



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

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what
was done before.

See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light;
can you not see it?

Yes, I am making a road in the
wilderness, paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour
me, jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in
the wilderness
(rivers in the wild)
to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for
myself will sing my praises.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 125

*The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. <R>
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. <R>
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. <R>
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back full of song, carrying their sheaves. <R>

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For



him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Joel 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.

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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 12.00noon - Normanville

WEEKEND MASSES

(NB: This roster may be changed if something unforeseen crops up)

5 Apr	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Josy
6 Apr	8.30am, Willunga, Fr Josy 11.00am, N/ville, Fr Josy
12 April	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Julius
13 April	8.30am, N/ville, Fr Julius 10.30am, Willunga, Fr Tom <i>Easter Triduum</i>
17 April	5.00pm, N/ville, Fr Dominick <i>(Lord's Supper)</i> 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Julius 7.30pm, Willunga, Fr Tom
18 April	3.00pm, Aldinga, Fr Julius <i>(Lord's Passion)</i> 3.00pm, Willunga, Fr Tom 5.15pm, N/ville, Fr Dominick
19 April	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Dominick <i>(V/Mass)</i> 7.30pm, Willunga, Fr Tom
20 Apr	8.30am, Willunga, Fr Tom <i>(Easter)</i> 10.30am, N/ville, Fr Julius
26 Apr	5.30pm, Aldinga
27 Apr	8.30am, N/ville, Fr Tom 10.30am, Willunga

EASTER MASS TIMES

- **Holy Thursday (17 April)** •
St Peter's, Normanville 5.00pm
Mary of Galilee, Aldinga 5.30pm
St Joseph's, Willunga 7.30pm

- **Good Friday (18 April)** •
Mary of Galilee, Aldinga 3.00pm
St Joseph's, Willunga 3.00pm
St Peter's, Normanville 5.15pm

- **Saturday Vigil (19 April)** •
Mary of Galilee, Aldinga 5.30pm
St Joseph's, Willunga 7.30pm

- **Easter Sunday (20 April)** •
St Joseph's, Willunga 8.30am
St Peter's, Normanville 10.30am
(Normanville Mass will be held at Club Fleurieu, 140-142 Main South Road, Yankalilla)

SECOND RITE of RECONCILIATION

St Luke's Church, Noarlunga at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 8 April.

JOIN US FOR A CUPPA AT ST JOSEPH'S

Everyone is welcome to share in a cuppa after every 8.30am Mass at St

Joseph's, Willunga. Enjoy a delicious morning tea, interesting conversation and good fellowship.

We are trialling the extra days, beyond the traditional monthly event, over the next three months. If you need more information, please contact Barbara Triffett, Garry Triffett, Vanda Farrall, Andrew Beach or Michael Hynes.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

St Joseph's parishioners please note
Restoration of some of the stone walls inside the Church is scheduled to begin in the week commencing 2 June. This date may change, but we will be notified asap.

This is a separate project to the roof restoration work carried out in 2024. Stones will be repointed and reinforced during the project. Scaffolding will be erected inside the Church. We have been promised that it will still be available for Sunday Masses, but weekday Masses will need to move to the Meeting Room.



Principal Ada teaches an English lesson in her Samoan primary school

Pope Francis has spoken a great deal about our need for more women to occupy positions of leadership, both in the Church and in the world at large.

In his wonderful letter about the way we belong to each other, Fratelli Tutti, he says 'the organization of societies worldwide is still far from reflecting clearly that women possess the same dignity and identical rights as men.

Caritas Australia, whom we support through Project Compassion, has long acted in constructive ways to uphold the dignity of women and honor their strength, resilience and leadership.

Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need. You can support Project Compassion donation boxes, envelopes or online.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

At our recent meeting in March we discussed:

- Farewell gatherings in each centre for Father Josy. We thank him for his service to our community.
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be trialled at St Joseph's Church Willunga 5.00pm - 6.00pm on Friday evenings after Easter.
- Stations of the Cross – if attending the service at Noarlunga, please park in the Colonnades car park.
- Pastoral Parish planning, mission, and vision – Parish Pastoral Council members are gathering in April to write a vision and mission and planning document.

If you have any thoughts, you would like members to consider please speak with your local representative.

Kerri Gould

SOUTHERN VALES SCHOOLS' MINISTRY GROUP Volunteer request

After 16+ years as our Willunga Catholic Parish Representative for Schools' Ministry in our region (Old Noarlunga, McLaren Vale PS, McLaren Flat PS, Willunga PS, Aldinga PS and Willunga HS), Anna Rogers is stepping aside from this role.

