



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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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
8.30am Normanville (St Peter's)
10.30am Willunga (St Joseph's)



FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 62:2-6, 8-9

*My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.*

SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is

the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Eph 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia!

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; (Continued page 4)



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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- 10.30am Willunga (St Joseph's)

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.

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. Thanks to Michael Hynes and Tony Harding

(St Joseph's), Chris McWilliams and Bob Daly (Galilee) and Patricia Litvinsky and Peter Bohnsack (St Peter's) for agreeing to 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 email: mhynes@baptistcaresa.org.au) if you can help out.

WILLUNGA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fr Josy is seeking people to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council. If you interested, please contact Fr Josy at jponnambal@gmail.com or phone 0452 524 169.

GALILEE TUESDAY MASS

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

- 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.

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.

MIGRANT REFUGEE SUNDAY

The Australian Bishops Conference has changed the date for the Church in Australia to celebrate Migrant and Refugee Sunday to the last Sunday of September instead of the last Sunday of August as in previous years. So this year our Archdiocese will celebrate the 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees with a Multicultural Mass on Sunday, September 27 at 2.30pm at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. The Mass will be live streamed due to Covid-19 restrictions and online bookings are required.

DUPED BY GOD

Peter must have felt duped by God when Jesus rebuked him. What did he say that was so bad? When Jesus foretold of his future suffering and death, Peter took what he considered an appropriate defensive stand. Not you, Lord! Never!

Only moments earlier, he had called Jesus the Messiah, Peter's understanding of that term meant conquering hero, not suffering servant of God's will. Peter liked to imagine victory achieved without a scratch. Victory gained at the cost of ultimate sacrifice was no victory in his mind. If Peter was duped, it was his own preconceptions about God and religion that betrayed him. Gaining the world at the price of the soul was no bargain. But losing everything for the sake of God's victory is the one purchase we all want to consider.



Turns out it was a marble in the ashtray!

For what are you willing to suffer (ie, love, money, justice, peace, the truth)? How much are you willing to suffer for these things?

Avoid being deceived by worldly values. Spend a week refusing to read noticeboards and magazine advertisements, watching commercials, even noting brand labels. Turn your back on the consumer message and exercise your freedom. *GPBS eNews*

GET BEHIND JESUS

I can't sleep. I can't let go. I don't understand. I am heartbroken and Nancy is completely inconsolable. Two days ago, our son Robert told us that he was being re-deployed to Afghanistan. "Try to convince him not to go," Nancy told me. "He's already been twice. What if this time he doesn't come back? Why are we fighting a war that's not even our war?"

"I did speak to him," I insisted. "He said that he's a soldier and that this is his job. He said that we are fine here, but who is defending those poor people over there? I told him to think of his family, that he has young kids now. He said it was his duty to serve".



She met him online he said he lived in a gated community

Nancy glared at me and left the room in tears.

That was this afternoon. Now, lying awake in bed, the conversation plays over and over again in my head. Nancy has finally fallen asleep, yet I lie here praying, "God, please God, don't let my son go back to war. Why him? Send someone else". Then it hits me like a ton of bricks, "I did not want my son to die either". What? "I did not want my son to die either".

And now I understand. Here I am begging for my son to be spared to a God who did not spare his own son. Now I understand that no one loves Robert more than God does. Now I understand what picking up your cross means; why the grain of wheat has to die. Now I am able to let go and get behind Jesus and with a renewed peace, finally fall asleep. *GPBS eNews*

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Being a disciple of Jesus is not always easy. Jesus often reminded his friends that the way of discipleship is the way of the cross. However, experiencing difficult times helps us to grow and learn. Can you think of a time when you had to do something difficult, or make a difficult decision? How did this help you to grow as a person. Although it's not always easy to follow Jesus, we need to keep trying!

Liturgy Brisbane



September - Catholic Charities month

ROSTERS

ALDINGA
Commentator
Readers

Saturday 29 August
Tricia Dundon
Leo Dundon
Angela Trembath

Saturday 05 September
Peter Laffan
Rod Boucher
Lilia Parkinson

NORMANVILLE

Sunday, 30 August
To be advised

Sunday, 06 September
To be advised

WILLUNGA
Commentator
Reader
Church Cleaning
Church Linen

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

Sunday, 06 September
Gael Maloney
John Bruschi
Michael Hynes
Margaret Guley

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, Leonie Zeven

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

COLLECTIONS

for the last two weekends

- First collection \$475.00
- Second collection \$811.00

Thank you for your support.

Direct payments

If you would like to organise your Church donations via bank transfer, please contact Bob Daly (0416 156 213) for details.



Imagine you live here and you come home drunk!

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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but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

‘For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.’

DID YOU KNOW?

- This text marks the beginning of the fourth major section of Matthew's Gospel which follows Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and death.
- The word 'Satan' originally meant adversary or accuser. Later it came to mean personified evil. Here Jesus uses it figuratively of Peter who does not yet understand the meaning of Jesus' mission.
- The name Peter comes from the Latin word for rock. In last week's gospel, Jesus named Peter the rock on which the Church would be built. Today that rock has become a stumbling block in Jesus' path!

SHARING THE TRADITION

Over the long history of the Church there have been many people who have literally taken up the cross of Christ and given their lives for their faith. They are the martyrs of the Church and have a special place of honour. The first martyrdom recorded in the Scriptures is that of Stephen (Acts 6:8-8:3). Over recent weeks we have explored the stories of some people who are modern day martyrs of the Church. Luckily, however, not all those who take up the cross are called to give their lives, but still many shoulder the burden of faith in the face of adversity. One such person was St Damien of Molokai, a Belgian priest of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, who volunteered to work as a missionary chaplain among the lepers of Hawaii at the leper colony on Molokai. Here he laboured for many years until he contracted the disease and finally died of it in 1889. Others Christians, like

Mother Teresa, have chosen to live out their faith in difficult situations.

EXPLORING THE WORD

This gospel contains the first of three predictions of his passion and death that Jesus makes along his journey to Jerusalem. Matthew tells the story of that journey across the next four chapters of his gospel.

Peter is highly disturbed by the predictions of Jesus' suffering but is soundly rebuked.

The contrast between this text and the gospel of the previous week is stark! In the immediately prior episode, Peter is praised and rewarded for his sublime affirmation of faith, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God'. In this text, Peter's lack of understanding of what that means and the mission Jesus has causes him to be ridiculed as an obstacle to the divine mission.

While we may have some sympathy for Peter in wanting to spare Jesus the pain and suffering he predicts, what is at issue is Peter's failure to see that the cross is part of the plan and that discipleship will also involve the cross.

Taking up the cross, however, will result in great reward and ultimate vindication when the time of judgment comes.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(31 August - 6 September)

- **Monday, 31:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30)
- **Tuesday, 1:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Cor 2:10-16; Lk 4:31-37)
- **Wednesday, 2:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44)
- **Thursday, 3:** St Gregory the Great (1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-13)
- **Friday, 4:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39)
- **Saturday, 5:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 22 (1 Cor 4:6-15; Lk 6:1-5)
- **Sunday 6:** 23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20)

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).