



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 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24

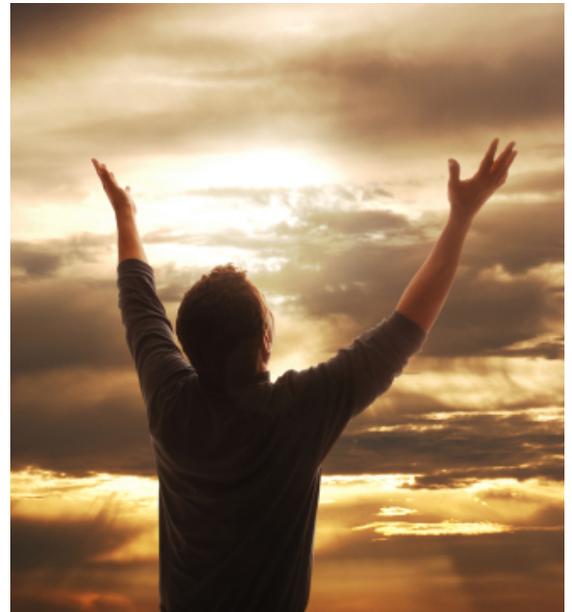
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

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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)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

1 Pet 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Feast of *Divine Mercy Sunday* will be celebrated at Mary of Galilee Church (corner How and Quinliven Roads, Aldinga) on this Sunday (11 April) from 2pm with Benediction, Holy Mass at 3.00pm and solemn blessing of the image of Divine Mercy. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered from 2.00pm. All welcome. *Dolek Thiele*

POPE FRANCIS' LETTER

on the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church

(Part 3 - continued from last week)

1. A beloved father

The greatness of Saint Joseph is that he was the spouse of Mary and the father of Jesus. In this way, he placed himself, in the words of Saint John Chrysostom, "at the service of the entire plan of salvation".

Saint Paul VI pointed out that Joseph concretely expressed his fatherhood "by making his life a sacrificial service to the mystery of the incarnation and its redemptive purpose. He employed his legal authority over the Holy Family to devote himself completely to them in his life and work. He turned his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of himself, his heart and all his abilities, a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home".

Thanks to his role in salvation history, Saint Joseph has always been venerated as a father by the Christian people. This is shown by the countless churches dedicated to him

worldwide, the numerous religious Institutes, Confraternities and ecclesial groups inspired by his spirituality and bearing his name, and the many traditional expressions of piety in his honour. Innumerable holy men and women were passionately devoted to him. Among them was Teresa of Avila, who chose him as her advocate and intercessor, had frequent recourse to him and received whatever graces she asked of him. Encouraged by her own experience, Teresa persuaded others to cultivate devotion to Joseph.

Every prayer book contains prayers to Saint Joseph. Special prayers are offered to him each Wednesday and especially during the month of March, which is traditionally dedicated to him.

Popular trust in Saint Joseph is seen in the expression "Go to Joseph", which evokes the famine in Egypt, when the Egyptians begged Pharaoh for bread. He in turn replied: "Go to Joseph; what he says to you, do". Pharaoh was referring to Joseph the son of Jacob, who was sold into slavery because of the jealousy of his brothers and who – according to the biblical account – subsequently became viceroy of Egypt.

As a descendant of David, from whose stock Jesus was to spring according to the promise made to David by the prophet Nathan, and as the spouse of Mary of Nazareth, Saint Joseph stands at the crossroads between the Old and New Testaments. (Continued next week)

LUNCH AT SEAFORD CHRISTIAN CHURCHES



Parishioners are invited to a Community Lunch at the Seaford Christian Churches (formerly SEM) at 12.00noon on

Wednesday, 14 April. Cost is \$15 per head.

Please contact Sister Margaret Ann (0488 287 552) for tickets.