Over time, you may have heard from some our wonderful Pastoral Care Workers (Sue Camac - Willunga Primary and Marie Cester - McLaren Flat Primary) about the big difference PCWs can make to the school community.

Please seriously consider taking on the role of a support group member for our Parish. It is not an onerous job, you'll be mentored by Anna, and you'll find that being part of a multi-



denominational group is most worthwhile. If you'd like some inspiration, please come to the PCW celebration service on Sunday 6 April, 4.00pm at the Outpost Church UCA, 262 Main Road, McLaren Vale). Anna's contact number is 0414 266 528.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at St Luke's, Noarlunga Downs on 27 April starting at 4.30pm. There will be three Priests available for confession from 4.30pm. All parishioners are most welcome. *Dolek Thiele*

FAREWELL TO FR JOSY

There will be a farewell to Fr Josy following Mass today:

- Saturday 5.30pm Mass - Aldinga
- Sunday 8.30am Mass - Willunga
- Sunday 11am Mass - Normanville

Parishioners are welcome to attend any of these events in any of our three communities.

THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The April edition of The Southern Cross will be published as an insert in The Advertiser on Saturday April 12.



MARIAN PROCESSION

The 76th Marian Procession will be held on Sunday, May 18 beginning at Victoria Park and processing up Wakefield Street into Victoria Square. The Procession will commence at 2.00pm and all are invited to attend.

For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220.

THE CROSS AS REVEALING THE TRUE COST OF LOVE

There's a real price to be paid for love. The cross tells us this. What Jesus' suffered on the cross and what he suffered just prior in the Garden of Gethsemane, is not something that is too much in the realm of divine mystery to be understood. It's something we are asked to imitate. What Jesus' suffering on the cross reveals, among other things, is that real love costs and costs dearly. If we want sustained, faithful, and life-giving love in our lives, the kind of pain that Jesus suffered on the cross is, at a point, its price tag.

Simply put, the cross says: "If you want real love beyond romantic daydreams, if you want to keep any commitment you have ever made in marriage, parenting, friendship, or religious vocation, you can do so only if you are willing to sweat blood and die to yourself at times. There is no other route. Love costs. What you see when you look at the cross of Jesus is what committed love asks of us."

The cross invites us to look at the choices we made in love, see how they narrow our options, and, in that pain, say: "Not my will, but yours, be done." *Ronald Rolheiser*

ROSTERS

ALDINGA
 Welcomer André Woodhouse
 Commentator Michelle Cormack
 Readers David Manders
 Chris McWilliams
 Eucharistic Minister Brigit Grimwood

NORMANVILLE
 Welcomer Leo Montgomery
 Commentator Ann Henriksen
 Reader Nigel Pile
 Data Projector Jim Fitzpatrick
 Altar/Cleaning Trish Bohnsack, Rita Steller

WILLUNGA
 Commentator Garry Triffett
 Reader Jacinta Best
 Eucharistic Minister Michael Hynes
 Flowers No flowers - Lent
 Church Linen Anna Rogers

Saturday 12 April
 André Woodhouse
 Chris McWilliams
 Michelle Cormack
 Cristina Tiedje
 Mario Bacchin

Sunday, 13 April
 Peter Lloyd
 Antoinette Fleming
 Thia van Kuyk
 Nigel Pile
 Patsy, Jim Fitzpatrick

Sunday, 13 April
 Marie Andrews
 Margaret Guley
 Anna Rogers
 No flowers - Lent
 Anna Rogers

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Michael Casey, Kathy Ralston, Rainer Maack, John Tregeagle, Karoline Hermann

Recently deceased: Patsy Manning (*Gael Maloney's sister-in-law*)

Anniversary: Rudi Hermann (*30 years on 11th April*)

2025 DATES

- 11 Apr Morning coffee - Louie's
- 12 Apr Last day School term 1
- 13 Apr Palm Sunday
- 17 Apr Thursday of Lord's Supper
- 18 Apr Good Friday
- 18 Apr Holy Places Appeal
- 19 Apr Holy Saturday
- 20 Apr Easter Sunday
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day
- 27 Apr Divine Mercy Sunday
- 28 Apr First day School term
- 18 May St Vincent de Paul Appeal
- 2 Jun Stonework restoration - St J's
- 9 Jun King's birthday holiday
- 29 Jun Holy Father's Appeal
- 2 Jul Last day School term 2
- 6 July NATSICC Appeal
- 20 Jul Stella Maris - Sea Sunday
- 21 Jul First day School term 3
- 10 Aug Vocations Appeal
- 26 Sep Last day School term 3
- 6 Oct Labour day holiday
- 13 Oct First day School term 4
- 12 Dec Last day School term 4

EMERGENCY EVACUATION

In the event of an emergency please follow the directions of the Commentator, who will act as the Warden and take control of the situation.

