commandments of Jesus because we love Jesus. There is no force or threat behind these words. That is not how God operates.

The love that Jesus describes is much more than an emotion. In Jesus, love requires self-gift. When we are called to love, we are called to offer ourselves. This love requires personal investment and sacrifice, things that are not always easy. We become vulnerable when we give of ourselves. We open our hearts to criticism and judgement. Sometimes we experience disappointment and hurt. But this is part of being disciples of the Risen Christ. This is how we participate in Christ's life, death and Resurrection. This is how we live the Paschal Mystery.

Part of self-giving love is saying yes even when we would rather not. We are called to say yes dozens of times each day. How do we respond? What are some of the things God invites you to say yes to today? These yeses are not necessarily complicated, and can be as simple as spending time with a friend or helping a younger student with her homework. What can you say yes to today? Be courageous and grow in Christ with each yes you proclaim.

GPBS eNews

HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL

Pope Francis has postponed to October the annual Peter's Pence collection due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Holy See Press Office announced that: "Considering the current health emergency, the Holy Father has established that, for the current year 2020, the Peter's Pence collection, which traditionally takes place around the solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul on June 29, will be transferred throughout the world to Sunday 27th of Ordinary Time, October 4, memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi".

PRAY WITH MOTHER MARY AND MASS IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

As Pope Francis has entrusted the protection of the world to Mary, we join in praying the rosary followed by the

Mass in time of Pandemic in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Saturday, May 16. The Rosary and Mass will begin at 12.10pm and be live streamed via www.adelaide.catholic.org.au.

We follow in the footsteps of our Holy Father and together we pray to Mary, for continued protection of the vulnerable, healing of the sick, courage to those working on the frontline and wisdom for those developing a cure.

"CHRIST'S COURIER"

Peter Laffan from the Kangaroo Island, Willunga and Noarlunga-Seaford Cluster of Parishes has been producing a weekly newsletter during the coronavirus lockdown called "Christ's Courier". It is supplementing the regular weekly bulletins with reflections on *faith, hope and love in a time of coronavirus*. If you have not received it via email and would like to, please contact Peter Laffan at impe@internode.on.net

COVID-19 PHONE COUNSELLING

Now available by appointment
People struggling to cope with the
chaos and fear surrounding COVID-19
can now access free phone counselling
by appointment from Centacare
Catholic Family Services - 8215 6700.

SUNDAY LITURGY FOR FAMILIES

The Family and Parish-Based Catechesis Office has prepared liturgies with a focus on children. Families can use these at home to reflect on the Gospel each Sunday. This can be found at this link on the Archdiocesan website:

http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/ our-works-and-community/family-andparish-based-catechesis/prayer-services

WORLD COMMUNICATION DAY

This Sunday, May 17, the Church in Australia will celebrate World Communications Day. Pope Francis' message for World Communications Day 2020, which was released in January, focuses on the topic of storytelling. The full text can be accessed here.

LIVE STREAMING AND TV BORADCASTING OF MASSES

The Archdiocese is continuing to live stream daily Mass at midday and on Sundays at 10am from St Francis Xavier's Cathedral.

These Masses can be viewed live and on demand on the home page of www.adelaide.catholic.org.au.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY COVID-19 WINTER APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society is still reaching out to assist those in need in SA in a manner consistent with COVID-19 restrictions. Many of our sisters and brothers have now lost their source income due to COVID-19 closures etc and are struggling to survive. The St Vincent de Paul Society has launched its Covid-19 Winter Appeal to help people experiencing disadvantage. As the impacts of job losses due to Covid-19 are realised and more people reach out for assistance. the organisation needs your help to ensure our Willunga Conference members and volunteers can continue their work supporting the disadvantaged in our community.

We are asking Willunga Parishioners who are in a position to do so, to donate to the COVID-19 Winter Appeal. Normally Winter Appeal envelopes would have been handed out at weekend Masses and collected the following weekend. Since Masses have been suspended for the time being, the following options are available for Willunga Parishioners to contribute financially to the appeal this year:

- COVID-19 Winter Appeal
 Envelopes will be left in a tray at the three Mass Centres next to the tray with paper copies of the parish bulletin. Parishioners can pick up an envelope to make a donation.
 These can be posted to our head office with CREDIT CARD or CHEQUE DONATIONS ONLY or
- 2. Donations can be made online at www.vinnies.org.au/donate or
- 3. By calling 13 18 12 or
- 4. By sending a cheque or money

- order to St Vincent de Paul Society, GPO Box 1804 Adelaide, SA, 5001
- 5. If you are unable to donate in these ways and wish to donate using cash, you can use either the supplied appeal envelope obtainable at one of the three Willunga Parish Mass Centres or simply use your own envelope, marked "Vinnies COVID-19 Winter Appeal". Contact Mario (0419 63 9913) and arrangements will be made to collect the envelopes from you.

By supporting the Vinnies Covid-19 Winter Appeal, you will assist in two ways. At a local level, our members and volunteers will be able to offer assistance directly to families and individuals who have been impacted by Covid-19. At a broader level, you will be contributing to the large and varied network of short- and longer-term support services for people in SA who require specialised care.

The Conference thanks parishioners for the tremendous support we always receive in these appeals, enabling us to continue to reach out to the many needy people in our parish.

