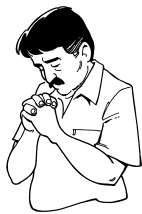


"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Mt 5:3



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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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

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

Seek the Lord, all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord.

In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 145: 7-10

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God

chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: *if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad: your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

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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 midday.

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-ordinators - Miss Little and Miss Gould (8557 9000)

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Meetings held twice monthly - every second Tuesday of month at 10am and the Tuesday, two weeks later at 3pm. All meetings are held at the rear of 9 Austin Place, Port Willunga. Contact: svdp.aldinga@gmail.com

GALILEE

HOUSEKEEPING TEAM

Feel free to contact any member of the committee about issues in the Aldinga community - Fr Charles (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 Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri 9.00am - 3.00pm
Phone: 0451 830 929



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WEEKDAY MASSES (or COMMUNION SERVICES)

Mon	No Masses in Willunga Parish 9.00am - Noarlunga
Tues	9.15am - Aldinga
Wed	9.00am - Willunga
Thur	9.00am - Willunga
Fri	9.00am - Willunga
1st Fri	6.00pm - Normanville <i>(followed by shared meal)</i>

DISCOVER ALDINGA WASHPool COMMUNITY FORUM

On Sunday 5 February (from 2.00pm to 5.00pm) there will be a community forum at Sellicks Community Hall, Riviera Road, Sellicks Beach to learn about the seasonal wetland known as Aldinga Washpool Lagoon.

This is a Wetland of National Significance, that dries out each summer and springs to life with winter rains, attracting birds from around the world, and buzzing with the life of insects, water bugs and frogs. It is one of the key points on the Tjilbruke Trail, and very important to Kurna people.

This is an opportunity to understand one of our precious local habitats that are in need of greater protection. To book for this free event please contact Peter Laffan (8556 3915 or impe@internode.on.net)

Peter Laffan



World Day of Prayer

AUSTRALIA

*More than 3 million people
in over 170 countries*

Friday 3 March

Every year on the first Friday in March, people of all different religious affiliations around the world join with others in prayer. A different country each year writes a prayer service for others to join in, reflecting on their country, their lives and their challenges.

This year the services have been prepared by the people of the Philippines, with the theme "Am I being unfair to you?"

The services in the Southern Vales this year will be at "Kalyra", McLaren Vale at 2.00pm and at St Ann's Aldinga (7 Stonehouse Lane) at 7.00pm, with guest speaker Lilia Parkinson.

Join the wave of prayer! If you have any enquiries please contact Trish Frith (8556 2604).

ST PETER'S CHOIR REHEARSALS

Please note that the St Peter's Choir practice day has changed to the last Thursday of each month, commencing Thursday 23 February at the usual time of 10.00am.

Judy Millington

SEEK THE LORD, ALL YOU HUMBLE OF THE EARTH

In fabric shops you can usually find a bin marked "remnants". The piles of different colours and textures create a fascinating mixture that hints at the splendour of the great rolls of fabric now reduced to scraps.

Zephaniah uses the imagery of remnant when he speaks of small communities who remain faithful in the midst of those people who have given up hope in the future and have abandoned the building of the city of God. The city of God has become a city of greed, violence and self-satisfaction.

The prophet message is simple, "Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth, seek justice, seek humility, follow God's ways."

Matthew introduces us to the same message from Jesus given in a form we call the Beatitudes. Jesus sees the crowd so he goes "to the mountain" and sits down to teach. For Matthew the mountain is the place of God, it is a place of revelation, prayer, healing and teaching.

As at Mount Sinai, God will speak, this time through his faithful servant, Jesus, the Obedient One. For the first time the Son of God will solemnly proclaim his gospel to Israel. Such an occasion will offer the essence of the Kingdom vision. If the Beatitudes are the new way then we need to be familiar not just with the form but especially with the spirit.