WILLUNGA NATIONAL TRUST HERITAGE WALKS

The South Australian History Festival 2021 will be held in May this year. This is particularly exciting as the Festival was cancelled last year. This year the Willunga National Trust's

History Walks program consists of:

St Joseph's Catholic Precinct
8 May at 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Bookings open on 8 April at <https://www.trybooking.com/BHYSW>

St Stephen's Anglican Cemetery
Saturday 15 May, 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Bookings open on 8 April at <https://www.trybooking.com/BHYTI>

Michelle Cormack

PLENARY COUNCIL – CONTINUING THE JOURNEY

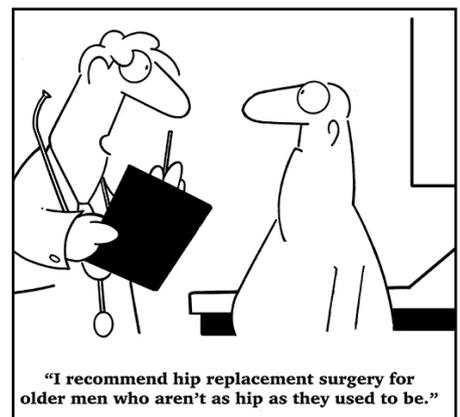
The first Assembly of the Plenary Council originally planned for Adelaide in October 2020 was postponed due to COVID pandemic. It will now be held in multi-modal form online from October 2 – 10, 2021. As we journey towards the first Assembly, the Thematic Discernment Papers have been released in "Easy English" versions. These versions have been simplified and provide explanations throughout of the meaning of commonly used terms. These new releases are available on the Plenary Council website: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/tools/>

COVID RESTRICTIONS

The restrictions were changed just in time for Easter. The seating regulations are a bit involved and different churches will be handling seating in different ways. Please check what is happening at your centre. It is likely that most people will be required to wear a mask.

Most of the other rules regarding social distancing, QR codes, collection plates etc are the same as before. The only difference is that congregational singing is permitted, but only if masks are worn.

Please see the back page for the new detailed list from the Archdiocese.



"I recommend hip replacement surgery for older men who aren't as hip as they used to be."

PEACE PAST ALL UNDERSTANDING

Years back I attended the wake of the father of my cousin's fiancée (it's an Irish thing). As my father, sister, and I stood in line to wish our condolences to the man's widow, whom we'd never met, we heard a commotion near the coffin. "No! No! Don't go near her," several voices called out as others tried to restrain a man from approaching the widow. "It's OK," the widow said softly. "Let him go". The man, who looked a crumpled mess, embraced the widow, burst into tears, and cried out, "I am so sorry. I am just so sorry". The widow held him tightly, rocked him, and murmured, "Shh ... quiet now. Calm down. He's at peace. You be at peace".

As word spread to our section of the line, we learned that the sobbing man was none other than the person responsible for the death of my cousin's fiancée's father. Apparently, the two men were dear friends and the sobbing man accidentally ran over his friend on a drunken stupor. It was a surreal experience for those of us mourners who were only distantly

connected to any of the players in this tragedy. But the widow's compassion left an indelible impression on all of us. The peace she possessed, which she so graciously offered to another, was surely the peace of Christ.

GPBS eNews

ST JOSEPH'S ROSTERS

Thank you to those people who volunteered for the rosters associated with Mass at St Joseph's. New rosters for the next six months are available today from the Parish foyer.

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING



Special thanks to all our keen singers for your support, patience and understanding over the past twelve months.

We are now permitted to recommence singing at Mass, but only if wearing a mask. Many people carry a mask with them now-days, but there are single-use ones available from your Covid Marshals if needed.

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, Deanne Bostock, Vence Sulda, Anne and Michael Fox, Rita Trimboli

Anniversaries: Kieran Berden

Recently deceased: Tom Harris, Helen Boylan, Denis Pym, Val Gater (*Val's funeral will be held at St Peter's, Normanville on Thursday 15 at 11.00am. If you are intending to be there, please remember to bring a mask in case numbers reach the maximum, and to sign on, or use the QR code at the door.*)

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

- 9 Apr Last day School Term 1
- 11 Apr Divine Mercy Sunday
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day
- 26 Apr ANZAC Day public holiday
- 27 Apr First day School Term 2
- 8 May St Joseph's Church, Willunga - Heritage Walk 2pm - 4pm
- 14 Jun Queen's birthday holiday
- 15 May St Stephen's Cemetery, Willunga - Heritage Walk 2pm
- 4 Oct Labour Day holiday

