



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

Ps 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

ANZAC REFLECTION



ANZAC Day is a big day on the Australian calendar, and stirs up lots of emotion and patriotism as we reflect on the efforts and the values lived out by people in the services. Today Anzac Day conjures up different thoughts, memories and questions for each of us. What would it have been like for our service men and women? What would life be like if countries like Australia didn't make a stand against tyrannies of evil? How were they able to face the challenges of war?

For me it awakens the realisation of how lucky we are and how very little we have to be anxious about. It is near on impossible to even begin to imagine the anxiety the young men and women felt as they headed overseas to confront their own mortality, or the danger that would besiege them.

As we reflect on the occasion of ANZAC Day it should remind us of the many great qualities and characteristics that all our service men and women have displayed in the multitude of conflicts Australia has found itself embroiled in over the years. Characteristics such as courage, mateship and honesty, to mention a few. Each of these characteristics should act as a motivator, a reflection point, a challenge and a reminder of all that is good in our lives and all that we should be thankful for.

Rob Brennan (Principal, Salesian College, Chadstone, Vic)

POPE FRANCIS' LETTER on the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church (Part 4 - continued from last week)

3. An obedient father

As he had done with Mary, God revealed his saving plan to Joseph. He did so by using dreams, which in the Bible and among all ancient peoples, were considered a way for him to make his will known. Joseph was deeply troubled by Mary's mysterious pregnancy. He did not want to "expose her to public disgrace", so he decided to "dismiss her quietly".

In the first dream, an angel helps him resolve his grave dilemma: "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins". Joseph's response was immediate: "When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him". Obedience made it possible for him to surmount his difficulties and spare Mary.

In the second dream, the angel tells Joseph: "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him". Joseph did not hesitate to obey, regardless of the hardship involved: "He got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod". In Egypt, Joseph awaited with patient trust the angel's notice that he could safely return home. In a third dream, the angel told him that those who sought to kill the child were dead and ordered him to rise, take the child and his mother, and return to the land of Israel. Once again, Joseph promptly obeyed. "He got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel".

During the return journey, "when Joseph heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. After being warned in a dream" – now for the fourth time – "he went away to the district of Galilee.

There he made his home in a town called Nazareth". The evangelist Luke, for his part, tells us that Joseph undertook the long and difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem to be registered in his family's town of origin in the census of the Emperor Caesar Augustus. There Jesus was born (cf. Lk 2:7) and his birth, like that of every other child, was recorded in the registry of the Empire. Saint Luke is especially concerned to tell us Jesus' parents observed all the prescriptions of the Law: the rites of the circumcision of Jesus, the purification of Mary after childbirth, the offering of the firstborn to God.

In every situation, Joseph declared his own "fiat", like those of Mary at the Annunciation and Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

In his role as the head of a family, Joseph taught Jesus to be obedient to his parents, in accordance with God's command.

During the hidden years in Nazareth, Jesus learned at the school of Joseph to do the will of the Father. That will was to be his daily food. Even at the most difficult moment of his life, in Gethsemane, Jesus chose to do the Father's will rather than his own, [16] becoming "obedient unto death, even death on a cross". The author of the Letter to the Hebrews thus concludes that Jesus "learned obedience through what he suffered".

All this makes it clear that "Saint Joseph was called by God to serve the person and mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood" and that in this way, "he cooperated in the fullness of time in the great mystery of salvation and is truly a minister of salvation."

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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 on 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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Coffee, cereals and pasta sauces are in short supply in the local Winnies store. Any donations of these goods to the baskets in the Church foyers, would be much appreciated.

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>

BISHOPS' MEMORIAL MASS Wednesday, April 28 at 5.45pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral

We come together to honour the memory of Archbishop Andrew Killian, Archbishop James Gleeson, Bishop Philip Kennedy, Archbishop Leonard Faulkner and Archbishop Philip Wilson. Please join us to commemorate this occasion with the Bishops' families and the students and staff of Gleeson College. All are welcome.

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

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

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).