The first thing that strikes us is that

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being a kingdom person is about joy. Full of grace, happy, blessed are all different ways of describing a full heart. To believe that God is with us is to take the first step towards true humility. Humility is the ability to discern the real You under the masks that have been acquired. As we grow in humility we recognise those areas of our lives that need healing, our sorrow for past sin meets the comfort of God.

Moving from a focus on our own growth we come to see that by our kindness to others we inherit everything. Our true self is found in right relationship with people, all living things and the environment. Our inheritance is to belong to the saints of all religious traditions who strive for a better world.

To say that striving to pattern our lives on God's vision is our food and drink is to say that active goodness is our priority. God's grace will fill us to overflowing.

As we proceed on our spiritual journey we need the "fruits" that will bring others to Christ. The first is the quality of mercy.

This is an attitude of heart which offers a willingness to forgive. To give to others what has been given to us. The pure heart is the obedient heart. The heart in Jewish tradition means the centres of thinking, feeling, and desiring. To allow God to help us bring all aspects of our self into harmony will remove anything that stands between our self and God.

To be a peacemaker is to practise the art of community building. There are to be no boundaries created by notions of them and us. This calls for a generosity of spirit which allows people to be really free.

In case we forget that even our good intentions can be misread we are reminded that we may suffer at the hands of those who do not want change. To challenge unjust systems; foreign or local, religious or state, may bring pain but the contribution you make will be part of the saving energy of God in the world.

Paul encourages us in our journey by reminding us that we were chosen for our ordinariness. Christ is our life, our wisdom, our holiness.

Patricia Stevenson rsj

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Kerry James, Di Rickard, Dee Harvey, Anne Murphy

Recently deceased: Flora Ruffilli

WHAT'S ON

- Jan 30 First day, School Term 1
- Feb 12 Feast of St Bakhita
- Feb 23 St Peter's Choir rehearsal
- Mar 1 Ash Wednesday
- Mar 1 - Apr 16 Project Compassion
- Mar 3 World Day of Prayer
- Mar 23 St Peter's Choir rehearsal
- Mar 26 Day of Unborn Child Appeal
- Mar 5 First Sunday of Lent
- Apr 14 Good Friday
- Apr 14 Holy Places Appeal
- Apr 20 St Peter's Choir rehearsal
- May 7 St V de P Winter Appeal
- May 25 St Peter's Choir rehearsal
- Jun 4 Propagation of Faith Appeal
- Jun 29 St Peter's Choir rehearsal
- Jul 9 NATSICC Appeal
- Jul 23 Apostleship of Sea Appeal
- Jul 27 St Peter's Choir rehearsal
- Aug 13 Appeal for Vocations
- Aug 24 St Peter's Choir rehearsal
- Sep Catholic Charities Month
- Sep 28 St Peter's Choir rehearsal
- Oct 22 World Mission Day Appeal
- Oct 26 St Peter's Choir rehearsal
- Oct First Collection Renewal
- Nov 12 St V de P Christmas Appeal
- Nov 30 St Peter's Choir rehearsal
- Dec 21 St Peter's Choir rehearsal
- Dec 25 Appeal Aboriginal Catholic Ministry & Caritas Australia

ROSTERS

(For Mass times refer to page 1)

