



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)

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER) - YEAR A**

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- 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](http://www.willungaparish.org.au/parish_newsletter.html)



## **FIRST READING**

*Acts 2:42-47*

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24*

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.*

## **SECOND READING**

*1 Peter 1:3-9*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away,

because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which had been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Jn 20:29*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me but still believe! Alleluia!*

## **GOSPEL**

*John 20:19-31*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands

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## Bulletin Board

*Congratulations to Patricia and Walter Litvinsky, who won our Mystery Guest competition last week. Your prize is on its way.*



*The Guest Writer was Normanville parishioner Judy Millington. Thank you Judy, for taking part.*

### HISTORY IN THE MAKING

*(Delving into the lives of pioneering Catholic families is a labour of love for volunteer archivist Michelle Cormack, as Lindy McNamara from "The Southern Cross discovered during a recent visit to the Southern Vales.)*



For some it might seem macabre, but for Michelle Cormack there is nothing better than spending a morning roaming around St Joseph's cemetery at Willunga, getting to know a little bit more about the people who helped shape the history of the region. As volunteer archivist for the Willunga Parish, the retired primary school teacher and former government social policy researcher is a font of knowledge when it comes to the parishioners who were the fabric of the local Catholic Church as far back as the 1850s. And given the chance Michelle says there is a number of the faithful she would have loved to have met in person, rather than visiting their gravesite.

Take for example Thomas Skeyhill, the man who still has the honour of being Willunga's oldest resident. Born in Ireland in about 1793, Skeyhill immigrated to Australia in 1855 at an age "when most people would have thought of retiring to the grave". Upon his arrival he married Margaret,

39 years his junior, and he lived the rest of his days close to the Willunga township until succumbing to a severe attack of bronchitis at the grand old age of 108.

"Shortly after his marriage to Margaret they were burnt out and lost all their possessions, including 100 pounds of bank notes he had hidden in their thatched cottage," Michelle recounts. "He lived in three different centuries and was the foster brother of Sir Dominic Daly, a governor of South Australia."

Walking further through the cemetery, Michelle is keen to point out the Logan family grave.

"The Logans were very interesting but sadly through the 1860s their family life became a tragic story as they lost their four sons to respiratory diseases. The family gave their money to the church and were supporters of Catholic education and we now have the Logan Trust in their honour." Michelle adds.

The story behind the Creedon family is another one sure to bring a tear to the eye. The two young men named on the headstone of their grandparents' grave were killed in World War I, one at Fromelles and the other in the Somme. It took until 1925 for their mother Margaret to find out where her sons were buried overseas.

On a lighter note, Michelle recalls the story of coach driver Andy O'Brien who lived across the road from the Presbytery and "whose horses got away from him on O'Halloran Hill"! Since retiring from full time work in 2012, Michelle says she is fortunate to now have more time to learn about the lives of the region's first parishioners and share her love of history with the community.

"It's the stories that really interest me, sticky-beaking around in newspapers," she laughs.

"Trove has been very helpful, and The Southern Cross and other Adelaide newspapers are really good sources of information."

She says her love of history was nurtured by her Mum and Dad who lost their own parents at a young age and wanted their family to know their origins.

"They were always interested in showing us where they came from and taking us to places where they used to live, places of importance. It's really all about the stories that get passed down."

**I've eaten 14 meals and taken 6 naps and it's still today. are you kidding me**

**Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands ??**

**World: there's no way we can shut everything down in order to lower emissions, slow climate change and protect the environment.**

**Mother Nature: here's a virus. Practice.**

Moving to Willunga with husband Rob in 1984, Michelle is an active member of the Parish, serving as a Reader and Commentator at St Joseph's and Mary of Galilee Churches for many years. She still does relief teaching at Willunga Primary School, where both of her adult daughters are teachers and her grandchildren are students. Sometimes she volunteers to take classes on history walks of the local area which she says is a great way to make the past "tangible" to the young.

