



Welcome to

# Willunga Catholic Parish

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

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B**

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## **WILLUNGA CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRE**

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## **PARISH OFFICE**

If you need to contact the Office, please ring 0447 421 948 if there is no-one available to take your call.

## **PARISH TEAM CONTACTS**

- Fr Josy Sebastian  
(Fr Josy away on annual leave until September 22)
- Fr Dominick Okwadha (A/Priest - 8382 1717; 0421 074 212; [okwadha@yahoo.com](mailto:okwadha@yahoo.com))
- Fr Tom Gleeson (Resident Priest - 8557 1072, [tegleeson@bigpond.com](mailto:tegleeson@bigpond.com))
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- Parish Finance Officer - Thia van Kuyk (0428 238 397, [tntvank65@gmail.com](mailto:tntvank65@gmail.com))

## **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 35:4-7**

Say to all faint hearts,  
'Courage! Do not be afraid.'

Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps 145:7-10**

*Praise the Lord, my soul!*

## **SECOND READING**

**James 2:1-5**

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take

notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Mt 4:23**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia*

## **GOSPEL**

**Mark 7:31-37**

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech;

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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)

07 Sep 5.30pm, Aldinga - Fr Dominick  
08 Sep 8.30am, N/ville - Fr Dominick  
10.30am, Willunga - Fr Dominick  
14 Sep 5.30pm, Aldinga - Fr Dominick  
15 Sep 8.30am, Willunga - Fr Dominick  
10.30am, N/ville - Fr Tom  
21 Sep 5.30pm, Aldinga - Fr Dominick  
22 Sep 8.30am, N/ville - Fr Dominick  
10.30am, Willunga - Fr Tom  
28 Sep 5.30pm, Aldinga - Fr Tom  
29 Sep 8.30am, Willunga - Fr Josy  
10.30am, N/ville - Fr Josy

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

## COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Orders for 2025 Columban Calendars close soon. This year they are \$11 each. Please contact Gael Maloney (0447 421 948) if you would like to place an order, or send \$11 in an envelope (marked with "Columban Calendar" and your name) in the Mass bag at your centre.

Gael Maloney

## PRELIMINARY NOTICE

The Chamber Philharmonia Cologne group have been in touch to announce they will be touring Australia again in 2025.

St Joseph's has been offered two concerts - one on Saturday evening and another next day, on Sunday afternoon. At this time they are planning to be with us a little later than in the past, on 8/9 of March. Put the date in your calendar now. More details (costs, times, etc) when they become available.

## CATHOLIC EARTHCARE CONVOCATION 2024 Thursday September 12 - Saturday September 14

Join us online to celebrate the Season of Creation in 2024 at our Catholic Earthcare Convocation!

We are called to 'Wonder, Weave and Heal' Earth and the whole of

creation. Gather online during Day 1 and 2 to engage in keynote presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences.

Day 3 of the convocation has us gathering together in our diocese to transform our learnings into action. For more information visit:

[catholicearthcare@caritas.org.au](mailto:catholicearthcare@caritas.org.au)



# Catholic Charities

## SEPTEMBER IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES MONTH

Help make a difference to the lives of South Australians. In the month of September, we are promoting the Catholic Charities Appeal which supports the following agencies in South Australia: Hutt St Centre, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Centacare Catholic Family Services, Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's Special Schools.



Please take a leaflet with you to find out more about the Sept Appeal. Donations can be made via the reply paid slip on the leaflet

or [adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/qr/cc](http://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/qr/cc) or click the QR code above.

## WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Each year the Holy Father offers a special message to celebrate the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. This year's celebration, the 110th, takes place on Sunday, 29 September, and the theme is "God Walks with His People." Pope Francis highlights the pilgrim nature of the Church. You can find the Pope's letter here: [\(click here\)](#).

