



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

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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Bulletin Board

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon No Masses - Willunga Parish
9.00am - Noarlunga
Tue 9.15am - Aldinga
Wed 9.00am - Willunga
Thur 9.00am - Willunga
Fri 9.00am - Willunga
1st Fri 9.00am - Willunga
11.30am - Normanville

Please note: Now that more attendees are allowed at Sunday Mass at Normanville, Wednesday 12noon Mass will cease from the beginning of May. The First Friday Mass will resume at 11.30am and include Exposition and Benediction.

WEEKEND MASSES

(Times on front page of this bulletin)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 94:6-7

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

MEMORIAL MASS

Many parishioners were saddened by the sudden death of Tom Harris on 22 December. None of us had the opportunity to attend his funeral and celebrate his life then, but we will get that chance when the regular 10.30am Sunday Mass next weekend (9 May) at St Joseph's will be a special Memorial Mass for Tom, celebrated by Fr Tom.

MARIAN PROCESSION

The Marian Procession and Peace Rally will be held on Sunday, May 16 at the Adelaide Showgrounds. The Procession commences at 2.00pm and all are invited to attend with their parish or community under their banner. Group assembling will begin from 1.30pm at the starting point of the procession on the Main Arena. The event is expected to end shortly before 4.00pm. Please visit trybooking to book your ticket. <https://www.trybooking.com/BPJAN>

Remember to wear a hat, and/or bring an umbrella. Should the weather be inclement the event will remain at the Showgrounds but move into the Jubilee Pavilion.

For more information please contact Archdiocesan Events (08) 8210 8220 or events@adelaide.catholic.org.au

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Please remember to wear a mask if you would like to join in singing at Mass.

GET VACCINATED FOR THE COMMON GOOD

Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

COMMUNITY DAY

Sunday, 16 May

You are invited to a reflection day, focussing on the significance of silence in relationships. So often we meet someone, ask how are you? and then go on our way. What if we listen further? What about our relationship with God? Silence, is God's universal language; the language of Love.

We begin the day with the 8.30 Mass at Willunga and in the Hall afterwards. Bring something to share for lunch. We finish at 3.30pm. All are welcome. For further information please contact Fr Tom Gleeson (0438 153 489).

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY 2021 WINTER APPEAL

This weekend (1/2 May) 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 8/9 May.

The Vinnies Winter Appeal is underway and the Willunga Conference is seeking support for those in our community doing it tough. Due to the impacts of COVID we are expecting this to be a difficult winter for many South Australians. One of the by-products of COVID-19 has been soaring house prices, increasing rental costs and limited places to rent. Cuts to the JobSeeker supplement has meant that many people in our area are again living below the poverty line and face being homeless if their rent or mortgage payments cannot be maintained.

The Willunga Conference provides a vital service for individuals and families facing financial hardship and homelessness. We rely on funds raised by our Poor Box, Winter and Christmas Appeal to provide assistance to the companions who call on us.

At Vinnies we see that ordinary people are able to make an extraordinary difference in their local communities. We are inspired by the joy of the Gospels and our Catholic social teachings to do things that matter. The spirit to feed, heal, shelter, nurture and inspire – the power to change lives – is in everyone.

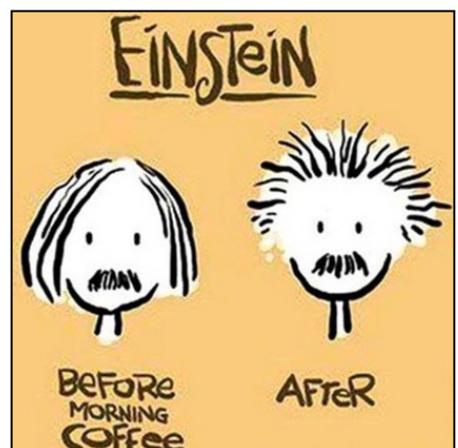
As we enter this winter in the shadow of coronavirus, your commitment to helping those experiencing disadvantage, poverty and homelessness is still very much needed and appreciated. To help please place a donation in the supplied envelopes and place in collection bowl next weekend. You can also donate online at www.vinnies.org.au or by calling 13 18 12.

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

*(Mario
Treasurer, Willunga Conference)*

MAY IS HISTORY MONTH How big was Willunga Parish in the 1800's?

Willunga parish boundaries were as wide and variable in the 19th Century as they have become more recently. A search through the historic Registers at St Joseph's shows the travels of our pioneer priests; 84 different places are mentioned, from Morphett Vale to Finnis Vale to Kangaroo Island. These places include the many parishioners' homes where baptisms and marriages took place, as well as the churches. The main churches mentioned are St Mary's, Morphett Vale, St Joseph's, Willunga, St John the Evangelist, Port Elliot, St Peter's Normanville and the 'little shanty' chapel, St Charles Borromeo at Goolwa.



