



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

(Part of the Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Cluster of Catholic Parishes)

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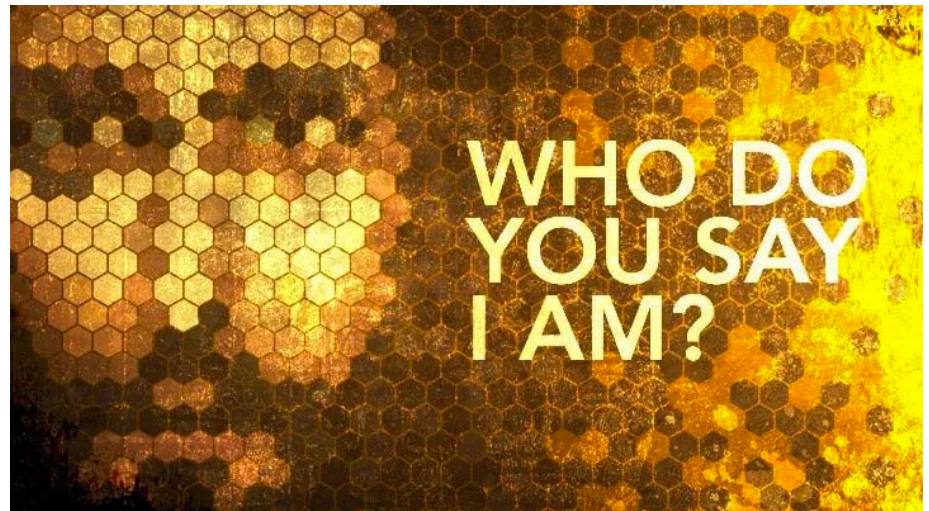
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MASS CENTRES

- 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
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FIRST READING

Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiyah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

SECOND READING

Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him

anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church, the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.

And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven;

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Bulletin Board

PARISH MASSES

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

WEEKEND MASSES

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

We are still required to:

- Continue physical distancing - only one person per two square metres
- Sign-on when entering the Church
- Continue using hand sanitiser
- Continue regularly wiping surfaces and cleaning our Churches
- Avoid physical greetings: hugs, kisses and handshakes.

WILLUNGA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fr Josy is seeking people interested in serving on the Parish Pastoral Council. The role of the Pastoral Council is to assist the Parish Priest in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ in our local community and helping bring the Kingdom of God to reality in our society.

The Vatican's Congregation of the Clergy describes the work of the Parish Pastoral Council this way: *It is the function of the Pastoral Council to investigate everything pertaining to pastoral activities, to weigh them carefully and to set forth practical conclusions concerning them so as to promote conformity of the life and actions of the People of God with the Gospel, in the awareness that, as Pope Francis recalled, the purpose of such a Council "should not be ecclesiastical organisation but rather*

the missionary aspiration of reaching everyone".

If you would like to offer your gifts to this mission, please contact Fr Josy at jponnambal@gmail.com or phone 0452 524 169. Please note that only those who are attending the parish Eucharist on Saturday or Sunday will be considered. *Peter Laffan*

Chair, Parish Pastoral Council

GALILEE TUESDAY MASS

Galilee School children will be attending Mass at Galilee Church on Tuesdays at 9.15am.

- 25 August - Years 3/4 and R/1
- 8 September - Years 4/5 and 1/2
- 22 September - Years 3/4 and Rec.

Kerri Gould

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

If you would like to order a copy of the Columban Calendar for 2021 please let Sister Margaret Ann know. The price is still \$9.00. This year, you can view an interesting audio visual and written Art Guide at:

www.columban.org.au/2021artguide.

COVID MARSHALS

From 21 August all our Mass centres must have an appropriately-trained COVID Marshal in attendance during services, ceremonies and events.

The COVID Marshal counts the number of people on site to ensure the the Church capacity limit is not exceeded, ensures that parishioners sign on as they enter the Church and that hand sanitiser is readily available. They will also be reminding people to maintain 1.5 metres physical distance.

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

Thank you to Michael Hynes and Tony Harding (St Joseph's), Chris McWilliams and Bob Daly (Galilee) and Patricia Litvensky and Peter Bohnsack (St Peter's) for agreeing to do the training and take on the COVID Marshal role.

ST JOSEPH'S ROSTERS

The rosters associated with Mass (Commentators, Readers, Cleaners, etc) are being prepared for the next few months. Please let Michael Hynes know (either at Mass or by emailing mhynes@baptistcaresa.org.au) if you can help out

A ROCK SOLID FOUNDATION

One day soon, Peter will deny he ever knew Jesus. But at this moment, he's chosen to be the foundation upon which the future church will rest. Peter, in a sure spot? He was a nail driven into spackle! Is Jesus being ironic when he calls him a rock? In just a few more verses, Jesus will call Peter the devil.