## SEASON OF CREATION EVENT MERCY GROVE

The Holy Family Catholic Parish invites you for a prayerful and reflective afternoon at the Mercy Grove-Belair National Park, to celebrate the Season of Creation. The event will occur on Sunday September 22 at 2.00pm. For registration and



You are cordially invited to an **INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE**



to commemorate

## UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

Date: Saturday, 21 September 2024

Time: 10.30 – 12noon

Venue: The Wirra

Seaford Christian Churches  
97 Main Street, Seaford.

RSVP: 14 September 2024

email: [sem1@adam.com.au](mailto:sem1@adam.com.au) Tel: 8392 4522

further information, please access the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CULAQ>

## BLESSING OF MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday, September 14/15

Celebrations for milestone wedding anniversaries in the Archdiocese will be held in local parish communities to recognise couples in their life-long commitment. We have five couples - Rod and Vivi Boucher (Aldinga -55<sup>th</sup>), Chris Symes and Anna Vnuk (Normanville - 35<sup>th</sup>), Denny and Terry Ford (Willunga - 50<sup>th</sup>), Ren and May Dunn (Willunga - 68<sup>th</sup>) and Ian and Tamaran La Ronde 20<sup>th</sup>).



## SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

*"Every conversation matters"*



The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday this weekend (September 8), at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week.

Safeguarding Sunday seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly.



This year Safeguarding Sunday has adopted the theme of National Child Protection Week – *"Every conversation matters"*. Embracing this theme, we are reminded that every conversation about safeguarding matters.

Children and adults at risk are more likely to raise concerns and issues in an organisation that empowers and listens to them, and creating space for children and adults to have a say in decisions that affect them is an integral part of every safe organisation.

## RESPECT FOR ALL

[National Child Protection Week](#) involves the whole Australian community and has a broader focus on the welfare of children in every situation. The message that 'Every child in every community needs a fair go' is complemented with the theme 'Every conversation matters'.

In the past few years, we have been alerted to challenges to keep children safe which we had not previously emphasised. They extend far beyond sexual abuse by adults.

They include also the frightening prevalence of domestic violence towards children as well as towards adult women, the discovery that other children perpetrate a high proportion of sexual abuse of children, the destructive effects on children of detention in prisons and juvenile justice centres, and the massive exposure of children to social media and to online pornography.

*Excerpt from "Australian Catholics" by Fr Andrew Hamilton*

## PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Healing list:** Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre Boyd, Janette McIver, Michael Casey, Paul Hancock, Paul Cormack, Roger Fishlock, John Tregagle

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

## DATES

31 Aug - Sep 8 Adelaide Show  
September Catholic Charities month  
27 Sep Last day School term 3  
28 Sep AFL Grand Final  
October World Mission month  
5/6 Oct Supporting Clergy Appeal  
07 Oct Labour Day holiday  
14 Oct First day School term 4  
20 Oct World Mission Day Appeal  
05 Nov Melbourne Cup  
10 Nov St Vincent de Paul  
Christmas Appeal  
13 Dec Last day School term 4  
25 Dec Catholic Charities Appeal

## COLLECTIONS

*24/24 Aug, 31 Aug/1 Sep*

First collection	\$853.00
Envelopes	\$705.00
Unpledged	\$395.00

*(Not including direct debits)*

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.

## ROSTERS

### ALDINGA

Welcomer  
Commentator  
Readers

Eucharistic Minister

### Saturday 07 August

Andre Woodhouse  
David Manders  
Michelle Cormack

Kerri Gould

### Saturday 14 August

Andre Woodhouse  
Cristina Tiedje  
Rod Boucher  
Viv Boucher  
Mario Bacchin

### NORMANVILLE

Welcomer  
Commentator  
Reader  
Data Projector  
Altar/Cleaning

### Sunday, 08 September

Peter Bohnsack  
Trish Bohnsack  
Michael Steller  
Rita Steller  
Ann Henriksen

### Sunday, 15 September

Peter Bohnsack  
Trish Bohnsack  
Michael Steller  
Rita Steller  
Ann Henriksen

### WILLUNGA

Commentator  
Reader  
Eucharistic Minister  
Flowers  
Church Linen

### Sunday, 08 September

Vanda Farrall  
Margaret Guley  
Marie Cester  
Mary Moore  
Margaret Guley

### Sunday, 15 September

Anna Rogers  
Marie Cester  
Andrew Beach  
Mary Moore  
Margaret Guley

## TO GIVE AWAY

A couple who have recently downsized have some surplus furniture they would like to give away to anyone who can use it.

