



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

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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

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief.

Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'

Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind.

Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be

punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 8:17

*Alleluia, alleluia!
He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew.

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Bulletin Board

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

WEEKEND MASSES

(Times on front page of this bulletin)

PRIEST ROSTER WEEKENDS

(This roster may change if something unforeseen crops up)

03 Feb 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Tom
04 Feb 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick
10.30am - N/Ville, Fr Dominick
10 Feb 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
11 Feb 8.30am - N/ville, Fr Dominick
10.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom
17 Feb 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
18 Feb 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Josy
10.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy
24 Feb 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy
25 Feb 8.30am - N/ville, Fr Tom
10.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

"THE SOUTHERN CROSS"

The next edition will be distributed at all centres this weekend.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the people who helped make the Cologne Philharmonia concerts such a success on Sunday (28) at St Joseph's - especially the wonderful, very busy volunteer team, but also all those who came along to enjoy the entertainment.

COFFEE MORNINGS

at Louie's, Aldinga Shopping Centre have resumed at 10.00am fortnightly. Everyone is most welcome. See the dates on page 3 of this bulletin.



"It appears to be some sort of evolutionary leap forward. Your baby has coffee flowing through her veins."

WALK FOR LIFE Pennington Gardens opposite St Peter's Cathedral February 10 - 10.00am until noon.

The gathering of people is about ten minutes walk from the train station. Parking is available - \$5. The walk is not necessary for everyone, but our attendance is vital. Coffee, some seats and toilets available.

Registration (trybooking.com) for the walk is essential .

For more information check out the website at loveadelaide.org.au or contact Chris McWilliams (0451 144 776). *Chris McWilliams*

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY February 4

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 4 in 2024 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God.

SAY THE WORD (Mark 1:29-39)

Preaching and healing are all of a piece for Jesus. You speak of God's love and people are healed. Author Tony Hendra experienced the power of this combative ministry the first time he encountered the late Benedictine Monk Father Joe Warrilow, whom he pays tribute to in Father Joe. As a teenager, Hendra confessed to a flirtation he was having with a married woman. Shut up in a room with Father Joe, young Hendra spilled his guts, while Father Joe listened intently.

With his story finished, Hendra sat in silence observing the priest: "He hadn't questioned a thing I'd said; he hadn't asked me to repeat or clarify. He seemed to assume that I was telling the truth – which I tried to do ... When he finally spoke, his words were slow and stilted: 'You've done nothing truly wrong, Tony dear. God's love has brought you here before any real harm could be done. The only sin you've committed is the sin of

selfishness.' The verdict was gentle, final, the last word of, well, a father."

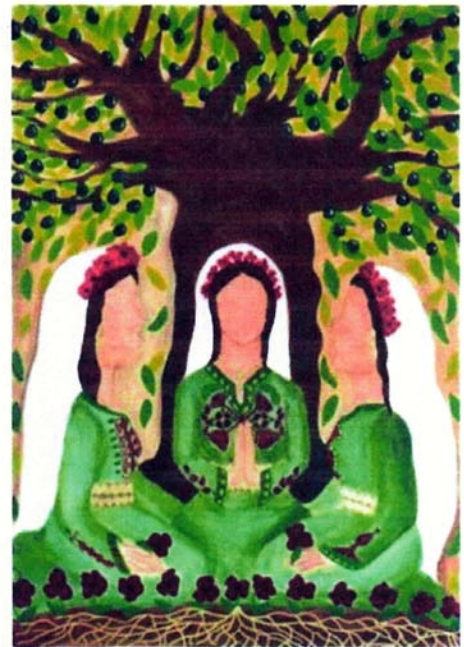
"I'd never felt so safe and secure with anyone in my life," writes Hendra. "I wanted to tell him everything that had ever happened in my few years. There were a million things I wanted to ask him. No, two million." In that moment, Hendra discovers that encountering the love of Christ is a cure. Only say the word, Lord, and we shall all be healed. *GPBS eNews*

KIDS' CORNER

Rising very early before dawn, Jesus left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. (*Mark 1: 35*)