ALDINGA	Saturday, 28 January	Saturday, 4 February
Welcome	Ros Shoumack	Georgina Sard
Commentator	Rosemary Chamberlain	Christina Tiedge
Readers	Heidi Davidson	Leo Dundon
	David Manders	Chris McWilliams
Eucharistic Ministers	Mario Bacchin	David Manders
	Judy Seward	Rosemary Chamberlain
NORMANVILLE	Sunday, 29 January	Sunday, 5 February
Welcome	Lyn Wyld	Susie Gillies
Commentator/Prayers	Antoinette Fleming	Ena Harvey
Reader	Walter Litvensky	Judy Millington
Eucharistic Minister	Susie Gillies	Patricia Litvensky
Church Cleaning	Judy Hore	Joan & Park Fogarty
WILLUNGA	Sunday, 29 January	Sunday, 5 February
Welcome	Pauleen & John Hounslow	Barbara Smith
Commentary	Anna Rogers	Vanda Farrall
First Reader	Birgit Hynes	Norman Lee
Second Reader	John Bruschi	Jim Smith
Eucharistic Ministers	Marie Cester	Birgit Hynes
	Steve Maglieri	Michael Hynes
Church Cleaning	May Dunn, Barb Smith	Birgit & Michael Hynes
Counting	Mary & Bev Fitzpatrick	Mary & Bev Fitzpatrick
Church Linen	Pauleen Hounslow	Anne Crosbie

COLLECTIONS

21/22 January, 2017

First collection	\$775.00
Envelopes	\$365.00
Unpledged	\$431.00

Thank you for your support
- it is much appreciated.

Smith climbs to the top of Mount Sinai to get close enough to talk to God. Looking up, he asks the Lord, "God, what does a million years mean to you?" The Lord replies, "A minute."

Smith asks, "And what does a million dollars mean to you?" The Lord replies, "A penny."

Smith asks, "Can I have a penny?" The Lord replies, "In a minute."

REGULAR MASS TIMES IN OUR CLUSTER CHURCHES

ALDINGA

*Mary of Galilee, the First Disciple
cnr Quinliven and Howe 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
4th Sunday (Youth Mass) 6.00pm

NOARLUNGA

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

Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 9.00am
1st Sunday 11.00am (Spanish Mass)
2nd Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)
Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm
Monday 9.00am
Tuesday (2nd, 4th, 5th week) 9.00am
Tuesday (1st, 3rd week) 9.45am
Wednesday 7.00am, 7.30pm
Thursday 9.00am (St John's School)
Friday 10.00am

NORMANVILLE

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

PARNDANA

2nd, 4th Sunday 4.00pm

PENNESHAW

*St Columba, North Terrace
(shared with Anglicans)*
1st 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 1st) 9.00am
1st Friday 11.30am

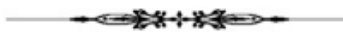
WILLUNGA

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

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‘How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.’



BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favour with God.

We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls “blessed” and “happy” are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

“Blessed” is sometimes translated as *happy, fortunate, or favoured*. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favour is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome—and surprising—to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

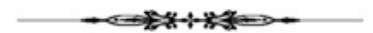
The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God. *Loyola Press website*

DID YOU KNOW?

- This collection of sayings is known as the Beatitudes, which means blessings.
- This text is also known as the Sermon on the Mount. Luke also has a version of this text, but it is set on a plain by the Sea of Galilee (Luke 6:20-26).
- Just as Moses received the Law on Mt Sinai, Matthew situates Jesus giving the new law on a mountain.
- There are a number of instances in his Gospel where Matthew parallels Jesus with Moses. Again, this may be to appeal to the largely Jewish audience of his own community.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

The ‘poor’ are those who are not smug and self-satisfied. Those who ‘mourn’ are those who grieve at the effects of sin in the world. The ‘meek’ are the lowly and powerless in any situation. Those who ‘hunger for righteousness’ are those who long for justice and peace. The ‘pure of heart’ are those who seek God alone. The ‘peacemakers’ are those who work to restore broken relationships. Those who are ‘persecuted’ are those who are ridiculed for their faith. Taken all together, the Beatitudes describe what a Christian should be like.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(30 January - 5 February)

- **Monday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (Heb 11: 32-40; Mk 5:1-20)
- **Tuesday 31:** St John Bosco (Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43)
- **Wednesday 1:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6)
- **Thursday 2:** The Presentation of the Lord (Malachi 3:1-4; Lk 2:22-40)
- **Friday 3:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29)
- **Saturday 4:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34)
- **Sunday 5:** FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16)