



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

Mary of Galilee, Aldinga; St Peter's, Normanville; St Joseph's, Willunga

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MASS CENTRES

- Mary of Galilee, cnr Quinliven and How Roads, ALDINGA - Galilee
- St Peter's, Cape Jervis Road, 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

Exodus 17:3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?'

Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' the Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at

peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 4:42, 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL - John 4:5-42 (abridged)

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. *(Continued page 4)*



Bulletin Board

REGULAR MASS TIMES

(resumes beginning of December)

Mon	No Masses - Willunga Parish 9.00am - Noarlunga
Tue	9.15am - Aldinga
Wed	9.00am - Willunga
Thur	9.00am - Willunga
Fri	9.00am - Willunga 12.00noon - Normanville
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WEEKEND MASSES

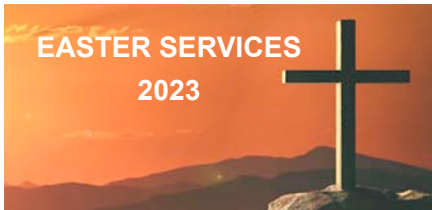
(Times on front page of this bulletin)

PRIEST ROSTER - WEEKENDS

(This roster may change

if something unforeseen crops up)

11 Mar	5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Tom
12 Mar	8.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy 10.30am - Willunga, Fr Josy
18 Mar	5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy
19 Mar	8.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom 10.30am - N/ville, Fr Dominick
25 Mar	5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
26 Mar	8.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy 10.30am - Willunga, Fr Josy



- **Holy Thursday (6 April)** •
St Peter's, Normanville 5.00pm
Mary of Galilee, Aldinga 5.30pm
St Joseph's, Willunga 7.30pm
- **Good Friday (7 April)** •
Mary of Galilee, Aldinga 9.30am
(Stations of Cross)
Mary of Galilee, Aldinga 3.00pm
St Peter's, Normanville 3.00pm
St Joseph's, Willunga 3.00pm
- **Saturday Vigil (8 April)** •
Mary of Galilee, Aldinga 5.30pm
St Joseph's, Willunga 7.30pm
- **Easter Sunday (9 April)** •
St Joseph's, Willunga 8.30am
St Peter's, Normanville 9.30am
(Normanville Mass will be held at
Club Fleurieu, 140-142 Main South
Road, Yankalilla)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday is always celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter, this year 16 April. Our

celebration will be held at St. Luke's Church, Noarlunga. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament starts at 2.00pm, with the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, with several priests available. This time includes the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Mass will begin at 3.00pm with the solemn blessing of the Divine Mercy Image.

There will be no 5.30pm Mass at St Luke's that day.

"Jesus spoke to Saint Faustina, "You will prepare the world for my final coming"

"THE SOUTHERN CROSS"

The March edition of "The Southern Cross" is for sale from Parish foyers. This month's issue includes coverage of the visit of Sr Nathalie Becquart, one of the most influential women working in the Vatican; a feature on youth groups in the Archdiocese and profiles on Fr Denis Travers CP and two new Catholic school principals.

PROJECT COMPASSION



Priscilla lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with her husband, Charles, and their two grandsons. Climate change continues to bring unprecedented

challenges for people living in the most vulnerable and remote communities in Zimbabwe.

With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops to support her family during the current food crisis. Priscilla was able to produce a bumper harvest in her first year of practising conservation farming. Priscilla used the funds from her harvest to start poultry farming, which enabled her to sell eggs to pay for her grandchildren's school fees, books and stationery. The poultry farming provides a safety net for Priscilla and her family during times of hardship, like the current drought.

While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas Hwange means that Priscilla can learn the skills she needs to build resilience and support her family during this current food crisis.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes or envelopes, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or phone 1800 024 413.

THANK YOU



Many people from our Parish contributed to the recent Prayer Service celebrated in St Joseph's Church to mark International World Day of Prayer on 3 March.

Our sincere thanks go to our readers: John, Vanda, Marie, Chris and Gael; to those who brought along delicious food to share; to Anna for sending out invitations and to Anna and Michael for setting up chairs and crockery in The Shed for our 'cuppa' following the service. Our special thanks and deep appreciation goes to Gael for the excellent power point presentation she put together for the occasion.

