



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

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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

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the pannier from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

“My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me.”

‘You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 90:1-2, 10-15

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust! <R>.
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. <R>.
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. <R>.
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him: protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: I am with you. I will save him in distress and give him glory. <R>.

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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)

08 Mar 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Josy
09 Mar 8.30am, N/ville, Fr Josy
10.30am, Willunga, Fr Tom
15 Mar 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Julius
16 Mar 8.30am, Willunga, Fr Dominick
10.30am, N/ville, Fr Julius
22 Mar 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Tom
23 Mar 8.30am, N/ville, Fr Dominick
10.30am, Willunga, Fr Dominick
29 Mar 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Julius
30 Mar 8.30am, Willunga, Fr Julius
10.30am, N/ville, Fr Dominick

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

WILLUNGA ROSTERS

The current roster for readers, commentators, etc runs out at the end of April. Please get in touch with Marie Andrews (0423 302 746) if you aren't currently on the roster and would like to be, or if you are on the roster and know you will be away for some time in the next six months.

ALDINGA ROSTERS

The new rosters is available this weekend. Please collect yours, if you haven't already done so. Special thanks to Chris McWilliams for organising the Aldinga rosters.

LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKLETS

Free Lenten Reflection booklets are available from the foyer of the Church today. These are suitable for private reflection, or you might like to join with others for group reflection.

LENT

What is Fasting and Abstaining?

Fasting is recommended for Catholics between the ages of 18 and 60 years, unless they have particular health requirements or are sick. Fasting is about being more alert, through limiting sensibly our intake of daily

food. It helps us to heighten our senses and consciousness (as the monks in the desert discovered centuries ago), to aid our prayer, to enable us to recognise the deeper desires of our mind and heart, so that we can listen to God's action more readily in our lives.

Abstinence from meat is for Catholics between the ages of 14 and 60, unless they have particular health requirements or are sick. We are to abstain from meat only on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday. However, you could choose to do this every Friday of Lent as a penitential practice to be in solidarity with the poor – but this is not required by the Church.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL *February Report*

At our first meeting for 2025 we discussed:

- Celebrating St Joseph's Day on 19th March. Mass will be held at 6.30pm followed by a shared meal at St Joseph Church, Willunga. All are welcome!
- The need for a Parish Pastoral Council Mission and Vision and Planning Statement. We look forward to working with someone from the Archdiocese team to help us formulate these documents and will share with the community for input and thoughts when ready.
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St Joseph's on a Friday evening will be trialled after Easter. More details to come soon.

Any questions or suggestions related to pastoral needs of the Parish please speak to your Parish Pastoral Council Members representative (as listed in the Parish bulletin). *Kerri Gould*

PROJECT COMPASSION

The desert plays a significant part in Scripture: it is a place of both discovery and of getting lost. You may recall that Moses encountered God in the wilderness when he hears a voice from the burning bush. He discovered something vital to us all that day: God points us in a direction we may not choose for ourselves. Later, however, Moses and his people are lost in the desert for 40 years. We read the finale of that story in today's first reading.

First Australians have also had an intimate connection with the desert. Many Indigenous cultures danced in time with the desert for countless

generations. When the so-called Pintupi Nine made 'first contact' after emerging from the Gibson Desert in 1984, they were in excellent health. The same desert could kill Europeans in thirty-six hours or less.

In today's Gospel, we learn that the Spirit led Jesus to a lonely place. Up to this point in Luke's Gospel, we have seen Jesus as a member of his family and community. We have met Mary and Joseph and Elizabeth and Simeon and Anna and John the Baptist. Now Jesus must stand on his own and decide what really matters in life. Is he going to rely on material things? Is he going to want power at any price? Is he going to put himself rather than God at the heart of his decision making? These are the temptations of the devil.

Lent presents us with the same choice. Are we going to find our direction or just be lost in the swirling confusion of choices with which life presents us? Project Compassion helps us to find direction by offering us the opportunity to Unite Against Poverty. Are we content for the world to become more and more fragmented. Or would we prefer to stand up against voices of opportunism and exploitation?

Every year, Caritas Australia is overwhelmed and grateful that our Catholic communities are so clearly on the side of justice and life. to reach out in generosity to those in need, while demanding of us some personal sacrifice.

Project Compassion boxes or envelopes are available in the Church Foyer.

*Where do bad rainbows go?
To a prism. It's a light sentence,
but gives them time to reflect.*



JUBILEE OF VOLUNTEERS

The Archbishop has released the following letter to volunteers this week

‘Grace and peace, I hope this note finds you well.

On 9 March, we celebrate and give thanks for the contribution of the many Volunteers, past and present, who have and continue to animate the Gospel in the life of the Archdiocese of Adelaide.

This is a special time for us to pause, reflect, and celebrate the incredible contributions of each one of you, particularly those who have generously served as volunteers in our communities. It is with heartfelt gratitude that I write to thank all of our volunteers for the time, talents, and love you have poured into the work of the Church.