When directed to evacuate the building:

- Move quickly and orderly to the nearest safe exit, do not run;
- If required, provide assistance to disabled persons and the elderly;
- Alert the Warden if someone is unable or unwilling to evacuate;
- Proceed to the designated assembly area and await further instructions from the Warden or emergency services;
- Do not re-enter any buildings until advised by the Warden or emergency services.

WILLUNGA PARISH
(Aldinga, Normanville, Willunga)
NGARRINDJERI, RAMINDJERI,
PERAMANGK, KAURNA land

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- **Aldinga** - Kerri Gould, Lorraine Ellis, Kim Calderbank
- **Willunga** - Michael Hynes, Rick Zagajewski,
- **Normanville** - Nigel Pile, Christopher Symes

FINANCE COUNCIL

Dolek Thiele (Chairperson)
Chris McWilliams (Secretary)
Thia van Kuyk (Finance Officer)
Martin Morgan (Cemeteries)
John McPhail (Treasurer)

CEMETERY CONTACTS

- **St Joseph's, Willunga** - Curator Martin Morgan (0417 851 902) - in his absence please contact: Michael Hynes (0490 677 314) or Tony Harding (0488 330 748)
- **St Peter's, Normanville** - Please contact Willunga Parish Office (08) 8556 2132 or 0447 421 948

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES

Please contact the Parish Office
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SACRAMENTS

For more information please contact:

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CHILD PROTECTION

We are a Child Safe Organisation which is committed to the care, well-being and protection of children and young people.

We believe that all God's children and young people have the right to be healthy and safe, and to have their voice heard, respected, and valued. A safe environment for all.

Willunga Parish contact - Michael Hynes or Child Protection Unit (8210 8159).

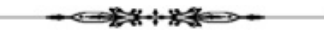
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GOSPEL

John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of every-body, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remain-ed standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'



A STONY RECEPTION

The board of directors' decision to hire a consultant to come up with some new fundraising strategies at the financially hurting organisation was met with huge resistance. Long before the consultant's first day, the company rumour mill had begun, and by the time the "outsider" came face to face with the employees, they had painted him as an axe-wielding brute intent on slashing every beloved program currently in place.

As the company president was introducing him, the consultant scanned the room and saw nothing but scowls. Before he had a chance to say good morning, the accusations – thinly veiled as questions – bombarded him from all directions. Some of the assumptions were so ludicrous, he didn't even know how to respond.

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 0447 421 948.

Wild fear that somehow the consultant would stand in judgment of each employee and expose personal failures and incompetencies fuelled the anger and panic: "How can you possibly understand our business? Most of us have worked here for years. You have no idea what goes into our programs or what our donors want. We're wasting our money on you."

And so it went – with no stone left un-thrown. It seems Jesus' "the one who is without sin" rule didn't apply that day. *GPBS eNews*

The Commissioning

Don't dwell on the past; don't get hung up on what has happened. Look expectantly, look confidently, to what is now possible.

- In Christ, those without hope will find hope.
- In Christ, those in wheelchairs will get everywhere.
- In Christ, women and children will get the respect they deserve.
- In Christ, the refugee will find a home.
- In Christ, the infirm elderly person will find support.
- In Christ, the mentally ill will know compassion.

Is this wishful thinking?
In the spirit of Christ, all is possible.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(07 - 13 April)

- **Monday, 08:** Mon, 5th week Lent (Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11)
- **Tuesday, 08:** Tuesday, 5th week Lent (Num 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30)
- **Wednesday, 09:** Wed, 5th week Lent (Dan 3:14-20, 24-25, 28; Jn 8:31-42)
- **Thursday, 10:** Thursday, 5th week Lent (Gen 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59)
- **Friday, 11:** Friday, 5th week Lent (Jer 20:10-13; Jn 31-42)
- **Saturday, 12:** Saturday 5th week Lent (Ezek 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56)
- **Sunday, 13:** PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD (Entrance: Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56)