

**WILLUNGA CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRE**

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**OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday: 10.00am - 12.00noon  
 Friday: 9.00am - 11.00am  
 (If you need to contact the Parish Office outside these hours, please contact 0447 421 948 or 0488 287 552)

**NOARLUNGA DOWNS CATHOLIC PRESBYTERY**

Phone: 8382 1717

**PARISH TEAM CONTACTS**

- Fr Josy Sebastian (Parish Priest - 8382 1717; emergency 0452 524 169)
- Fr Roy John (Assistant Priest - 8382 1717)
- Fr Tom Gleeson (Resident Priest - 8557 1072)
- Sr Margaret Ann (Parish worker - 0488 287 552)
- Geraldine and Steve Robinson (Finance - Tuesday am)
- Gael Maloney (Parish Office - Friday am; Newsletter - articles due Wednesday - [bahloo2@bigpond.com](mailto:bahloo2@bigpond.com), 0447 421 948)

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

**MASS TIMES**

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

**FIRST READING**

*Acts 9:26-31*

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Ps 21:26-28, 30-32*

*I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.*

**SECOND READING**

*1 John 3:18-24*

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.



His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Jn 15:4-5*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL**

*John 15:1-8*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.

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## BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES

Please contact the Parish Office

## RECONCILIATION

- Aldinga: Saturday 5.00 - 5.20pm
  - Normanville: Second and fourth Sundays at 8.10am
  - Willunga: to be organised
- Reconciliation always available at St Luke's, Noarlunga every Saturday at 9.00am.

## ROSARY

10.00am before 10.30am Masses at Normanville. 9.30am on Fridays in the Chapel at Galilee, Aldinga.

## QUIET PRAYER

Each day at Willunga for 30 minutes at 7.00am and 5.00pm. All welcome.

## REFLECTION GROUPS

*Willunga Thursday Group* meets weekly to reflect on Gospel for the following Sunday. Parish House, 7.00pm. Fr Tom (8557 1072)

## FIRST FRIDAY MASSES

First Friday Mass: Willunga at 9.00am; Normanville at 6.00pm

## FAMILY MASSES

Aldinga: 2nd Saturday - 5.30pm

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Galilee Learning Centre	8557 9000
St John the Apostle	8382 2064
All Saints Primary	8327 0020
Cardijn College	8392 9500
Marcellin Tech College	8186 9700

## PLAYGROUP

Monday mornings 9.00am - 10.30am in Shared Space, Stage 1, Galilee School, Aldinga. Co-ordinator - Melanie Wilson (8557 9000)

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Meetings held twice monthly - every second Monday of month and the Monday, two weeks later, both at 10am. Meetings are held at the Galilee Community Room, How Rd, Aldinga. Contact: svdp.aldinga@gmail.com

## GALILEE HOUSEKEEPING TEAM

Feel free to contact any member of the committee about issues in the Aldinga community - Fr Josy (8382 1717), David Manders (8556 5667), Françoise or Ken Creevey (8557 6287), Mario Bacchin (8323 9909), Judy Driscoll (8557 7068).

## GALILEE OP SHOP

How Road, Aldinga. Open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8.45am - 3.00pm  
Phone: 0474 107 694



# Bulletin Board

## REGULAR WEEKDAY MASSES (or COMMUNION SERVICES)

Mon	No Masses in Willunga Parish 9.00am - Noarlunga
Tue	9.15am - Aldinga
Wed	9.00am - Willunga
Thur	9am - Willunga
Fri	9am - Willunga
1st Fri	6.00pm - Normanville (followed by shared meal)

## MORNING TEA

*Friday, 4 May at 10.00am*

Willunga parishioners are invited to a morning tea at the Bethany Hall, Willunga Uniting Church, corner of St Jude's Street and St Andrew's Terrace, to celebrate the life of



Nancy Fraser with scones, jam, cream and cake (Nancy's favourite food).

