



Welcome to

# Willunga Catholic Parish

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

**EASTER SUNDAY - YEAR A**

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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**

*Acts 10:34, 37-43*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23*

*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*

## **SECOND READING**

*Colossians 3:1-4*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*1 Cor 5:7-8*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!*

## **GOSPEL**

*John 20:1-9*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb.

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# 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
1st Fri	9.00am - Willunga 12.00noon - Normanville

## WEEKEND MASSES

(Times on front page of this bulletin)

## PRIEST ROSTER

### WEEKENDS and EASTER

(This roster may change

if something unforeseen crops up)

08 Apr	5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick 7.30pm - Willunga, Fr Tom
09 Apr	8.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom 9.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy
15 Apr	5.30am - Aldinga, Fr Tom
16 Apr	8.30am - Willunga, Fr Josy 10.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy
22 Apr	5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
23 Apr	8.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy 10.30am - Willunga, Fr Josy
29 Apr	5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
30 Apr	8.30am - Willunga, Fr Josy 10.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

## 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 I trust in you"*.

## PROJECT COMPASSION

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## MARIAN PROCESSION

The 2023 Marian Procession will be held on Sunday May 21 beginning at the Pioneer Women's Memorial Gardens (next to the Torrens Parade Ground on King William Road) procession up King William Street into Victoria Square. The Procession will commence at 2.00pm and all are invited to attend with their parish or community. Group assembly will begin from 1.30pm. For more information, please contact the Events Office (8210 8220)

## EASTER LIGHT

The earth was dark twice. Once at the original creation before God first created light. But later there was an even deeper darkness, on Good Friday, between the 6th and 9th hour, when we were crucifying God, and as Jesus dying on the cross cried out "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me!". Utter darkness. In response to that, God created the most staggering light of all – the resurrection.

It is interesting to look at how scripture describes the creation of original light. The Bible opens with these words: "In the beginning God created heaven and earth. Now the earth was a formless void and God breathed over the waters. God said, 'Let there be light' and there was light." A combination of God's breath and God's word produced the first light. The ancients identified God's presence very much with light. For them, God was the antithesis of all darkness and, indeed, the symbol of God's fidelity was the rainbow, namely, refracted light, light broken open to reveal its spectacular inner beauty.

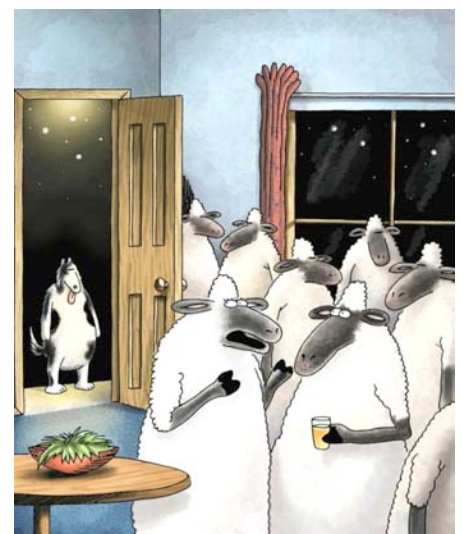
But it got dark a second time! The Gospels tell us that as Jesus hung on the cross, though it was midday, darkness beset the whole land for three hours. We don't know exactly what occurred here historically. Was

the entire earth plunged into darkness? Perhaps. After all, the earth was crucifying God, and God is light! Irrespective of how literally or not we take this, what happened on Good Friday triggered a different kind of darkness, a moral one – the darkness of godlessness, hatred, paranoia, fear, misguided religion, cruelty, idolatry, ideology, and violence. This is the most blinding darkness of all.

What was God's response? God's response to the darkness of Good Friday was to say a second time, *Let there be light!* The resurrection of Jesus is that new light, one which at the end of the day eclipses all other lights.