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: Denis Pym, Val Gater, Nell Dunn

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

- 25 Apr ANZAC Day
- 26 Apr ANZAC Day public holiday
- 27 Apr First day School Term 2
- 1 May Feast of St Joseph the Worker. Volunteers will be recognised during Mass.
- 8 May St Joseph's Church, Willunga - Heritage Walk 2pm - 4pm
- 9 May Memorial Mass for Tom Harris - St Joseph's 10.30am Mass
- 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

COLLECTIONS

(For the last two weekends)

First collection	\$509.00
Second collection	\$432.00
Envelopes	\$485.60
Direct credits	\$510.00

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.

ROSTERS

ALDINGA
Commentator
Readers

Saturday 24 April
Chris McWilliams
Peter Laffan
Angela Trembath

Saturday 01 May
David Manders
Heidi Davidson
Christina Tiedge

NORMANVILLE
Welcomer
Commentator
Reader
Altar/Cleaning

Sunday, 25 April
Rachel Palin
Antoinette Fleming
Ann Henriksen
N Pile, L Montgomery

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

WILLUNGA
Commentator
Reader
Church Cleaning
Church Linen

Sunday, 25 April
Vanda Farrall
Chris Dzamko
Michael Hynes
Wayne Best

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

ANZAC DAY WREATH

Special thanks to the 9 and 10 year old students from Galilee School for providing each of our communities with an ANZAC wreath for this ANZAC weekend. They are much appreciated.

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

On the first day of May we celebrate the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. Next weekend (1/2 May) all Masses in our communities will recognise the vital work of our Parish volunteers. Those volunteers present will be blessed during the Mass by Fr Josy.

COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(April/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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They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd.

‘The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.’

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Latin word for shepherd is the root of the word pastor which is often used to describe the priest who leads the community.
- From this Latin root we also derive other terms such as pastoral associate, pastoral council and pastoral care, all of which imply a duty of love and care towards others.
- Bishops carry a staff known as a crosier which is the shepherd’s crook and a symbol of the care of the bishop for his people.
- John’s Gospel will be read for some weeks during this period. John is the latest of the written gospels, probably being composed at the very end of the first century.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

The passage today is one that Jesus might have used when he was reminding his disciples that he had foretold his death and resurrection. He is the Good Shepherd who seeks out the lost and the lame - but who is also prepared to lay down his own life to save his flock. He is the one who will face the wolf - and the forces of evil - using his own life as a shield for his sheep. Because of his willingness to sacrifice his life on their behalf, the Father ensures that he can be restored to life - and to draw all into one flock with one shepherd.

For many years, such a passage was used to maintain that everyone was destined to become part of the one

flock - a Christian - or be lost. To suggest this today in a world where we are increasingly aware of the riches present in other faiths would be to deny the tenderness of the imagery used by Jesus.

This is not an exclusive flock of those who are saved. Nor does the shepherd demand that people belong to it. This is a flock of those who have heard the voice of the Shepherd and responded. How they will respond depends on where they are and the culture and faith from which they come. *Catherine McElhinney and Kathryn Turner*

EXPLORING THE WORD

King David had been a shepherd as a boy, so the image of the Shepherd Messiah underlies this text. But the intimacy of Jesus’ relationship with his flock goes beyond even this. This gospel is a statement of the seriousness of Jesus’ commitment to the Father’s will and his self-giving love for humankind. Jesus’ life is freely given for his flock. It is sometimes thought that Jesus died to satisfy the will of the Father imposed on the Son. This is not so. Jesus’ gift was a free gift because he responded at all times to that which was most profound in him: the Father’s love, which he wished to make known to the world. It is generous, self-giving love for others.

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(26 April - 02 May)

- **Monday, 26:** St Mark (1 Pet 5:5-14; Mk 16:15-20)
- **Tuesday, 27:** Tuesday - 4th week - Easter (Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30)
- **Wednesday, 28:** St Peter Chanel (Acts 12:24 - 13:5; Jn 12:44-50)
- **Thursday, 29:** St Catherine of Siena (Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20)
- **Friday, 30:** Friday - 4th week of Easter (Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6)
- **Saturday, 01:** Saturday - 4th week of Easter (Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14)
- **Sunday 02:** FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER (Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8)

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).