When she's not answering requests for information from parishioners or writing a history column for the parish newsletter, Michelle is busy digitising the Church's records for births, deaths, marriages and baptisms that date back to the 1850s.

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Even with the help of several other volunteers, Michelle says the project is likely to take several years to complete but believes it is “absolutely important” this information is not lost.

The Archdiocese’s Archives Office is fully supportive of the project and has provided Michelle with information about handling old documents, how to store them and the regulations regarding when information can be released to the public.

While keen to acknowledge the efforts of many others who have contributed to documenting the history of the parish, Michelle says through her own research she has been “amazed” by the early settlers’ commitment to their faith. “Doing this makes you think about these people’s enduring faith in the face of disaster and hardship, and also their action,” she says.

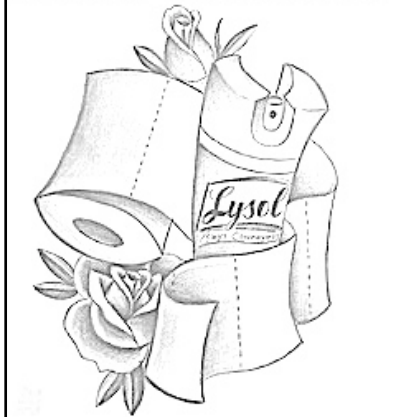
The expansion of the Presbytery almost a century ago provides a great example of this. In 1920 parishioners decided they needed to “do up” the two roomed cottage and a builder was employed to put on four extra rooms. The parish priest then suggested a verandah was needed.

“One of my favourite photos is of Fr Fahey’s working group building the verandah. They wanted something done and they just did it, they got on with it.”

*Reprinted from  
“The Southern Cross”*



## If 2020 was a tattoo



## LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES FROM ST FRANCIS XAVIER’S CATHEDRAL

The Archdiocese has commenced live streaming daily Mass at 12.00noon and on Sundays at 10.00am from St Francis Xavier’s Cathedral. Mass may be viewed live and on demand from [www.adelaide.catholic.org.au](http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au) It will also be available via [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).

Other videos, including an Easter message from our new Archbishop-designate Patrick O’Regan, and online resources are available on the [Archdiocesan website](#), along with the latest Coronavirus Protocols.

## SUNDAY LITURGY FOR FAMILIES

As a response to the COVID-19 situation while Masses have been suspended, 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-and-parish-based-catechesis/prayer-services>. For any further enquiries, please contact [jenny.seal@cesa.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jenny.seal@cesa.catholic.edu.au) or [elena.moffa@cesa.catholic.edu.au](mailto:elena.moffa@cesa.catholic.edu.au)

## 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.

In response to the health emergency, Centacare has increased capacity to provide telephone support for mental health concerns, family stress due to job loss, social isolation and other challenges arising from the coronavirus pandemic. People do not need a mental health care plan to access the short-term support. Rather, they can phone Centacare direct and book an appointment for a telephone counselling consultation.

Specialist Clinician Elaine Reynolds said it was crucial people did not go it alone at a time when unprecedented social measures were keeping friends and families apart, exacerbating challenges for those already at risk.

“In extreme moments like this, the options for personal control are severely limited, so there are a lot of people feeling lost, powerless and anxious,”

- Sitting on the couch and my husband sweetly whispered ... “The best part about all of this is that I get to spend more time with you.” As I looked at him lovingly, I realised he was talking to the dog and not me.
- Day 21 at home and the dog is looking at me like, “See? This why I chew the furniture.”
- Coronavirus has turned us all into dogs. We roam the house all day looking for food. We’re told “no” if we get too close to strangers. And we get really excited about car rides.
- You thought dogs were hard to train? Look at all the humans that can’t sit and stay.
- In case you’ve lost track today is March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Elaine said. “The worries and what-ifs surrounding COVID-19 are enormous, and the ramifications of this can be gut-wrenching for many people.” People can phone Centacare between 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, to make a daytime or evening appointment. The telephone counselling service is inclusive, non-judgmental and unconditional.

