



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

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprosy: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 31:1-2, 5, 11

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God.

Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.'

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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)

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

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.



14TH FEBRUARY

Mass will be held at:

- 9.00am at St Joseph's, Willunga (with Fr Tom)
- 5.00pm at St Peter's, Normanville (with Fr Josy)

Everyone is most welcome at either celebration

LENT 2024

Lent begins next Wednesday. Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter.



"I can get by on just 2 hours of sleep every day, as long as I nap for 14 hours."

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.

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, but this is not required by the Church.

"THE SOUTHERN CROSS"

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

FREE LENTEN



REFLECTION BOOKLET

The Office for Worship, has produced a free Lenten reflection booklet. It features brief, easy-to-read reflections for Ash Wednesday and five Sundays in Lent.

If you would like a copy of this booklet for personal or group reflection, please collect one as you leave the Church today.

Council for Integral Ecology

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

We welcome expressions of interest to join the Council for Integral Ecology.

The Council for Integral Ecology is committed to promoting care for the environment and addressing social justice, peace and human development within the Archdiocese of Adelaide.

For more information or to send an expression of interest, contact: James Lloyd (Pastoral Leader - Justice, Healing Inclusion) at jlloyd@adelaide.catholic.org.au Expressions of interest close Feb 29.

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.

- *I dream of a better tomorrow.... where chickens can cross roads and not have their motives questioned*

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)

St Peter's Catholic Church

Cape Jervis Road, Normanville (air-conditioned)

Supper following. Everyone welcome

More info: Rita (0439 508 180)

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and for all future generations.



With your support, Caritas Australia has

been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion or call 1800 024 413.



My new SUV has a button that says "rear wiper". I'm afraid to push it.

Regional Assembly

"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 contacts for more information:

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 Garry Triffett (0402 457 948)

St Peter's Normanville
 Nigel Pile (0428 569 457)

Mary of Galilee, Aldinga
 Kerri Gould (0439 877 563)

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre Boyd, Jim Smith, Janette McIver, Michael Casey, Paul Hancock, Margaret Oomens

Recently deceased: Laurie Cester (*Laurie's funeral will be held at St Joseph's on 12 February at 11.00am*)

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

DATES

- 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

ROSTERS

ALDINGA *Saturday 10 February*
 Welcomer A Woodhouse, C Kelly
 Commentator Tricia Dundon
 Readers Vivi Boucher
 Rod Boucher
 Eucharistic Minister Brigid Grimwood

NORMANVILLE *Sunday, 11 February*
 Welcomer Rita Steller
 Commentator Ann Henriksen
 Reader Jim Fitzpatrick
 Altar/Cleaning Ann Henriksen

WILLUNGA *Sunday, 11 February*
 Commentator Michael Hynes
 Reader Margaret Guley
 Eucharistic Minister Wayne Best
 Flowers Tony Harding
 Church Linen Anna Rogers

Saturday 17 February
 A Woodhouse, N Ellis
 Michelle Cormack
 Cristina Tiedje
 Chris McWilliams
 Kerri Gould

Sunday, 18 February
 Leo Montgomery
 Michael Steller
 Chris Symes
 Ann Henriksen

Sunday, 18 February
 Vanda Farrall
 Anna Rogers
 Viv Zagajewska
 No flowers - Lent
 Volunteer please

SPECIAL COLLECTION

A special collection is being taken up this weekend in support of the work undertaken by Birthline Pregnancy Support and Genesis Pregnancy Support Inc.

The Day of the Unborn Child assists us to focus on those people in our families and communities who have experienced any sort of child-bearing loss, whether miscarriage, still-birth, the death of a baby soon after birth, or abortion.

We thank you in anticipation for your generous support of those who work tirelessly with individuals and families who require these important resources and services.

HEALTHY AND UNHEALTHY FEAR OF GOD

In Scripture, virtually every time God appears in human history, the first words from God are always: "Don't be afraid!" That phrase, coming from the mouth of God or from the mouth of God's messenger, appears more than 300 times in Scripture.