It is interesting to compare how scripture describes God creating the new light of the resurrection with how God created the original light at the origins of creation. The Gospel of John has a wonderfully revealing passage that describes Jesus' first appearance to the whole community after his resurrection. It tells us that on the evening of Easter Sunday the disciples (representing here the church) were gathered in a room with the doors locked because of fear. Jesus comes to them, passing right through their locked doors, and stands in the middle of their huddled fearful circle and says to them, "Peace be with you!" And after saying this, he breathes on them and says: "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Note the parallels to the original creation story. For the writer of John's



*"Henry! Our party is total chaos! No one knows when to eat, where to stand, what to ... Oh, thank goodness! Here comes a Border Collie!"*

Gospel, this huddling in fear behind locked doors is the darkness of Good Friday, a moral “formless void”. And Jesus brings light to that darkness in the same way light was brought to the original creation, through God’s word and God’s breath. Jesus’ words, “Peace be with you!” are the resurrected Jesus’ way of saying, “Let there be light!”

Then, just as at the original creation God’s breath begins to order the physical chaos, Jesus’ breath, the Holy Spirit, begins to order the moral chaos, continually turning darkness into light – hatred into love, bitterness into graciousness, fear into trust, false religion into true worship, ideology into truth, and vengeance into forgiveness.

The staggering new light that Jesus brings into our world in the resurrection is also one of the things



*“I’m just saying, studies show that owning a human can improve the quality of your life.”*

that our Christian creed refers to in its stunning phrase that, in the darkness of Good Friday, Jesus “descended into hell.” What’s meant by this? Into what hell did he descend? Simply put, the new light of the resurrection (unlike natural light that can be blocked out) can go through every locked door, every blocked entrance, every impenetrable cell, every circle of hatred, every suicidal depression, every paralyzing anger, every kind of darkness of the soul, and even through sin itself, and breathe out peace. This light can penetrate into hell itself.

Good Friday was bad long before it was good. We crucified God and plunged the world into darkness at midday. But God created light a second time, a light that cannot be extinguished even if we crucify God – and we have never really stopped doing that! Good Friday still happens every day. But, beyond wishful thinking and natural optimism, we live in hope because we now know God’s response to any moral darkness, God can generate, resurrection, the creation of new light, life beyond death.

The renowned mystic Julian of Norwich coined the famous phrase: *In the end, all will be well, and all will be well, and every manner of being will be well.* To which Oscar Wilde added, *And if it isn’t well, then it is still not the end.* The resurrection of Jesus has brought a new light into the world, one that proclaims against all counter claims that light still triumphs over darkness, love over hatred, order over chaos, and heaven over hell.

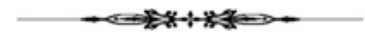
*Ronald Rolheiser*

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**PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS**

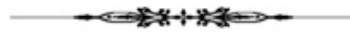
**Sick:** Muriel Smith, Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre Boyd, Derek Wade

**Anniversary:** Rudolf (Rudi) Hermann, Corrine Farquhar



**DATES**

- 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



**CHILDREN’S LITURGY TRAINING**

Children’s Liturgy Training is being offered at St Luke’s, Noarlunga on Saturday 15 April from 10.30am - 12.00noon. If you would like to be involved or would like more information, please contact Gabrielle Byrne (Parish Office - 8382 1717 or 0422 804 579).

**“YOUTH RETREAT”  
“Who am I in Christ”**

Charis SA invites all young people, families and all who wish to be inspired to a “Youth Retreat” reflecting on “Who Am I In Christ” on 20 May from 10.30am til 3.00pm.  
Contact: 0450 651 900

**COLES FREEBIES**

Up until Tuesday 11 July, people with a Flybuys card can earn points towards free cookware at Coles and Coles online. If you can’t use the cookware, please still collect it. It will be very much welcomed by some new refugees, who have come to SA with nothing.

If you can help out, please contact Chris McWilliams (0451 144 776) to organise collection of the items.