“Centacare wishes to offer a connection to those who seek counselling, strategies, or ways of working through individual, family or relationship issues, without having to leave their home,” Deputy Director Pauline Connelly said. “In isolation with families, what once may have been an irritant can become an aggravator, and what once was a disappointment can lead to confusion and disturbance in one’s thinking. Seeking help early at these times, through phone counselling, can offer relief and provide a pathway to a new normal.”

To book an appointment for COVID-19 telephone counselling, please phone Centacare (8215 6700).

For more information, please contact Elizabeth Rowe (0437 062 302).

## PARISH ONLINE BULLETINS

If you have missed bulletins recently, they are uploaded to our Parish Website each week. The direct link to the news section is: [www.willungaparish.org.au/parish\\_newsletter.html](http://www.willungaparish.org.au/parish_newsletter.html)

**MY STORY ..**  
(with Marj Flynn)



I was born in 1936 (a long time ago, when photographs were in black and white) in Nathalia, a small country town in Northern Victoria to Bob (Robert) and Ailsa Hawker. I had two elder brothers, David and Keith and a younger sister, Carol.

My early childhood years were very akin to Tom Sawyers. We lived up a dirt road facing the Broken Creek and when not at the local school, it was difficult to get into mischief. Living next door were my maternal grandparents and my Aunt Marj. In the next house was Aunt Connie and three cousins. On the other side of the creek were my paternal grandmother and Aunt Effie. As well, the local policeman was a friend of my parents. There were overseers aplenty!

I was baptised at the small Presbyterian Church and went to Sunday School with my brothers. Afterwards we went to "Mags" for dinner - roast lamb with mint sauce, potatoes and tinned peas. To this day when I smell mint, I am transported back to those halcyon days.

My father was a farmer and joined the Air Force during World War 1. I have a memory of going with Dad as he gave a "butchered" sheep to the swagmen camped at the show-grounds. After the War ended we relocated to Inglewood, as the family property was taken over for the Soldier Settlement Scheme.

At first Carol and I went to school by bus. That meant being carried over the flooded streams. This was quickly found not to be practicable, so we were put into private board and went home at weekends. I was in charge of Carol!

The next stage of my education was as a boarder at Firbank Church of England Girls School in Melbourne, then Bendigo School of Mines and Energy. When I was 18, I commenced my

General and Paediatric nursing training at the Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne. It was hard work, but I loved it. I found out about boyfriends, going to football, dances, eating different foods and smoking. All part of a good, rounded education! I also studied hard and qualified after nearly four years.

My next a stint was at the Maryborough Hospital in charge of Night duty. This entailed overseeing ten staff, trying to solve their problems, do casualty help in Maternity, set up theatre and cook the staff meals. The first job was to find out what had been left out to cook and then ring Mum for instructions.

From Maryborough I went to Box Hill Hospital and trained as a midwife. With two other midwives, I went to work in a 14-bed Hospital at Edenhope. It was a good place to work, with an excellent GP. To this day I am still in contact with him.

It was here I met and married Ted Flynn and commenced my journey into the Catholic faith. Ted and I had three sons, Peter, Mark and Greg. After failing to eke out a living on the farm, we moved to Adelaide, where we knew no-one. We rented a house in Morphett Vale.

I found work at Ashford Community Hospital on permanent night duty. This meant the boys aged 7, 6 and 5 always had someone at home with them, but it wasn't good for a marriage or sleeping habits.

After several different business ventures, while we were living at Willunga, Ted came home and said he had negotiated to buy a block of land at Yankalilla. I asked, "Where is Yankalilla?"

We moved into a garage at the end of 1991. Ted died suddenly on Good Friday 1992. I went back to nursing with Fleurieu Health Services. Greg and I spent every spare moment literally building a house. Realising I had to get out and know the community, I joined Meals on Wheels, Aged Care Home and trained as an Ambulance volunteer.

About five years later I found out Greg had been sexually abused, had become a heavy drinker and was into drugs. That is another difficult story. He died just ten years and ten days after his Dad. They were both laid to rest in St Peters Cemetery

I have travelled around Australia twice with a tent and overseas twice with Carol and her husband, Graeme.