How then, are we to understand the phrase from Scripture "Fear of God is the beginning of wisdom"? We are wise and on the right path when we stand before the mystery of God (and of love) with our shoes off, namely, in reverence, in awe, in respect, in unknowing, without undue pride, humble before an infinity that dwarfs us, and open to let that great mystery shape us for its own eternal purposes.

That is far different, almost the antithesis, of the fear we experience when we are frightened of someone or something that threatens us because the person or thing is perceived as being mercilessly exacting or as being arbitrary and punitive.

There is a healthy fear of God that's felt in our fear of violating what's good, true, and beautiful in this world. Jesus invites us to this kind of holy fear when he warns us that the measure we measure out is the measure that will be given back to us. It's healthy to be afraid of violating any goodness, truth, or beauty.

We need to preach a healthy fear rather than that God needs to be feared because of the punishment he might eventually deal out in some legalistic and exacting fashion. Whenever we preach this kind of fear, we are almost always also preaching a God who isn't very intelligent, compassionate, understanding, or forgiving. A God who is to be feared for his punitive threats is a God with whom we will never find a warm intimacy.

Fear is one of the deepest, life-preserving instincts within you. Without fear, you won't live very long. Some fears help you stay alive, while others deform and imprison you. There are things in life that you need to fear, but God is not one of those things.

God is neither a playground bully nor an arbitrary tyrant. God is love and a perpetual invitation to intimacy.

Ronald Rolheiser

The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

A DWELLING APART

(Mark 1:40-45)

Here's something curious: the leper and Jesus trade places in this story. At first, it's the leper who's forced into the wild by communal dread of his disease. In the end, it's Jesus who must retreat to the desert to avoid the crush of crowds brought on by publicity.

Biblical desert is a land of many facets. Literally, it's a place where life is challenging and death is near. Theologically, it's the domain of the devil, where temptation roams free. Both physical and spiritual realities of the desert made it a place to avoid when possible. To be sentenced to live there, with lepers and other outlaws, was a lonely and dangerous existence.

Yet Jesus, we know, often chose the desert. The Spirit first drove him there to test himself against the devil. Later, Jesus often returned there to pray and gather strength. Because he tamed the desert at the start of his journey, it was no longer a land of danger for Jesus, but a refuge. In the same way, we can surrender the desert terrain of our lives to the Spirit's authority, and let it be transformed into a sacred place.

GPBS eNews

I WAS BORN THIS WAY

(Mark 1:40-42)

A leper came to Jesus, begging on his knees, "If you want to, you can cleanse me". Deeply moved, Jesus put out his hand, touched him, and said, "I want to. Be clean". Then and there the leprosy was gone, his skin smooth and healthy.

Every day of my third-grade year started with the same routine: My sister and I would board the school bus braced for the abuse that would be hurled my way by a handful of older boys – seventh and eighth graders – who took offence at my very

pronounced overbite. The moment they saw me, the chant would begin: "How much wood could a P.J. chuck if a P.J. could chuck wood, hey! How much wood ..."

One day, my older sister, who was in fifth grade, mustered courage to snap at the boys, "Leave her alone. She can't help it. She was born that way!"

"No, I wasn't," I chimed in. "I have buck teeth from sucking my finger."

"Shhh," said my sister. "It sounds better to say you were born that way."

Personally, I thought it seemed awfully mean to be picked on for my crooked teeth regardless of when or how I go them. But in the world of human justice, mercy is measured and weighed against the role we play in bringing about our maladies. If it's our fault we're sick or deformed, then we deserve to be ridiculed and abused.

I'm glad we sinners have the world of divine justice to fall back on. Love and mercy flow more abundantly and indiscriminately there. As imitators of Christ, what lepers in our society can we greet each day with compassion instead of contempt? *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(12 - 18 February)

- **Monday, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 6 (James 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13)
- **Tuesday, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 6 (James 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21)
- **Wednesday, 14:** ASH WEDNESDAY (Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)
- **Thursday, 15:** Thursday after Ash Wednesday (Deut 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25)
- **Friday, 16:** Friday after Ash Wednesday (Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15)
- **Saturday, 17:** Saturday after Ash Wednesday (Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32)
- **Sunday 18:** FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Gen 9:8-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15)

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.