- Double bed base (unassembled)
- Student desk
- Two square coffee tables (unassembled)
- Open bookcase
- Billy bookcase (Ikea)
- Table (6-seater, laminate top, metal legs)

If you are interested, please contact Gael Maloney (0447 421 948).

## WILLUNGA PARISH

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

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

- *Aldinga* - Kerri Gould, Lorraine Ellis, Kim Calderbank
- *Willunga* - Rick Zagajewski, Michael Hynes
- *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* - Curator Peter Bohnsack (0400 525 690)

### BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES

Please contact the Parish Office (8556 2132 or 0447 421 948)

### SACRAMENTS

For more information please contact:

- Parish Office  
([admin@willungparish.org.au](mailto:admin@willungparish.org.au) : 8556 2132, 0447 421 948)  
or
- Kim Calderbank  
([kim.calderbank@cardijn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kim.calderbank@cardijn.catholic.edu.au) : [08] 8550 2200)

### 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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and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

### LISTEN UP!

The story of Jesus healing of the man who could not hear or speak used to gross me out. Spitting and touching the guy's tongue? Sticking fingers into his grimy ears? Even the groaning of Jesus, uttering "Ephphatha!" was a visceral reminder that the Incarnation isn't all roses and rainbows.

But such details blinded me to something huge: how important it would be, in biblical times, to have one's hearing and speech restored.

Consider: most people in Jesus' day couldn't read or write. Anything not grasped by the naked eye – ideas, human complexity of any kind, stories from the past and basic news of the day – depended upon hearing (and relaying) word-of-mouth communication. Within this oral culture, people who could not hear or speak were at such a loss, they were classified by Jewish law (and seen in Greek society) as mentally defective.

Individuals who could not hear or speak also missed out on the great tradition – passed down, orally – of trusting in God's saving ways. Moreover, it's a faith tradition that values hearing and speaking. As the Bible tells us, God speaks all of creation into being – and later voices the Ten Commandments. "Hear, O Israel" being the proclamation of many a prophet. Jesus talks incessantly about hearing the word of God. The psalms are peppered with repeated requests that God hear our pleas, our prayers, our songs of praise.

It's a good reminder to really listen –

and respond – the next time we're at Mass and hear the word of God proclaimed. *GPBS eNews*

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Tyre and Sidon are cities on the Mediterranean coast in the far north of Israel, now southern Lebanon. They were the leading cities of the Phoenicians. This was not Jewish territory. Jesus has entered the realm of Gentiles.
- The Decapolis was a federation of ten cities with a largely Greek culture. Most were in the area of the eastern side of the Jordan River to the south of the Sea of Galilee.
- 'Ephphatha' is an Aramaic word. Aramaic was a commonly spoken Semitic language and probably the language spoken by Jesus.
- The Gospels were written in Greek but we sometimes encounter evidence of an earlier written Aramaic source of stories about Jesus or evidence at least of earlier oral traditions which preserve the Aramaic sayings of Jesus.
- The deaf hearing and the dumb speaking are signs of the coming of the Messiah and the advent of the kingdom of God. Jesus the Messiah is bringing the kingdom of God to fulfilment now!

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(September 09 - 15)

- **Monday, 10:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11)
- **Tuesday, 11:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19)
- **Wednesday, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26)
- **Thursday, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Cor 8:1-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38)
- **Friday, 14:** St John Chrysostom (1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-27; Lk 6:39-42)
- **Saturday, 15:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Num 21:4-9; Jn 3:13-17)
- **Sunday 16:** 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORD TIME (Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35)

### 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.