Mario Bacchin



Special thanks to *John Hounslow*, *Michael Hynes*, *Joe* and *Tom Rasera* for the back-breaking work and the tricky problem-solving involved with exposing the top of the septic tank at the public toilets at St Joseph's for routine pumping by the Council. This task was made very difficult with the unfortunate placement of the new concrete steps.

We are indebted to you for your efforts.

THINGS I'VE LEARNED IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS Coronavirus is a novel virus The mortality rate is estimated at around 3% Coronavirus is transmitted much like flu The elderly and those with compromised immune systems are the most susceptible to Coronavirus complications I love touching my face

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Val Gater, Bernie Wilkie, Abbey McIver, Veronica Shortland, Muriel Smith, Jeff Gray, Judy Hore, Vence Sulda

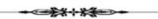
Recently deceased: Pat Hardy (Pat's funeral was held at Myponga on Tuesday 12 May)

Anniversary: Cath Roocke



DATES

- May 24 The Ascension of the Lord
- May 31 Pentecost Sunday
- Jun 7 The Most Holy Trinity
- Jun 8 Queen's birthday holiday
- Jun 14 Corpus Christi
- Jul 4 Winter School holidays begin
- Jul 20 Term 3 begins
- Aug 15 Assumption of Virgin Mary
- Sep 6 Fathers' Day
- Sep 26 Spring School holidays begin
- Oct 5 Labour Day holiday
- Oct 12 Term 4 begins
- Nov 11 Remembrance Day
- Dec 12 Summer School holidays begin
- Dec 25 Christmas Day



COLLECTIONS

We realise that many people are suffering financially at the moment, but please give what you can.

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
- 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

General

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 contact Sue Summers (0438 894 887) to organise collection.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE



THERE WILL BE NO MASSES OR PUBLIC LITURGIES IN ANY OF OUR CLUSTER CHURCHES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE SEE THE NEWSLETTER
ON YOUR PARISH WEBSITE

KANGAROO ISLAND PARISH

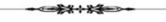
(www.kicatholic.org.au)

KINGSCOTE

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, cnr Todd and Giles Streets

PENNESHAW

St Columba, North Terrace



NOARLUNGA/SEAFORD PARISH

(www.noarlunga-sea ford parish.org.au)

NOARLUNGA

St Luke, the Evangelist, cnr Honeypot Rd and Goldsmith Dve

SEAFORD

Seaford Ecumenical Mission, Grand Bvd



VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA PARISH

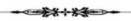
(www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au)

VICTOR HARBOR

St Joan of Arc, 30 Seaview Road

GOOLWA

St John the Apostle, 10-14 Gardiner St



WILLUNGA PARISH

(www.willungaparish.org.au)

ALDINGA

Mary of Galilee, the First Disciple cnr Quinliven and How Roads

NORMANVILLE

St Peter, Cape Jervis Road

WILLUNGA

St Joseph, 12 St Judes Street

(Continued from page 1)

GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Speak out with a voice of joy ... the Lord has set his people free!

Even though we remain conscious of the real trauma that many continue to struggle with today, there is a sense of joy in this week's readings. We hear of it arising from the marvellous acts of the apostles (today'sFirst Reading), and also in the Psalm, a hymn rejoicing in the great things the Lord has done for his people.

In the same way, we have a taste of this joy in the Gospel promise: the Spirit will be given to us, and the Lord will be in us and we in the Lord.

Even the sufferings meted out to the followers of Christ (Second Reading) could not diminish their gratitude for the Lord. This was bound up in the hope of the Resurrection which gave them, as it today gives us, the reason to respect one another and to reverence the Lord.

This week, let's pray that the trials we have faced over the past months, and the sufferings we continue to endure, will not hold back the life of the Spirit in us. In all things, may we speak with joy of the good things the Lord has done and continues to work in our lives. "Australian Catholics"

O SAY CAN YOU SEE

Ellie signed on to teach a year in Bolivia. She enjoyed the work, the country, and the people - especially one young man. Oscar, who was intelligent, good-hearted, and handsome. That year, she and Oscar fell in love. Eventually, he came to Australia, and they got married at her parish church in outer Brisbane. Oscar had held an important job in Bolivia, but his hard-earned credentials did not transfer to Australia. His grasp of English was shaky. The only job he could find was working as a banquet waiter at a local hotel. Guests call him "Boy," whistled or clapped at him to get his attention and felt free to boss him around. But mostly they ignored him; they did not see him at all.

He would come home from work sullen, and Ellie felt excruciating pain that this proud man was being treated as nothing. The world did not see Oscar, but Ellie saw him.

Today, Jesus tells the apostles, "In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me". The world could pass Jesus by on the street and ignore him. They could whistle to get his attention and call him "Boy" because he does not live in them nor they in him. They could do that easily - after all, each day they do it to the least of his sisters and brothers. GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS (18 - 24 May)

- *Monday, 18*: Monday 6th week Easter (Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4)
- *Tuesday, 19:* Tuesday 6th week Easter (Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11)
- *Wednesday, 20:* Wednesday 6th week Easter (Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15)
- *Thursday, 21:* Thursday 6th week Easter (Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20)
- *Friday, 22:* Friday 6th week Easter (Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23)
- *Saturday, 23:* Saturday 6th week Easter (Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28)
- *Sunday 24*: The ASCENSION of the LORD (Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20)

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).