A bit over ten years ago I was declared legally blind. I sold my home and moved into Meander Cottages. Over the

years I have been involved on numerous committees - St John's Auxiliary, Meals on Wheels, Inter-Church, Ecumenical Events, Carols, Probus and a support group called "Shoulders".

I am the proud Mum and grandma of two caring, socially-aware sons and their partners, four delightful, achieving grandkids and three great-grandies and am also Nanna Marj to several.

In my faith life as far back as I can remember, my God has been walking with me in different denominations, in varying degrees of intensity.

I was honoured and enjoyed being a person who was entrusted with the faith journeys of many children and trying to bring God into the reality of their life. I still have contact with many of them.

One of my grandchildren had a joint baptism and Aboriginal smoking ceremony, sharing the waters from a stream, the fire/light from a fire lit by rubbing two sticks together, using bark and gum tree leaves and being cleansed and blessed using the creek water.

The place where I can feel truly spiritual is at the beach with the sounds, smells, and the seemingly endlessness of the varying moods of the water.

*Many thanks to Marj for sharing her story with us.*



*Day 7 of the quarantine  
My wife took up gardening but won't tell what she's going to plant*





## SUPPORTING FAMILIES AND YOUNG CHILDREN

A short book by author Manuela Monila, to support and reassure children under the age of 7 regarding the COVID-19 is available by PDF, please click on the following link <https://www.mindheart.co/descargables> Play School have televised a special episode to help explain what's happening at the moment for young children. Families can watch the episode 'Play School: Hello Friends! (A COVID 19 Special)' with their little ones on either ABC Iview or on the ABC Kids Community Facebook page.

## RESURRECTION IN LOCKDOWN

What kind of resurrection do we need during this time of lock-down? Soren Kierkegaard once said his favourite text in the Gospels was the one where, after Jesus' death, the disciples locked themselves into a room out of fear and the resurrected Jesus had to come through the locked doors of their resistance to breathe peace into them. Kierkegaard prayed for that to happen to him, that Jesus would come through the locked doors of his resistance and breathe peace into him.

This year, we need the resurrected Jesus to breathe peace into a whole world that is locked-down and needs a million kinds of peace.



At last I can find Wally just as quickly as the grandchildren.

This can be a good year too to remember that at the root of the Easter message lies this: There is nothing to fear, nothing – not lock-down, not defeat, not threat, not loss, not sickness, not even death. The resurrection of Jesus assures us that *in the end all shall be well, and all shall be well, and every manner of being shall be well; and if it isn't well ... then it is still not the end!*

Ronald Rolheiser

## BULLETIN PROFILES

Thank you to the parishioners who have shared their stories with us over the last couple of weeks. If you would like to write something about your life, please get in touch (Gael - 0447 421 948 or Sr Margaret Ann - 0488 287 552). Alternatively, if you don't feel confident to write something yourself and would like someone else to be your scribe, let us know. A telephone interview can easily be arranged.

All our Bulletins are archived in our Parish Archives. These articles will provide a unique snapshot for future historians of our people and their lives at a very difficult time.

## THE IMPERISHABLE INHERITANCE

Thomas' challenge to his friends in this weekend's Gospel reading is graphic and harsh. If Jesus had indeed returned, he wanted to see the marks of crucifixion. And Thomas got his wish, though he certainly hadn't counted on it.

Many bear the marks of crucifixion as they make their way through the world. The abused child, the jaded adult, the dying elder all show signs of the suffering they endure. We can, like Thomas, reach out and finger these wounds in others if we doubt their existence. But more useful is the healing touch Jesus demonstrated on so many occasions in his ministry. We may not have a miraculous gift for healing, but we do have within our grasp the capacity to kiss; hold a hand; spend some time; speak a word of kindness. The sheer amount of suffering in the world can overwhelm us and lead to inaction. But a Christian has a clear calling to the signs of suffering in others. With a cross as our inheritance, we know even wounds can be glorified.

