



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)

ALL SAINTS' DAY - YEAR A

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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

*Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14*

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these

people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 23:1-6*

*Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.*

## SECOND READING

*1 John 3:1-3*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mt 11:28*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!*

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# Bulletin Board

## 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

*Times on front page of this bulletin*

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).

## ALL SOULS' DAY

*Monday, 2 November*

Mass will be held at 9.00am at St Joseph's, Willunga to celebrate this special day. Fr Tom will bless the graves in the adjoining cemetery following the Mass. All are welcome.

## GALILEE SPECIAL MASSES

Two special Masses have been organised for Galilee students during this last school term.

- Whole School Thanksgiving Mass - 9.15am - Tuesday 24 November.
- Sending Forth Mass - 6.30pm - Tuesday 8 December.

## NORMANVILLE MASS

*Wednesday, 4 November*

The usual 12.00noon Mass this week will be preceded by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

beginning at 11.30am with Mass to follow.

Because of COVID attendance restrictions, bookings are still required at St Peter's - please phone Dolek Thiele after 2.00pm (0419 844 693)

## NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCES

The month of November is traditionally the time when we pray for the dead.

Names of deceased people you would like to be prayed for during November, can be entered into the Book of Remembrance, which is available in the foyer of each of our three communities. These people will be remembered especially during our Parish Masses during November.

## BISHOPS' STATEMENT ON ABORTION BILL

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan and Bishop Greg O'Kelly SJ have issued a joint statement expressing their concern over the Termination of Pregnancy Bill, saying the removal of current safeguards would further increase the rate of abortion on demand and put vulnerable women at greater risk of economic and social coercion. The bishops said the provision for abortions to take place from 22 weeks and six days up until full term, with the approval of two medical practitioners, was deeply concerning. Parishioners are encouraged to contact their local MP to urge them to vote against the Bill.

## McLAREN VALE PUBLIC MEETING

*A compassionate community in COVID times- let's talk about grief, dying and death*

You are invited to a public meeting exploring the importance of compassionate communities as people experience grief, dying and death. Keynote speaker: Ms Shyla Mills CEO, Palliative Care Queensland. Click [here](#) for more information about compassionate communities.

Date: Tuesday 3 November  
Time: 5:30pm - 7:00pm (light refreshments provided)  
Venue: McLaren Vale Lutheran Church - 6 Aldersey St, McLaren Vale

RSVP's essential (COVID requirements) to: [student@pallcare.asn.au](mailto:student@pallcare.asn.au)

## NEW PARISH COUNCIL

Fr Josy is pleased to announce that a new Parish Council has been formed. The Chair is Peter Laffan (Aldinga), the Deputy Chair is Kerri Gould (Galilee School) and Secretary is Chris McWilliams (Aldinga), with Patricia Litvensky and John Smith representing Normanville, Alice Dunlop and Megan Lewis Willunga, and Lorraine Ellis and Vivi Boucher Aldinga. Special thanks to the retiring members of the Parish Council, Bob Daly (Aldinga), Marie Cester and Wayne Best (Willunga) and Thia Van Kuyk (Normanville). Please feel free to approach any member if you have an issue for consideration of the Parish Council. *Peter Laffan*

## CLOSING OF GALILEE OP SHOP

After more than 10 years of service to the Parish and local community, Galilee Op Shop is closing its doors. Through the valiant efforts of a wide range of people from across the Parish and non-Catholics as well, the Op Shop has raised tens of thousands of dollars for the upkeep of the Parish, and provided great service to the needs and the needy, in our communities.

However, it has become harder to staff, and with the interruption of the pandemic, the Op Shop has had to cease operations this year.

A heartfelt thanks to all who have served in the Op Shop over the years, and those who have offered their

## Christmas Lunch

Parishioners are invited to join the community at the Seaford Christian Churches (formerly known as SEM) for a CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Friday, 27 November at 12.00 noon in the Town Square Cafe  
Cost is \$12 and booking is essential

Please let Sr Margaret Ann know - 0488 287 552 - if you would like to attend



goods for its use. It has been a wonderful example of outreach to our community and care for those in greatest need. *Peter Laffan*

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL**  
*Help the many Australian at breaking point, who face spending this Christmas in poverty*

We appeal to Willunga parishioners to help our Conference assist families and needy individuals to put food on their tables this Christmas. Many face spending Christmas in poverty.

This year the conference will distribute 100 Christmas Hampers consisting of donated non-perishable food, Coles grocery gift cards and meat and bakery vouchers. Donated toys or purchased gift cards will be given to companions with children. Our expected financial outlay to provide the hampers including grocery gift cards, a \$20 meat voucher to the Seaford Butcher and \$10 bakery voucher to the Aldinga Bakery, will be close to \$11,000.