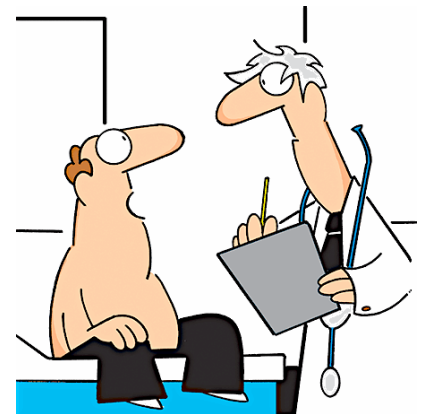
\$305 was collected to support the work of the Bible Society in Taiwan.

A great community effort!!

Sr Margaret Ann

ST JOSEPH ROSTERS

Thank you to the people who agreed to make themselves available for the Sunday rosters for the next six months. Rosters will be available from the Church foyer soon.



"You told me to eat more fish, but my weight stays the same no matter how many anchovies I put on my pizza!"

Easter Rosters

Rosters for the Easter services at St Joseph's are currently being prepared. Please contact Gael (0447 421 948) if you can help out.

TÜRKIYE AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE DISASTER

The 7.8 magnitude earthquake has unleashed devastation on Türkiye and Syria, leaving thousands of people dead, with this number expected to rise dramatically. Your support to help those affected by this catastrophe is invaluable.

Your generous donation means our partners in Turkey and Syria can respond swiftly to support the survivors of this unimaginable tragedy. Visit: www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.

menALIVE WEEKEND

menALIVE is a national Catholic ministry with the purpose of bringing men together to renew their faith in God and encourage them to become an active force within the Church.

Henley Beach Parish's menALIVE weekend is being held on March 25



"There is a magnetic strip on the back of every credit card. The magnets help stores pull you inside."

and 26 in the Marine Science Centre at Henley Beach, conducted by experienced leaders from the local menALIVE Team.

Could you benefit from a weekend featuring talks, personal testimonies, opportunities for discussion, and space to reflect? Since menALIVE commenced in 2003, thousands of Catholic men have been encouraged and inspired at weekends across Australia. Enquiries: Dennis Hoiberg (0418 384 619) or Glyn Ashman (0417 800 148).

CHURCHES TOGETHER SA INTERFAITH VIGIL

Wednesday March 15 at 6pm

Pilgrim Uniting Church,
12 Flinders Street, Adelaide
(near Tarntanyangga/Victoria Square)

There have been a great many issues across our world that continue to adversely affect many people and places. We particularly remember the earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria where the death toll is rising daily, destruction of homes and communities, environmental damage and loss of habitats for fauna and flora across the globe through catastrophic earth-quakes, storms and flooding, and continuing conflict and lament of so many who seek recognition, safety and to be heard. We lament with the people and places who grieve.

To enable community recognition, and a space for solace and praying together, an interfaith intercultural Vigil will be held for all people and cultures praying together for peace and justice. All cultures. All faiths.

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Muriel Smith, Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre Boyd

Recently deceased: Giulio Dalla Rosa

Anniversary: Anne Crosbie

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

Monnie Elliot enjoyed a lovely gathering of family and friends to celebrate her **100th birthday** on 4 March.

Bev Fitzpatrick will celebrate her **90th birthday** this week (13 March) and is planning a family celebration later, when everyone can get together.

We wish both Monnie and Bev our congratulations, love and best wishes.

DATES

- 17 Mar St Patrick's Day
- 17 Mar Coffee group - Louis
- 21 Mar Creative Corner
- 31 Mar Coffee group - Louis
- 14 Apr Last day School term 1
- 4 Apr Creative Corner
- 6 Apr Thursday of Lord's Supper
- 7 Apr Good Friday
- 8 Apr Holy Saturday
- 9 Apr Easter Sunday
- 10 Apr Easter Monday
- 14 Apr Coffee group - Louis
- 16 Apr Divine Mercy Sunday
- 18 Apr Creative Corner
- 21 Apr Marian Procession
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day
- 28 Apr Coffee group - Louis
- 1 May First day School term 2
- 12 Jun King's birthday
- 7 Jul Last day School term 2
- 24 Jul First day School term 3
- 29 Sep Last day School term 3
- 2 Oct Labour Day
- 16 Oct First day School term 4
- 15 Dec Last day School term 4