What are your wounds? How might they become "glorified wounds"?

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## PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

## DATES

Apr 25 ANZAC Day  
 May 10 Mothers' Day  
 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  
 Aug 15 Assumption of Virgin Mary  
 Sep 6 Fathers' Day  
 Oct 5 Labour Day holiday  
 Nov 11 Remembrance Day  
 Dec 25 Christmas Day

## COLLECTIONS

### Direct payments

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

- Go to [www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/donation](http://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*.
- 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*
- 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.

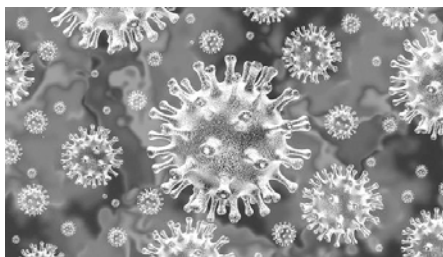
**NB:** *First* collection is for the support of our Priests and *General* (second at our Masses) is for the support of our Parish.



OLYMPIC GAMES TOKYO 2020

[SAFETY DISTANCE]

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE



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cnr Todd and Giles Streets*

##### PENNESHAW

*St Columba, North Terrace*



#### NOARLUNGA/SEAFORD PARISH

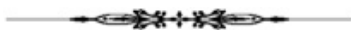
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##### NOARLUNGA

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

##### SEAFORD

*Seaford Ecumenical Mission,  
Grand Bvd*



#### VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA PARISH

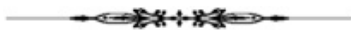
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##### VICTOR HARBOR

*St Joan of Arc, 30 Seaview Road*

##### GOOLWA

*St John the Apostle, 10-14 Gardiner St*



#### WILLUNGA PARISH

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##### 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*

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and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



#### EXPLORING THE WORD

This gospel is one of transformation. The fear of the disciples, locked in their upper room and huddled in upon themselves, is transformed by the gift of peace that Jesus brings and his giving of the Spirit to strengthen them on their way. The doubt of Thomas is transformed by his encounter with the risen Lord. With this transformation, however, comes responsibility. Just as Jesus was sent by the Father, now, too, the disciples are sent into the world to act as Jesus did. "The Summit"

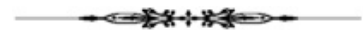
#### BELIEVING IS SEEING

No one saw much potential in Billy. It's not that the staff at the orphanage thought badly about him; they just didn't think much about him at all. He seemed to feel comfortable floating beneath everyone's notice - not getting in trouble but not getting much attention either.

That continued until he moved into Sr Gertrude's room. Sr Gertrude was a no-nonsense nun, a woman who expected the same from everyone in her care - a lot! So, Billy couldn't hide anymore in a muddle of mediocrity. She started checking his homework every night. And correcting his manners. And having him report daily on his school projects and requiring that he try out for a sports team. Everyone thought she was wasting her time, but Sr Gertrude wasn't one to waste time - or lives.

Billy didn't become a famous millionaire or best-selling author or a well-known anything. But he did finish university, meet a nice girl, fall in love, marry, and raise a family. And maybe he would have done all that anyway, but in his own mind and heart, he regularly thanks Sr Gertrude for believing without seeing, that is, believing in him even before anyone could see the potential.

Family life often calls us to believe even before we can see - from the first time we hold our children on through the terrible twos, the turbulent teens, and beyond. Sometimes believing leads to seeing. GPBS eNews



#### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(20 - 26 April)

- **Monday, 20:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> week Easter (Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8)
- **Tuesday, 21:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> week Easter (Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7-15)
- **Wednesday, 22:** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> week Easter (Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21)
- **Thursday, 23:** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> week Easter (Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36)
- **Friday, 24:** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> week Easter (Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15)
- **Saturday, 25:** ANZAC Day (Wis 3:1-9; 1 Cor 1:18-25; Jn 12:23-28)
- **Sunday 26:** Third Sunday of Easter (Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pet 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35)

#### 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).