By helping the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal, parishioners can assist our members to provide assistance directly to families and

individuals at a local level.

St Vincent de Paul told his followers there are no people so rich that they have nothing to receive, and none so poor that they have nothing to give. Support for our Christmas Appeal is an endorsement of the concern and generosity of our Willunga Parish.

On the weekend of 7 and 8 November envelopes will be distributed for our annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Please assist the conference by placing a donation in an envelope and returning it the following weekend - 14 and 15 November.

In Advent, Christmas Giving Trees will be setup in St Joseph's and Mary of Galilee Churches for donations of toys and food.

Thank you for your continuing generous support to our Willunga Conference. *Mario Bacchin*

*Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us. Bless the memories of your saints, God. May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love.*

**You had just one job!!**



**ROSTERS**

<b>ALDINGA</b>	<i>Saturday 31 October</i>	<i>Saturday 7 November</i>
Commentator	Christina Tiedge	Tricia Dundon
Readers	Rod Boucher	Peter Laffan
	Heidi Davidson	Christina Tiedge
<b>NORMANVILLE</b>	<i>Sunday, 01 November</i>	<i>Sunday, 8 November</i>
	To be advised	To be advised
<b>WILLUNGA</b>	<i>Sunday, 01 November</i>	<i>Sunday, 8 November</i>
Commentator	John Hounslow	Anna Rogers
Reader	Ian La Ronde	Megan Chapman
Church Cleaning	Michael Hynes	Rebecca Pace
Church Linen	Margaret Guley	Marie Cester

**PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Sick:** Val and George Gater, Abbey McIver, Veronica Shortland, Muriel Smith, Jeff Gray, Judy Hore, Vence Sulda, Kate Hall, Tilly Kirtland, Arthur Jones, Leonie Zeven, Amy Jasper, Violet Gilli, Colin and Roma Whitford, Helen Jarvis

**Recently deceased:** Genowefa (Genny) Gorzynski, Angiolina Cassetta

**DATES**

- Nov 11 Remembrance Day
- Nov 22 Christ the King
- Nov 24 Whole School Mass - Galilee
- Nov 29 First Sunday of Advent
- Dec 6 Second Sunday of Advent
- Dec 8 Sending Forth Mass - Galilee
- Dec 12 School holidays begin
- Dec 13 Third Sunday of Advent
- Dec 18 Yankalilla Carols in your car
- Dec 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Dec 25 Christmas Day

**QUOTES**

- *You come from dust and you will return to dust. That's why I don't dust. It could be someone I know.*
- *You're not fat, you're just .... easier to see.*
- *I started out with nothing .... I still have most of it.*
- *There's nothing scarier than that split second when you lose your balance in the shower and you think "They are going to find me naked!"*

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SUNDAY DECEMBER 18TH**  
**4.30PM**  
**CAROLS IN YOUR CAR**  
**YANKALILLA MEMORIAL PARK**  
**OVAL**  
**ORGANISED BY THE LOCAL CHURCHES**

## 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.
- Singing as a congregation is to be avoided at this time.
- Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Collection plates will not be passed around but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- Offertory procession will be omitted.
- 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.
- 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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## 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:

‘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

Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as “blessed” or “happy” are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness. What does Jesus mean when he uses the word “blessed?” This word is sometimes translated as “happy” or “fortunate” or “favoured.” In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favour is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This

might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.

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## ALL SAINTS' DAY

All Saints' Day is a surprisingly old feast. It arose out of the Christian tradition of celebrating the martyrdom of saints on the anniversary of their martyrdom. When martyrdoms increased during the persecutions of the late Roman Empire, local dioceses instituted a common feast day in order to ensure that all martyrs, known and unknown, were properly honoured.

### Why November 1?

The current date of November 1 was instituted by Pope Gregory III (731-741), when he consecrated a chapel to all the martyrs in Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. Gregory ordered his priests to celebrate the Feast of All Saints annually. This celebration was originally confined to the diocese of Rome, but Pope Gregory IV (827-844) extended the feast to the entire Church and ordered it to be celebrated on November 1.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

*(02 - 08 November)*

- **Monday, 02:** All Souls' Day (Readings from Masses for the Dead)
- **Tuesday, 03:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 31 (Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24)
- **Wednesday, 04:** St Charles Borromeo (Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33)
- **Thursday, 05:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 31 (Phil 3:3-8; Lk 15:1-10)
- **Friday, 06:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 31 (Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 16:1-8)
- **Saturday, 07:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 31 (Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15)
- **Sunday 08:** 32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13)

## 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).