ROSTERS

ALDINGA

Welcomer
Commentator
Readers

Eucharistic Minister

Saturday 11 March

L and N Ellis, K Manders
David Manders
Rod Boucher
Vivi Boucher
Judy Driscoll

Saturday 18 March

R Suda, A Woodhouse
Christina Tiedge
Chris McWilliams
Ken Creevey
Lorraine Ellis

NORMANVILLE

Welcomer
Commentator
Reader
Altar/Cleaning

Sunday, 12 March

Peter Lloyd
Trish Bohnsack
Mary Kennedy
Patsy and Jim Fitzpatrick

Sunday, 19 March

Tim Fleming
Thia Van Kuyk
Jan Plumb
N Pile, L Montgomery

WILLUNGA

Commentator
Reader
Eucharistic Minister
Flowers
Church Linen

Sunday, 12 March

John Tregagle
Ian La Ronde
Chris Dzamko
No flowers - Lent
Viv Zagajewska

Sunday, 19 March

Marie Andrews
Andrew Beach
Denny Ford
No flowers - Lent
Wayne Best

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

O Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Grant peace and protection to the people of Ukraine. Give them strength and courage to defend what is good, right, and holy. Keep them safe from harm and provide for all their needs, both temporal and spiritual.

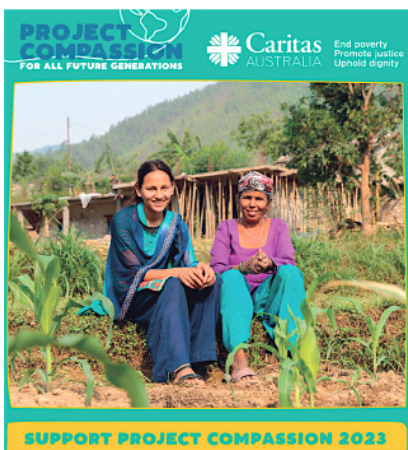
c COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS
(Current from 09/03/23)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Wearing of face-masks in Church is strongly recommended.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- Procession of gifts has resumed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact

DID YOU KNOW?

- There was an ancient enmity between the Jews and Samaritans that sprang from the split of Israel and Judah into two kingdoms after the death of Solomon. Samaria was the capital of the northern kingdom while Jerusalem remained the capital in the south. The Samaritans built a 'break-away' Temple on Mount Gerizim.
- In speaking to a woman who is unknown to him, and a Samaritan woman at that, Jesus is contravening the acceptable social mores of his time. This causes shock in the disciples but indicates that the kingdom of God is open to all who recognise Jesus.



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The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.'

'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know: for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to

believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

THIS WELL IS DEEP

(John 4: 5 - 42)

Still waters run deep! The well in Samaria may have been dug down to a level of 200 feet below the grade of the town, but it was not as deep as the water of which Jesus speaks to the woman that day. Jesus is a wellspring of living water, leaping up to eternal life. Now that's deep.

Water talk in the Bible is always significant, because the Middle East is one large desert with a few important rivers running through it. Water determined everything biblical: where cities were built, if the people prospered or languished, who would win a battle, whether life could go on. The best way for the enemy to defeat you was to destroy your well or cut off your access to it. Then victory was only days away.

Jesus and the woman both know, better than we do in a land where water is on tap, that water means life. We know that the woman drinks deeply of the message Jesus gives her when she leaves her water jar behind at the well. She experienced exactly what he told her: that if she listened to him, she would never be thirsty again.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(13 - 19 March)

- **Monday, 13:** Mon, 3rd week Lent (2 Kg 5:1-15; Lk 4:24-30)
- **Tuesday, 14:** Tues, 3rd week Lent (Dan 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35)
- **Wednesday, 15:** Wed, 3rd week Lent (Deut 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19)
- **Thursday, 16:** Thu, 3rd week Lent (Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23)
- **Friday, 17:** St Patrick - (Jer 1:4-9; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20)
- **Saturday, 18:** Sat, 3rd week Lent (Hosea 5:15-6:6; Lk 18:9-14)
- **Sunday 19:** FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT (1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41)

PASTORAL CARE

If you need a priest for anointing prior to medical treatment or if you are ill (not necessarily life-threatening) or for last rites please contact: (08) 8556 2132 or 0488 287 552.