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY WINTER APPEAL

This weekend (28/29 April) envelopes will be distributed for our annual St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal. Parishioners are asked to take the envelopes home and return them with their donation next weekend 5/6 May.

The Willunga Conference is experiencing a huge increase in weekly requests for provision of food and pharmacy vouchers, as well as financial assistance towards utility, rent and mortgage payments. We rely on funds raised by our Poor Box, Winter and Christmas Appeal donations to provide the food and other assistance we give.

Our Vincentian mission is to "serve Jesus in the poor" with the prayers, assistance and support of our fellow parishioners.

The Winter Appeal continues to promote the idea that ordinary people are able to make an extraordinary difference in the communities they live. The Spirit to feed, heal, shelter, nurture, inspire – the power to change lives – is in every one of us here in our Willunga Parish.

When we request your help through our appeals, we are trusting we can all work together to do something about issues that are too big for individuals. Issues of homelessness and cost of living are overwhelming issues. However, these are areas of focus for the Conference in coming to you with this Winter Appeal.

This winter, your commitment to helping those experiencing disadvantage, poverty and homelessness is still very much needed and appreciated.

The Conference sincerely thanks our parishioners for the tremendous support that is always given in these appeals, enabling us to continue to reach out to so many needy people in our area.

*Mario Bacchin  
Treasurer, Willunga Conference*

## MARIAN PROCESSION

The Marian Procession is on Sunday 20 May at about 1.30pm in the South Parklands.

If there is sufficient interest a 24-seater bus may be hired. The cost will be \$21 per seat. The bus will pick up at St Joseph's Willunga, Mary of Galilee Aldinga and St Luke's Noarlunga. If anyone is interested please see, ring or text Chris (0451 144 776).

*Chris McWilliams*

## FR SEÁN McGEARTY'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday May 6 Fr Seán McGearty will be celebrating his 60th Anniversary of Ordination. It will be celebrated at 2.00pm in St Joseph's Church, 24 Strathmore Tce, Brighton.

Having served as Parish Priest in a number of parishes throughout the Adelaide Diocese, Fr Seán would love to share this occasion with as many of his old parishioners as possible.

If you would like to attend, please contact: Archdiocesan Events and Special Projects (8210 8220 or [events@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:events@adelaide.catholic.org.au))

# Bulletin Board



## YOU ARE CONNECTED!

Let me tell you about a school student who quit football because he lacked confidence and didn't have friends on the team. He later regretted it. But it was too hard for him, with all his self-doubts, to practice each day.

Confidence and friendship. Both can be tough to find. Many young people struggle to connect with peers who will accept them as they are. Many also struggle to be confident in who they are.

This week's Gospel hits home on both points. Even though all of us can feel alone and insecure, it reminds us that in some mystical but real way, we are always connected to Jesus. And though that connection, we can discover and develop our talents for changing the world. We also can use that connection to call for help when we feel disconnected and lonely.

Let me tell you about another student. She was a shy, insecure kid.

But through high school, she connected with Jesus through outreach opportunities, community service and retreats. Through them she became a confident leader, well respected by her classmates, with strong friendships.

We've all struggled with confidence and loneliness at some stage. But during those tough times, reread this week's Scripture passage. And remember, you're firmly connected to the Saviour of the world. Like any relationship, the more you hang out with Jesus, the stronger the connection becomes. So hang out with him by involving yourself in Mass, retreats, prayer, and friendships with other Christians. You'll feel the connection growing. And the more you strengthen that connection, the easier it will be to find the friends and the confidence you've hoped for.