Do you like to pray at night, in the morning or throughout the day? Do you like to be alone when you pray, or would you rather pray with others? Everyone prays in different ways. Talk and listen to God as if you were talking with a friend, and you will feel the power of prayer working in your life, no matter how or when you choose to pray. *GPBS eNews*

World Day of Prayer 2024 Palestine



Friday 1 March at 7.00pm

St Paul's Lutheran Church
4 Aldersey Street, McLaren Vale
(air-conditioned)

Supper following. Everyone welcome

More info: Evelyn (0439 080 252)

“OUR CHURCH”

The Regional Assemblies, building on the 2021 and 2022 Diocesan Assemblies, aim to enhance local participation, communion, and mission. They provide an avenue for parishes, communities, and schools to engage in mutual listening, address shared needs, and collaborate for action.

This is an invitation to participate in our Regional Assembly for the South, to discuss Our Church, Our Community, Our Faith and Our Call. Archbishop O’Regan will be in attendance for part of the day.

9th March, 2024
Cardijn College (Marian Campus)
9.30am until 4.30pm
followed by a Mass

Lunch provided and transport available if required

Register online at www.trybooking.com/CNDKK or provide your details after Mass to register manually.

Willunga Parish contact for more information:
 Garry Triffett: 0402 457 948

LENT 2024 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more

powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent> Go to BruceDownes.org for more information

ASH WEDNESDAY - 14th Feb

Ash Wednesday is a Christian holy day of prayer, fasting, and repentance. It marks the beginning of Lent, a season of 40 days (excluding Sundays) leading up to Easter Sunday.

The name "Ash Wednesday" is derived from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of believers in the shape of a cross. The ashes are typically obtained by burning the palms blessed on the previous year's Palm Sunday.

Ash Wednesday serves as a time for Christians to reflect on their lives, confess their sins, seek repentance, and prepare spiritually for the celebration of Easter.

So a friend of mine works at a car dealership, a young person came in with an older car and wanted to know why his iPhone charging port is scratching his screen and not charging!



ROSTERS

ALDINGA *Saturday 3 February*
 Welcomer A Woodhouse, L Ellis
 Commentator Cristina Tiedje
 Readers Michelle Cormack
 Chris McWilliams
 Eucharistic Minister Maria Jarvis-Maack

Saturday 3 February
 A Woodhouse, C Kelly
 Tricia Dundon
 Vivi Boucher
 Rod Boucher
 Brigid Grimwood

NORMANVILLE *Sunday, 4 February*
 Welcomer Michael Steller
 Commentator Jim Fitzpatrick
 Reader Ena Harvey
 Altar/Cleaning Patsy & Jim Fitzpatrick

Sunday, 11 February
 Rita Steller
 Ann Henriksen
 Jim Fitzpatrick
 Ann Henriksen

WILLUNGA *Sunday, 4 February*
 Commentator Gael Maloney
 Reader Michael Hynes
 Eucharistic Minister Steve Maglieri
 Flowers Anna Rogers
 Church Linen Margaret Guley

Sunday, 11 February
 Michael Hynes
 Margaret Guley
 Wayne Best
 Tony Harding
 Anna Rogers

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS
Sick: Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre Boyd, Jim Smith, Janette McIver, Marie Andrews, Michael Casey, Paul Hancock

Recently deceased: Laurie Cester (*Laurie's funeral will be held at St Joseph's on 12 February at 11.00am - all relatives and friends are invited to attend*)