Jesus is Lord - but also a realist. Human nature is soft, like the flesh that contains it, and there truly is no better choice among the Twelve than Peter.

From this impulsive, unschooled, self-preserving fisherman, God will raise up the rafters of a church that will see twenty centuries and more. Not because Peter is great, but because God is. Not much can be built on flesh, as frail and uncertain as human beings are. But through the Spirit which gives the church its breath, the reign of God keeps on coming, on earth as it is in heaven.

TELL NO ONE

At a new job I took years ago, everyone I met in my first days mentioned how the general manager of the organisation was a genius. They spoke of him in awed tones. And so, when I met him, I was rather disappointed. I expected him to perform great feats of intelligence and management mastery right before my eyes. Instead he was quiet, unassuming, and down-to-earth. Mostly what he did was listen.

In a few meetings I attended with him at that time I came away annoyed that I wasn't seeing in this man what I thought everyone else was seeing. After all the build-up, I had expectations of who he ought to be and he ought to act, and he wasn't meeting those expectations. And so, for a long time I missed seeing what later came to be quite obvious - his own brand of quiet genius. He was not one to make a big splash. His gift was being able to see the essence of things and to keep our organisation focused on what mattered most. Expecting one thing, I almost missed what I had.

So, when I hear Jesus advise the apostles to tell no one he was the Christ, I can finally understand his point. Perhaps what he's saying is,

“Let them discover this truth fresh for themselves”. After all, if they start with wrong expectations of who Jesus ought to be, they might just miss the opportunity to encounter the Living Christ.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES
2020 APPEAL**
*(September is
Catholic Charities month)*

Making a difference to the lives of South Australians since 1941. Please support the Catholic Charities 2020 Appeal – pick up a brochure from parishes in September or make a donation online at www.adelaide.catholic.org.au or via Catholic Charities Appeal, Reply Paid 912, Adelaide SA 5001.

For more information please call Annie O’Neill, Manager Catholic Charities on 08 8210 8157 or visit Catholic Charities pages on the website: www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/charity-and-giving/catholic-charities/about-catholic-charities-

Donations of more than \$2 are tax deductible.

**MULTI-CITIZENSHIP
WIDE LOYALTIES**

There is virtue and goodness in loyalty to country, religion, family, race, and gender.

These are important identities, key parts of our self-definition, and they do demand certain loyalties, responsibilities, and duties, and do too make a moral claim on our freedom. We may never take these for granted and think we don’t owe anything to them. But we too easily lose perspective, as do whole countries, cultures, and religions. Too often we lose the sense that we are also citizens of other realms and each of these too makes certain demands and moral claims on us.

We are not just citizens of one country, members of one religion, members of one family, and members of one race and gender. We are citizens of the whole world, one with all who believe, brothers and sisters with all who are sincere, and part of the one family of humanity. And these wider loyalties constitute our deepest identity. Jesus said as much: “Who is my mother? Who are my brothers and sisters? Those who hear and keep the

**PLEASE KEEP THESE
PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Sick: Val Gater, Abbey McIver, Veronica Shortland, Muriel Smith, Jeff Gray, Judy Hore, Vence Sulda, Kate Hall, Tilly Kirtland, Arthur Jones

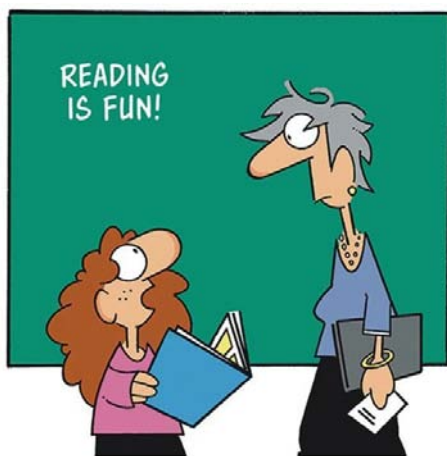
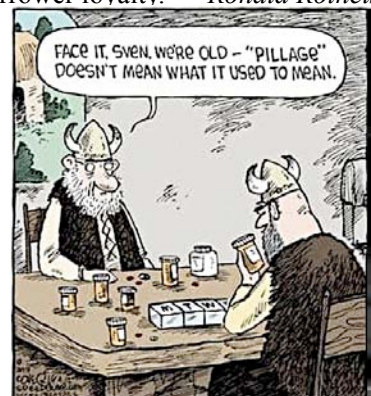
Recently deceased: Betty Wills
Connie Weeks

DATES

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

word of God are mother, brother, and sister to me!” In saying that, Jesus redefined both our citizenship and our loyalties. Real family, real country, real religion, and real identity are not based upon blood relationship, skin colour, gender, church affiliation, or shared geography.