*GPBS eNews*

*"You are the only Bible some unbelievers will ever read."*

*John MacArthur*

## ROSTERS

	<i>Saturday, 28 April</i>	<i>Saturday, 5 May</i>
<b>ALDINGA</b>		
Welcome	Rose Sulda	Christina VK, Mike Lord
Commentator	Rosemary Chamberlain	Peter Laffan
Readers	Ken Creevey	Christine Jones
	Brianna McIvor	Dennis Jones
Eucharistic Ministers	Mario Bacchin	Judy Driscoll
	Maria Jarvis-Maack	Brian Younie
<b>NORMANVILLE</b>	<i>Sunday, 29 April</i>	<i>Sunday, 6 May</i>
Welcome	Ena Harvey	Pat Hardy
Commentator/Prayers	Jim Fitzpatrick	David Salkeld
Reader	Trish Bohnsack	Jacqui Salkeld
Eucharistic Minister	Judy Hore	Mary Kennedy
Church Cleaning	Lyn Wyld	Jacqui, David Salkeld
<b>WILLUNGA</b>	<i>Sunday, 29 April</i>	<i>Sunday, 6 May</i>
Welcome	Tony Harding	Andrew Beach
Commentary	Marie Andrews	Anna Rogers
First Reader	Norman Lee	Sue Thompson
Second Reader	Wayne Best	Andrew Beach
Eucharistic Ministers	Steve Maglieri	Marie Cester
	Marie Cester	Michael Hynes
Church Cleaning	M Hynes, S Okeke	M Hynes, S Okeke
Counting	Chris McWilliams	Chris McWilliams
Church Linen	Margaret Guley	Pauleen Hounslow

## PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Anne Murphy, Jeff Field, Denis Pym, Peg Boland, Paul Brown, Reynalyn Brighty, Louise Horgan

## WHAT'S ON

Apr 30	First day School Term 2
May 3	St Peter's choir practice
May 5	Pastoral Council - Aldinga
May 6	St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal
May 24	Parish Finance Council meeting
May 31	St Peter's choir practice
Jun 2	Pastoral Council - Willunga
Jun 10	Propagation of Faith Appeal
Jun 24	Holy Father's Appeal
Jun 28	St Peter's choir practice
Jul 1	NATSICC Appeal
Jul 7	Pastoral Council - Normanville
Jul 8	Apostleship of the Sea Appeal
Jul 26	St Peter's choir practice
Aug 4	Pastoral Council - Aldinga
Aug 12	Appeal for Vocations
Aug 30	St Peter's choir practice
Aug 15	Assumption of Mary
Sep	Catholic Charities Appeal Month
Sep 1	Pastoral Council - Willunga
Sep 27	St Peter's choir practice
Oct 6	Pastoral Council - Normanville
Oct 21	World Mission Day Appeal
Oct 25	St Peter's choir practice
Nov 1	All Saints' Day
Nov 3	Pastoral Council - Aldinga
Nov 11	St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal
Nov 29	St Peter's choir practice
Dec 1	Pastoral Council - Willunga
Dec 8	Feast - Immaculate Conception
Dec 25	Appeal for Aboriginal Catholic Ministry

## COLLECTIONS

*21/22 April*

First collection	\$661.00
Envelopes	\$438.00
Unpledged	\$369.00

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.

- *I've had amnesia for as long as I can remember.*
- *Autocorrect makes me type things I didn't Nintendo.*
- *A chicken walks up to a duck standing on the side of the road and says, "Don't do it man. You'll never hear the end of it."*

**REGULAR MASS TIMES IN  
OUR CLUSTER CHURCHES  
ALDINGA**

*Mary of Galilee, the First Disciple  
cnr Quinliven and How Roads*  
Saturday 5.30pm  
Tuesday 9.15am

**GOOLWA**

*St John the Apostle, 10-14 Gardiner St*  
Sunday 9.00am  
Wednesday 9.30am

**KINGSCOTE**

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help,  
cnr Todd and Giles Streets*  
Sunday 9.30am

**NOARLUNGA**

*St Luke, the Evangelist,  
cnr Honeypot Rd and Goldsmith Dve*  
Saturday 6.00pm  
Sunday 9.00am  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 11am (Spanish Mass)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)  
Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm  
Monday 9.00am  
Tuesday 9.00am  
Wednesday 7.30pm  
Thursday 8.45am (St Luke's)  
Thursday 9.15am (St John's - term time)  
Friday 10.00am