Volunteering in a ministry of the Church, is a natural extension of the commitment made through baptism. It allows us to live out our faith in tangible ways, serving those in need and strengthening our faith community. Baptism calls believers to be actively engaged in building God’s kingdom, reminding us that our lives are not only our own but are given by God to be shared with others. In the spirit of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve, you, our faithful volunteers, have shown what it means to walk with Christ by your side and reflect His love through your actions. Whether you have been involved in our parish outreach programs, social justice initiatives, liturgical ministries, or care for the elderly, sick, and marginalized, your commitment has been a beacon of

hope to all who have encountered you.

In the Gospel, we read that Jesus said, "Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant" (Matthew 20:26). Indeed, it is through your acts of service, large and small, that you exemplify the true meaning of discipleship. Your hands are the hands of Christ, your voices echo His compassion, and your hearts reflect His mercy. Your service not only touches the lives of those you help directly but also inspires others to join in this holy work of love and charity.

This Jubilee of Hope is a time to acknowledge and celebrate how your actions, motivated by faith, transform our communities and the world. It is through your dedication that we, as a Church, live out our calling to be a sign of hope and healing in a world that so desperately longs for peace and unity.

I urge you to continue in your ministries, knowing that your efforts are never in vain. As we continue to reflect on the mercy of God and the blessings of this Jubilee, let us remember that all of us are called to live as servants of the Lord. Let us support and encourage one another, and together, bring the light of Christ to every corner of our world.

To all Volunteers, I offer my deepest thanks. May God continue to bless you abundantly as you serve in His name. Your willingness to give of yourselves is a living testament to the faith and hope that we share as the Body of Christ.

+ Pat O'Regan

*+Patrick O'Regan
Archbishop of Adelaide'*

ROSTERS

ALDINGA *Saturday 08 March*
 Welcomer André Woodhouse
 Commentator Michelle Cormack
 Readers David Manders
 Jill McHendry
 Eucharistic Minister Brigid Grimwood

Saturday 15 March
 André Woodhouse
 Chris McWilliams
 Rod Boucher
 Vivi Boucher
 Kerri Gould

NORMANVILLE *Sunday, 09 March*
 Welcomer Leo Montgomery
 Commentator Anna Vnuk
 Reader Thia van Kuyk
 Data Projector Jim Fitzpatrick
 Altar/Cleaning Chris Symes, Anna Vnuk

Sunday, 16 March
 Peter Lloyd
 Ann Henriken
 Jim Fitzpatrick
 Rita Steller
 Chris Symes, Anna Vnuk

WILLUNGA *Sunday, 09 March*
 Commentator Gael Maloney
 Reader Vanda Farrall
 Eucharistic Minister Wayne Best
 Flowers No flowers - Lent
 Church Linen Margaret Guley

Sunday, 16 March
 Marie Andrews
 Garry Triffett
 Viv Zagajewska
 No flowers - Lent
 Margaret Guley

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Michael Casey, Kathy Ralston, Rainer Maack, John Tregagle

- **Recently deceased:**
 Ruby Rice (*Ruby's funeral was held at St Joseph's - Thursday 6 March*),
 Percy Vaughan (*Percy's funeral - St Joseph's on Tuesday 11 March at 1pm*),
 Janet Burbidge (*Janet's funeral - St Joseph's on Thursday 20 March at 11am*)

Anniversary: Anne Crosbie

2025 DATES

- 8 Mar Concert - St Joseph's - 7pm
- 9 Mar Concert - St Joseph's - 2pm
- 10 Mar Adelaide Cup Day
- 14 Mar Morning coffee - Louie's
- 28 Mar Morning coffee - Louie's
- 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
- 28 Apr First day School term
- 18 May St Vincent de Paul Appeal
- 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

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH'S

All parishioners, from all three centres, are urged to attend at special Mass to commemorate the Feast of St Joseph on Wednesday, 19 March at 6.30pm.

A Supper will be held in St Joseph's Hall following the Mass. Everyone welcome.



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

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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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SECOND READING

Romans 10:8-13

Scripture says: The word (that is the faith we proclaim) is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:4

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you,

and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

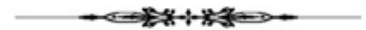
Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

KIDS' CORNER

Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. (Luke 4: 1 - 2)

The temptation of Jesus was no accident. The Holy Spirit led Jesus in this way so that Jesus could face the same challenges we all face and show us how we can overcome them. Lent is a time when the whole Church is led into a kind of desert to face our own challenges as followers of Jesus. Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we give the Spirit a chance to come into our hearts in a new way. How will you open your heart to the Holy Spirit this Lent?

Holy Spirit, guide me.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(10 - 16 March)

- **Monday, 10:** Monday, 1st week Lent (Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46)
- **Tuesday, 11:** Tuesday, 1st week Lent (Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15)
- **Wednesday, 12:** Wednesday, 1st week Lent (Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32)
- **Thursday, 13:** Thursday, 1st week Lent (Esther 14:1, 3-5, 12-14; Mt 7:7-12)
- **Friday, 14:** Friday, 1st week Lent (Ezek 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26)
- **Saturday, 15:** Saturday, 1st week Lent (Deut 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48)
- **Sunday, 16:** SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17 - 4:1; Lk 9:28-36)

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.