What makes real family, country, religion, or identity is a shared spirit, the Holy Spirit of charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, long-suffering, faith, fidelity, gentleness, and chastity. These transcend all other boundaries of country, religion, family, race, and gender. They are what we ultimately ask for our loyalty. Both our humanity and our faith make us citizens of many worlds, demand of us wide loyalties, and demand too that we do not name intolerance, narrowness, racism, sexism, self-interest, and indifference to the suffering of others as virtue by appealing to some narrower loyalty. *Ronald Rolheiser*



“I tapped the page, but nothing happened!”



“Your new pacemaker includes a Pac-Man game that gobbles up the cholesterol in your arteries!”

ROSTERS

ALDINGA
Commentator
Readers

Saturday 22 August
Bob Daly
Denis Jones
David Manders

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Bob Daly
Denis Jones
David Manders

NORMANVILLE

Sunday, 23 August
To be advised

Sunday, 30 August
To be advised

WILLUNGA
Commentator
Reader
Church Cleaning
Church Linen

Sunday, 23 August
Wayne Best
Vanda Farrall
Michael Hynes
Marie Cester

Sunday, 30 August
Anna Rogers
Sue Thompson
Michael Hynes
Anna Rogers

COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(The following conditions apply for the time being)

- Attendance for mass is dependent on the 1 in 2 sq.m rule restriction.
- This number also applies for funerals and weddings.
- Except for families and household groups, people should socially distance.
- There should be no physical contact outside one's family or household group.
- There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- Every gathering must record contact details. Logs are located at the entrance to the Church.
- Hand sanitizer is to be available at church entrances.
- Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- No collection plates or hymn books are to be passed around.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- All surfaces should be cleaned at least daily, with special attention given to frequently touched surfaces.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people should be encouraged not to attend.
- Collection plates will not be passed around but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- Offertory procession will be omitted.
- Care should be taking at the dismissal and on leaving the church to minimise social contact.
- The obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage.

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whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.



EXPLORING THE WORD

At this point in the gospel, Jesus and his chosen have travelled and lived together for some time. He invites them to explore what they understand of his identity. Even in his question there is explicit hint of his identity, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' The people offer a variety of opinions: John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets. But it is Peter who adds to the title Son of Man by recognising Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God.

This same Peter whose faith faltered when he was buffeted by the wind and waves (see Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time) has now shown that he is open to God and recognises Jesus for who he is. But this is not the end of Peter's story. There are ups and downs in his response, as there are in our own. As long as we remain open to the gift of faith, we are offered forgiveness when we fail to treasure what God has given to us.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Caesarea Philippi is north of the region of Galilee. It was given to Herod the Great by Augustus Caesar and Herod built a white stone temple there and dedicated it to his patron. After Herod's death it passed into the hands of his son, Philip, who built his capital here – thus the name, Caesarea Philippi.
- The great stone temple built by Herod was at a natural spring which is the source of the Jordan River. The temple was dedicated to the Roman god of nature, Pan. The cave of Pan is housed in a high natural edifice of rock and it was here that Jesus reputedly told

Peter, that he, too, would be a rock on which the Church is built – not dedicated to a pagan god but to the one true God.

SHARING THE TRADITION

The Pope is the Bishop of Rome, a city traditionally associated with evangelisation by Peter. This gospel text is the one which is traditionally used as the basis for the Church's teaching on the primacy of the Pope in guiding and unifying the Church but he is assisted in this task by all the bishops. There have been 266 Popes from Peter to the present pontiff, Francis. The Pope's voice is an especially privileged one in the Church. This does not mean that everything the Pope says or does is without error. What he teaches must be taken with seriousness because of the office he holds. There are only rare occasions when the Pope speaks solemnly and with full authority on any particular matter. At other times he is expressing the teachings of the Church and offering an 'authoritative' guide to the faithful.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(23 - 30 August)

- **Monday, 24:** St Bartholomew (Apoc 21:9-14; Jn 1:45-51)
- **Tuesday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (2 Thess 2:1-3, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26)
- **Wednesday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (2 Thess 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32)
- **Thursday, 27:** St Monica (1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51)
- **Friday, 28:** St Augustine (1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13)
- **Saturday, 29:** The Passion of St John the Baptist (Jer 1:17-19; Mk 6:17-29)
- **Sunday 30:** 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20)

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).