There was no church on Kangaroo Island until 1955.

Interestingly, the Willunga and Morphett Vale parishes have long been integrated. Fr Michael O'Brien was Willunga's first parish priest in 1848 but it seems that he never lived here, residing at Morphett Vale with Fr Snell, its first priest. When Fr O'Brien came to Willunga, he would stay in the house of one of the parishioners and say Mass there. Fr O'Brien started the erection of St Joseph's Church at Willunga, which was opened in 1850.

The first priest resident at Willunga was Fr. Thomas Caldwell who arrived in March 1850. At the time, Fr Snell was parish priest of Morphett Vale. Fr Caldwell did not use any Registers and kept baptism, death and marriage records from 1850 and 1851 in a notebook, so he does not appear in the Parish Registers. Fr Caldwell left Willunga in July 1852 when most of the congregation had left for the Victorian goldfields and Mass at St Joseph's was reduced to, in his words, 'two old ladies and a dog'¹.

Fr Hughes arrived in Willunga Parish to 'no congregation' in 1854 and began the Registers. By 1854, Yankalilla was included in the Willunga Parish as an out-station. Bishop Murphy had bought the land on which St Peter's stands in 1851. Fr Hughes stayed at Willunga until about 1866.

By 1867 the parish took in St Joseph's, Willunga; St Peter's, Yankalilla; and St John the Evangelist's, Port Elliot. Fr Theodore Bongaerts was in charge. Morphett Vale was a self-governing unit, with its own constitutional status as a parish.

Later, in 1876, Morphett Vale ceased to be a separate parish and was served from Willunga.

In 1949, the Diocesan Archivist commented that:

In ... 1877, a Fr M O'Connor was in charge of Willunga and from there he served Willunga, Morphett Vale, the Marion, Yankalilla and Port Elliot... As far as I know, from 1891 onward to the present day, Morphett Vale has been served from Willunga. If any old resident can give more definite and reliable information on this point, I shall be very grateful for it.²

Historic Churches and Parishes of South Australia, Willunga-Morphett Vale Southern Cross, 25 March & 8, 14, 29 April 1949
¹ Adelaide Archdiocesan Archives Fr Thomas E. Caldwell OSB to Fr J. Smyth? 24/1/1870
² Centenary of St Joseph's Willunga Southern Cross, 26/5/1950, p8

Researched and written by Parish Archivist, Michelle Cormack

ST JOSEPH'S HERITAGE WALK

PLEASE NOTE: All tickets for the Heritage Walk around St Joseph's Church at Willunga on 8 May, have been sold.

- *I'm not so sure about an inner child, but I have an inner idiot who surfaces every now and then.*
- *Karl Marx is an historically famous philosopher, but no one ever mentions his sister, Onya, the inventor of the starting pistol!*
- *I was drinking a margarita and the waitress screamed, Does anyone know CPR?" I yelled, "I know the entire alphabet" and we all laughed and laughed well except for one guy.*
- *I'm fairly certain the person who put the first "r" in February also decided how to spell Wednesday*

ROSTERS

ALDINGA
 Commentator
 Readers

Saturday 01 May
 David Manders
 Heidi Davidson
 Christina Tiedge

Saturday 08 May
 Peter Laffan
 Angela Trembath
 David Manders

NORMANVILLE
 Welcomer
 Commentator
 Reader
 Altar/Cleaning

Sunday, 02 May
 Judy Hore
 Ena Harvey
 Pam Kelly
 M Kennedy, P Kelly

Sunday, 09 May
 Tim Fleming
 Jim Fitzpatrick
 Mary Kennedy
 M Kennedy, P Kelly

WILLUNGA
 Commentator
 Reader
 Church Cleaning
 Church Linen

Sunday, 02 May
 Marie Andrews
 Izak Bruschi
 Michael Hynes
 Anna Rogers

Sunday, 09 May
 Anna Rogers
 Megan Chapman
 John VH, May D, Mary M
 Margaret Guley

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: George Gater, Abbey McIver, Veronica Shortland, Muriel Smith, Jeff Gray, Judy Hore, Arthur Jones, Violet Gilli, Colin and Roma Whitford, Anne and Michael Fox, Rita Trimboli

Recently deceased: Nell Dunn, Stephan Pikusa, Peter Maloney (*Gael Maloney's brother-in-law*)

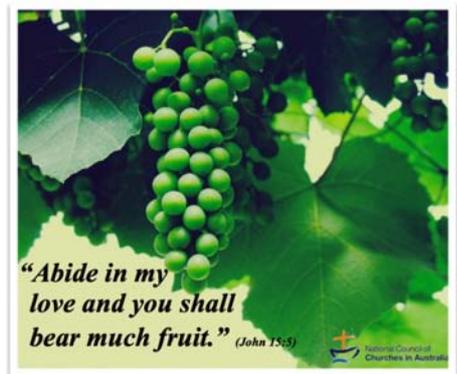
Please pray for all our faithful departed and may all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ through our actions and His healing presence.