**ROSTERS**

<b>ALDINGA</b>	<b>Saturday 08 April</b>	<b>Saturday 15 April</b>
Welcomer	Kate Manders, Rose Sulda	A Woodhouse, L & N Ellis
Commentator	Michelle Cormack	Chris McWilliams
Readers	Rod Boucher	Ken Creevey
	Chris McWilliams	Brianna McIver
Eucharistic Minister	Mario Bacchin	David Manders
<b>NORMANVILLE</b>	<b>Sunday, 09 April</b>	<b>Sunday, 16 April</b>
Welcomer	Peter Lloyd	Peter Bohnsack
Commentator	Michael Steller	Trish Bohnsack
Reader	Thia Van Kuyk	Jim Fitzpatrick
Altar/Cleaning	M Kennedy, A Henriksen ++	Patsy & Jim Fitzpatrick
<b>WILLUNGA</b>	<b>Sunday, 09 April</b>	<b>Sunday, 16 April</b>
Commentator	Marie Andrews	Margaret Guley
Reader	Megan Chapman	JohnTregeagle
Eucharistic Minister	Anna Rogers	Chris Dzamko
Flowers	Vanda Farrall	Vanda Farrall
Church Linen	Margaret Guley	Marie Cester

## COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 07/04/23)



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

### DID YOU KNOW?

- The Easter Triduum (which means 'three days'), lasting from Holy Thursday evening to Easter Sunday evening, is the climax of the Church's year.
- Holy Thursday is sometimes known as Maundy Thursday, a corruption of the Latin word for commandment, *mandatum*. This is to commemorate the 'new commandment' that Jesus gave his followers at the Last Supper: Love one another as I have loved you.
- The stories of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus were the earliest stories told and later recorded by the early Church. The commemoration of the events of the Triduum is the earliest of Church celebrations when the first Christians gathered to break bread together.
- Good Friday and Easter Saturday are the only days of the year on which Mass is not celebrated.
- The women come to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus early on Sunday morning because it is the first chance they have to do so. The Jewish Sabbath begins at sunset on Friday and ends at sunset on Saturday. During this time no 'work' can be done so the women must wait until dawn on the first day of the week.

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She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

### HE IS RISEN! JUST LOOK AROUND!

I believe Jesus has risen. Why? Because I've seen the evidence. When I call out for help in prayer, I find peace, hope, or answers within myself or from someone who brings them into my life.

I've worked with countless young people who have given up countless hours of their time to lead retreats that urge their friends to meet, follow, and love Jesus Christ. Many of these same young people work in homeless shelters or Vinnies stores, they donate blood, fast, walk, run, volunteer, for charities locally, nationally and abroad.

I didn't see Jesus leave the tomb. I've only heard stories. But the disciple in the Gospel who reached the tomb first didn't see him leave either. He only saw the empty tomb. He believed because of other evidence. Maybe he believed because he saw the way Jesus changed the world while he lived. Maybe he believed because he saw the difference Jesus' disciples made when they followed his recipe for life.

You never saw Jesus leave the cave. But look around. There is plenty of

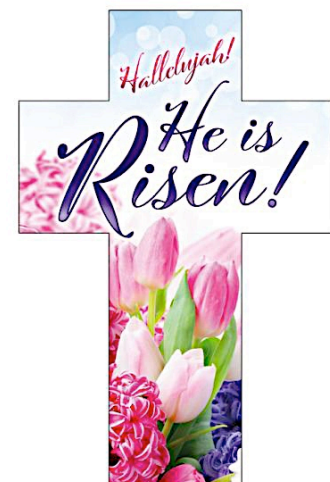
evidence for the Resurrection. Look in the Scriptures and reach out to other Christians for help with a problem, and you'll find guidance from Jesus, who still lives today through them. Live like the role models who have inspired you by their Christian lives, and you'll find happiness by following the living Jesus. Follow the nudge in your conscience to help others, and you'll be an active participant in Jesus' Resurrection by changing the world.

Yes, there's plenty of evidence that Christ is alive and still changing the world. For those who are actively living their faith, it is hard to miss.

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### THIS WEEK'S READINGS (10 - 19 April)

- **Monday, 10:** Monday within Easter Octave (Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15)
- **Tuesday, 11:** Tuesday within Easter Octave (Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18)
- **Wednesday, 12:** Wednesday within Easter Octave Week (Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35)
- **Thursday, 13:** Thursday within Easter Octave (Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48)
- **Friday, 14:** Friday within Easter Octave Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14)
- **Saturday, 15:** Saturday within Easter Octave (Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15)
- **Sunday 16:** Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy) (Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pet 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31)



### 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.