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

DATES

- 10 Feb Lunar New Year (Year of the Dragon)
- 14 Feb Ash Wednesday
- 16 Feb Coffee morning Louie's 10am
- 18 Feb 1st Sunday of Lent
- 25 Feb 2nd Sunday of Lent
- 1 Mar World Day of Prayer - featuring Palestine
- 3 Mar 3rd Sunday of Lent
- 3 Mar Clean up Australia Day
- 8 Mar Coffee morning Louie's 10am
- 9 Mar Regional Assembly
- 10 Mar 4th Sunday of Lent
- 17 Mar 5th Sunday of Lent
- 18 Mar St Patrick's Day
- 22 Mar Coffee morning Louie's 10am
- 24 Mar Palm Sunday of the Passion
- 28 Mar Thursday of Lord's supper
- 29 Mar Friday of Passion of the Lord
- 30 Mar Holy Saturday
- 31 Mar Sunday of the Resurrection
- 5 Apr Coffee morning Louie's 10am
- 12 Apr Last day School term 1
- 19 Apr Coffee morning Louie's 10am
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day
- 29 Apr First day School term 2

PARISH COLLECTIONS
20/21 & 27/28 January

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| First collection | \$1244.00 |
| Envelopes | \$575.00 |
| Unpledged | \$867.00 |

(Direct debits not included)

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.

EXPLORING THE WORD

In touching Simon's mother-in-law and then allowing her to serve him, Jesus is breaking down traditional barriers. He brings wholeness and holiness to her by his presence. The Kingdom of God cannot tolerate prejudice and taboo just as sickness and evil have no place in the Kingdom.

This text shows us a typical day for Jesus—the first of his ministry. He listens to the Word of God, then worships with his community; he relaxes in the home of a friend; he pursues his work of healing and preaching and, before dawn, he withdraws alone to develop his relationship with the Father through prayer. There is a wonderful pattern of balance here between prayer, work and rest.

When the disciples find him, they want him to return to Capernaum to the acclaim he is receiving. Instead, Jesus insists that the boundaries of the Kingdom be pushed out. The Kingdom of God must reach further and further. It is for this that he came!

DID YOU KNOW?

- In Capernaum, archaeological excavations have uncovered a house, close by the synagogue, which has ancient inscriptions suggesting it is the house of Peter.
- Capernaum was a thriving town and was a centre for the local fishing industry.
- The Jewish Sabbath begins at sunset on Friday and lasts until sunset on Saturday. As the day of God's rest, work was not permitted. That is why Jesus only begins his work of healing after sunset.

PONDER

For those who'd given up the hope of happiness, the coming of Jesus was a new shot at life. For believers today, the news is just as exciting. Alleviate some misery in the "ash heap" nearest you. Kindness, sympathy, companionship, or a word of forgiveness can go a long way to make happiness live again.

Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

LOOKING FOR JESUS
(Mark 1:29-39)

One of Jesus' first acts in Mark's gospel is to liberate a man from a demon, as we heard last week. Next, Jesus tames a fever; and by nightfall, everyone is after him. Is this a surprise? Not to anyone who's ever suffered. If there's a miracle cure for our pain, we'd all like to have a piece of it. Jesus, for his part, doesn't seem to mind. He gets down to business and sends those diseases and demons packing.

The next day, Jesus moves on to the next town, and the same thing happens. The world is full of opportunities to encounter Job, and one village is as good as another. Job, unhappily, lives in all of them. The early success of Jesus' ministry owes itself to the rampant misery in

the world and our desperate desire for an answer or a cure. For those who'd given up the hope of happiness, the coming of Jesus was a new shot at life.

For believers today, the news is just as exciting. Jesus is ready to reach into our lives and liberate us from the demons that enslave us. Jesus is the only real healer, making even death itself a king without subjects. Though our misery runs deep and happiness becomes a memory, Jesus can restore our peace. No wonder so many are still after him. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS
(5 - 11 February)

- **Monday, 5:** St Agatha (1 Kg 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 7:1-13)
- **Tuesday, 6:** St Paul Miki and companions (1 Kg 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13)
- **Wednesday, 7:** Weekday, Ord Time 5 (1 Kg 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23)
- **Thursday, 8:** Weekday, Ord Time 5 (1 Kg 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30)
- **Friday, 9:** Weekday, Ord Time 5 (1Kg 11:29-32, 12:19; Mk 7:31-37)
- **Saturday, 10:** St Scholastica (1Kg 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10)
- **Sunday 11:** SIXTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31 - 11:1; Mk 1:40-45)



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.