DATES

- 1 May Feast of St Joseph the Worker. Volunteers will be recognised during Mass.
- 8 May St Joseph's **Booked out** church, Willunga - HeritBooked out at 2pm - 4pm
- 9 May Memorial Mass for Tom Harris - St Joseph's 10.30am Mass
- 21 May Ecumenical Service SCC
- 14 Jun Queen's birthday holiday
- 15 May St Stephen's Cemetery, Willunga - Heritage Walk 2pm
- 16 May Community Day - St Joseph's Hall - with Fr Tom
- 4 Oct Labour Day holiday

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

AN ECUMENICAL SERVICE AT SEAFORD CHRISTIAN CHURCHES



Friday, 21st May 2021,
 at 10.00am

Followed by morning tea and chat at the SCC Town Square Café.

ALL ARE WELCOME

COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(May, 2021)

Different rules apply for Churches with fixed or non-fixed seating. Please check with your Church for details on how seating is handled.

- For fixed seating 100% of available seats may be used, provided 100% of attendees wear masks. If 75% of seats are used, masks are not necessary.
- The non-fixed seating capacity is worked on 3:4sqm. No masks are required for this density. Masks are essential for anything more than the capped density.
- Singing as a congregation may recommence, provided masks are worn.
- No beverage or food consumption (ie cup of tea after Mass)
- Social distancing is still recommended.
- There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- Every gathering must record contact details - either with the QR code for smart phones, or the handwritten log - both located at the entrance to the Church.
- Hand sanitizer is to be available at church entrances.
- Offertory procession will be omitted. Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed
- Collection plates will not be passed around but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- 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 taken 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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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.’

GOD IS GREATER THAN OUR HEARTS

“He must increase; I must decrease”. John the Baptist once used these words to describe his relationship to Jesus. John, we understand, was a pretty impressive character. He was such a charismatic speaker that multitudes sought his baptism, listened to his levelling criticisms of popular culture and values, and vowed radical changes as a result of encountering him. John was a prophet and guru with his own circle of disciples. When Jesus appeared on the scene, John might have viewed him as a rival.

Instead, John responds with extraordinary humility. He acknowledges that Jesus is greater. And not only greater: John admits that Jesus replaces him altogether. John’s mission is complete the hour Jesus arrives. As Jesus ascends, John will fade away. John doesn’t lament this. He states this fact as obvious and right.

This is the relationship of the vine to the branches. The vine survives the trimming of its branches, but the branches do not survive without the vine. The vine is more enduring, the very source of life. The branches play their part in relationship to the vine. It’s folly for a branch to forget what it is. But in service to the vine, it bears much fruit. *GPBS eNews*

KEEP OUR REACTIONS UNDER CONTROL

Ben was conscientious on the freeway, staying alert, checking his mirrors, and signalling his lane changes. It was the other drivers who were idiots. Their aggression and thoughtlessness

angered him to the end. He was not a man given to vulgarity, but when another driver did something stupid, he’d erupt in swearing and rude gestures. He’d slip into punishment mode and manoeuvre to counter the antics of the morons and even cut them off.

Then one day he found himself so infuriated by what some other driver did that he reached into the bag of groceries on the passenger seat and flung a can of tuna at the offending motorist. He missed but was shaken by his outburst. Later, after telling his wife what happened, she offered this suggestion: “It says in the Bible, ‘Bless those who persecute you’. Maybe you should try it on the road”.

The next day, Ben began his therapy. “God bless that idiot!” he shouted when a guy in a removalist truck swerved in front of him. “O Lord,” he whispered when a speeder approached on the right, “bring peace to that poor man”. And for the driver doing 40 in the fast lane he pleaded, “God, may they be protected from all harm”.

Soon he noticed a big difference. He was more at peace behind the wheel and his reactions more under control. Ben had learned about abiding in the vine and producing fruit. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(03 - 09 May)

- **Monday, 03:** Sts Philip and James (1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14)
- **Tuesday, 04:** Tuesday of the 5th week of Easter (Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31)
- **Wednesday, 05:** Wednesday of the 5th week of Easter (Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8)
- **Thursday, 06:** Thursday of the 5th week of Easter (Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11)
- **Friday, 07:** Friday of the 5th week of Easter (Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17)
- **Saturday, 08:** Saturday of the 5th week of Easter (Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21)
- **Sunday 09:** 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 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).