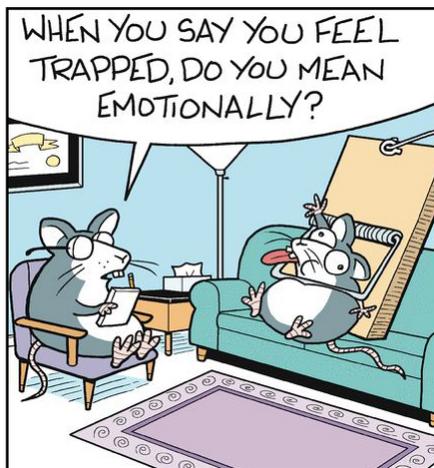
COLLECTIONS

(For the last two weekends including Easter collections)

First collection	\$1255.00
Second collection	\$914.00
Envelopes	\$1410.00
Holy Places collection	\$889.00
Project Compassion	\$2191.00

Thank you for your wonderful support - it is much appreciated. (*...and thank you to our counters, who must have been working overtime*)

- *Whatever you're doing today, do it with the confidence of a four year-old in a batman t-shirt.*
- *I just paid for a 12 month gym membership. My bank called to see if my credit card had been stolen.*



ROSTERS

ALDINGA
Commentator
Readers

Saturday 10 April
Trish Dundon
Rod Boucher
Bob Daly

Saturday 17 April
Christina Tiedge
Ken Creevey
Brianna McIver

NORMANVILLE
Welcomer
Commentator
Reader
Altar/Cleaning

Sunday, 11 April
Peter Lloyd
Pam Kelly
Jim Fitzpatrick
J & P Fitzpatrick

Sunday, 18 April
Leo Montgomery
Jan Plum
Judy Millington
N Pile, L Montgomery

WILLUNGA
Commentator
Reader (s)
Church Cleaning
Church Linen

Sunday, 11 April
Gael Maloney
Marie Andrews
Michael Hynes
Margaret Guley

Sunday, 18 April
Anna Rogers
Norman Lee
Michael Hynes
Marie Cester

COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(April, 2021)

Different rules apply for Churches with fixed or non-fixed seating. Please check with your Church for details on how seating will be 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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When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The period from Easter Sunday to Pentecost is known as the Great Fifty Days and is an integral part of the Lent-Easter- Pentecost cycle.
- There is an ancient tradition that Thomas preached the gospel as far east as India.

EXPLORING THE WORD

This gospel is one of transformation. The fear of the disciples is transformed by the gift of peace and the doubt of Thomas is transformed by his encounter with the risen Jesus. With this transformation, however, comes responsibility. The disciples are not to simply bask in the joy of Christ risen but are sent to continue the mission of Jesus in the world: 'As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.'

When Thomas is told by his

companions that they have seen Jesus, he places his own conditions on faith. He will not believe unless he sees. Jesus must fulfil the expectation that Thomas has. The following week, he is forced to confront this and is brought to realise the pointlessness of imposing conditions on God. Only then can he see that God's ways are often surprising. Only after accepting this truth does Thomas come to understand what faith really is.

SHARING THE TRADITION

'Those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven. Those whose sins you shall retain, they are retained.' Jesus' disciples are to continue the work of reconciling all people to God. His power to forgive sins is conferred on the Church. Through baptism, God's forgiveness becomes available to us, but human beings do not lose their tendency to sin just because they are baptised. The sacrament of reconciliation is there to assist the faithful to acknowledge human sinfulness and seek the forgiveness and reconciliation of God.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(12 - 18 April)

- **Monday, 12:** Monday of the 2nd week of Easter (Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8)
- **Tuesday, 13:** Tuesday of the 2nd week of Easter (Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7-15)
- **Wednesday, 14:** Wednesday of the 2nd week of Easter (Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21)
- **Thursday, 15:** Thursday of the 2nd week of Easter (Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36)
- **Friday, 16:** Friday of the 2nd week of Easter (Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15)
- **Saturday, 17:** Saturday of the 2nd week of Easter (Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:1-15)
- **Sunday 18:** THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48)

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).