**NORMANVILLE**

*St Peter, Cape Jervis Road*  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays 10.30am  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 8.30am  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday 6.00pm

**PARNDANA**

2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 2.30pm

**PENNESHAW**

*St Columba, North Terrace  
(shared with Anglicans)*  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 2.00pm

**SEAFORD**

*Seaford Ecumenical Mission,  
Grand Bvd*  
Sunday 10.45am  
Wednesday 9.00am

**VICTOR HARBOR**

*St Joan of Arc, 30 Seaview Road*  
Saturday 6.00pm  
Sunday 11.00am  
Tuesday 9.00am  
Thursday 9.00am  
Friday (other than 1<sup>st</sup>) 9.00am  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday 11.30am

**WILLUNGA**

*St Joseph, 12 St Judes Street*  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays 8.30am  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 10.30am  
Wednesday 9.00am  
Thursday 9.00am  
Friday 9.00am

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Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.

**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Again and again, life's experiences teach us that, as members of the Earth community, we cannot make it on our own. We need one another, other living beings, the sun, the soil, the water and everything else that formed from exploding stars in the distant past. The gospel reading reminds us that as baptised Christians we are not just intimately interlinked but that the source of our unity is the Risen Christ. As limbs and leaves and sap of the same vine, we simply cannot survive in isolation.

The vine image picks up one of the most potent biblical images for God's relationship to the people of Israel. It is an image of life and growth, of colour and vibrancy. It holds the promise of a life-sustaining grape harvest that is ultimately transformed into wine, the biblical symbol for joy. God brought Israel "the vine" out of Egypt (Psalm 80:9). For the prophet Isaiah, Israel is also a vineyard planted and nurtured by God (5:1-7; 27:3). For Jeremiah, Israel is the choice vine "of fully tested stock" planted by God (2:21).

The Johannine Jesus makes the claim: "I am the true vine/vineyard" and God is the "vinegrower". He goes further: "I am the vine/vineyard and you are the branches". The potency of this image resides in the fact that a vine without branches is inconceivable. It draws us into the mystery of the mutual interchange of life between us and the risen Christ, into the mystery of God. It also invites us to acknowledge our interconnection with the whole of the Earth community, to nurture the wonderful biodiversity of our planet, and to accept the inevitability of "pruning" if we are to

"bear fruit" and "become disciples". "Pruning" can take various forms. A chance encounter, a sudden inspiration, a word from a friend, an unexpected illness, a confronting story: any such experience can bring us to our senses and serve as a "pruning" device. The first reading for today recounts the story of Saul of Tarsus who is "pruned" quite dramatically through his encounter with the Risen Christ on the road to Damascus. He is transformed from persecutor to defender of Christ and Christ's followers. Saul becomes a disciple and "bears much fruit". The Greek-speaking Christian Jews are suspicious, even murderous, when he tries to preach the gospel among them. Peace ensues, however, and the movement takes hold in the regions where Jesus had first preached the gospel. It is worth reflecting on the cultural diversity that characterised earliest Christianity and the tensions that had to be resolved between different language groups or groups of different ethnic origin for the gospel to flourish and bear fruit. John's gospel is written against the backdrop of such "pruning" within the early communities. Sometimes the requisite "pruning" is hearing respectfully a point of view that differs from one's own.

*Veronica Lawson RSM*

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

*(30 April - 6 May)*

- **Monday, 30:** Monday of the 5<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26)
- **Tuesday, 1:** Tuesday of the 5<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31)
- **Wednesday, 2:** St Athanasius (Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8)
- **Thursday, 3:** Sts Philip and James (1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14)
- **Friday, 4:** Friday of the 5<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17)
- **Saturday, 5:** Saturday of the 5<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21)
- **Sunday 6:** SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17)

**PASTORAL CARE**

If you (or someone you know) is house-bound, in hospital or in residential care and would appreciate a visit from a Priest or someone from the Parish, please let us know.  
Contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).