



Welcome to

# Willunga Catholic Parish

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

19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

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## PARISH OFFICE

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## PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

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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

### 1 Kings 19:4-8

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord,' he said 'I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Ps 33:2-9

*Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

## SECOND READING

### Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise

your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God as children of his that he loves and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Jn 6:51

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

### John 6:41-51

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. (Continued page 4)



# 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

## AUGUST WEEKEND MASSES

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

10 Aug 5.30pm, Aldinga - Fr Josy  
11 Aug 8.30am, N/ville - Fr Dominick  
10.30am, Willunga - Fr Tom  
17 Aug 5.30pm, Aldinga - Fr Dominick  
18 Aug 8.30am, Willunga - Fr Dominick  
10.30am, N/ville - Fr Tom  
24 Aug 5.30pm, Aldinga - Fr Dominick  
25 Aug 8.30am, N/ville - Fr Dominick  
10.30am, Willunga - Fr Dominick  
31 Aug 5.30pm, Aldinga - Fr Dominick

## MASS - ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

There will be two Masses in Willunga Parish on Thursday, **15 August**.

Fr Tom will be celebrating a whole school Mass at Galilee at 9.15am and Fr Dominick will be celebrating Mass at St Peter's, Normanville at 12noon. All parishioners are most welcome to attend either Mass.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

## COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Place an order for your 2025 Columban Calendar soon. Next year's calendar includes the following features:

- New design with more space to fit your notes on the date pad.
- Bible verses for hope and healing each month.
- Free online Art Guide resource - *Visio Divina* available by scanning the QR codes in the calendar or at: [www.columban.org.au/artguide](http://www.columban.org.au/artguide)

This year they are \$11each. 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*

## BLESSING OF MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Celebrations for milestone wedding anniversaries in the Archdiocese will again be held in local parish communities to recognise couples in their life-long commitment. If you, or someone you know, is celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60 years), we invite you to let Gael Maloney (0447 421 948) know of the details, so they may be acknowledged at the Anniversaries Mass in September.

## ACBC RESEARCH PROJECT ABSENT FROM THE TABLE

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is undertaking a research project aimed at investigating why some Catholics do not participate in regular weekly Sunday Mass (Sunday Mass includes the Saturday Vigil). <https://bit.ly/AbsentFromTheTableSurvey>

The survey closes on Tuesday, 20 August. Parishioners are encouraged to reach out to those they know who could participate in the survey.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our office.  
*+Patrick O'Regan*

## NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

*August 4 - 11*

There is a leaving collection today at all Masses for the support of all studying for the Priesthood in our Archdiocese. We currently have two young men studying at the Holy Spirit Seminary in Brisbane, Godwin James and Antony Sebastian. Please remember them in your prayers, and also those preparing for the Permanent Diaconate.

## TRANSFIGURATION AND HIROSHIMA DAY

The juxtaposition of the Feast of the Transfiguration and Hiroshima Day highlights the ever-present struggle of the human heart between good and evil.

The coincidence that the bombing of Hiroshima took place on the Feast Day of the Transfiguration is rich in symbolism. Both events record a dazzling and awesome light. One revealed Jesus' divine calling and power on the mountain. The other

made the 'light brighter than a thousand suns' appear over the city.

Beneath this similarity, however, lies a terrible contrast. The light that shone in Jesus on Mount Tabor revealed the power of God's love in Jesus' mission to save the world and to bring life. For Jesus' followers it also vindicated in advance his renunciation of political power and his acceptance of suffering. The light from the bomb that fell on Hiroshima revealed the power of human beings to kill one another on a massive scale and to destroy the city and the inhabitable world. It also disclosed the human darkness that goes with war and its power to corrupt human judgment.

After the end of the Second World War people lived in fear of a nuclear war that would devastate the world. This was avoided by a mixture of good fortune, a sense of self-preservation and diplomacy. More recently, however, the fear of nuclear war has weakened as many nations hostile to one another possess nuclear weapons or the capacity to make them, and nuclear power is routinely used to produce power.

### *Made normal*

The use of nuclear power is being made normal. The tactical use of nuclear weapons is discussed openly in considering military strategies. In Australia, following the practice of many nations, nuclear power is offered as a replacement or support for fossil fuels. For many people it is a symbol of confidence in the human ability to develop technology that, without pain, will solve all the problems of society, including those it causes.

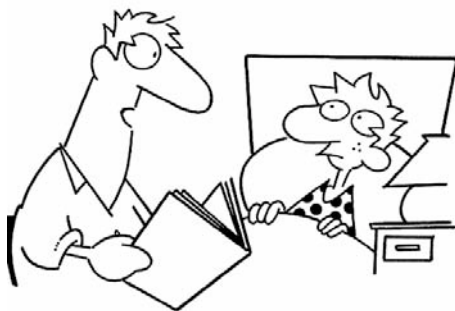


Despite its cleaner image, however, nuclear power is still shadowed by its association with Hiroshima and its initial use for mass killing. It is a symbol of the crazed use of power and technology to kill and destroy. It stands in opposition to the renunciation of coercive power and violence embodied in the story of Jesus' transfiguration.

In his approach to technology Pope Francis stakes a position in the middle ground, which leaves him open to shelling from both sides. He sets the drama of nuclear power and the transfiguration of Jesus within a broader human play in which arrogance is matched against humility, excess against moderation, respect against abuse, and simplicity against greed. In this play, nuclear power is a part of creation, one of many human tools that can be used to destroy or to build, to enhance human living or to degrade it, to protect the environment or to ravage it.

**Human Reflection**

The heart of the play is not the mushroom-shaped cloud that hangs over a nuclear explosion, but the



"Suddenly, Rip Van Winkle realized that he hadn't filed an income tax return for 20 years. That's where the story gets interesting!"

human reflection and decisions involved in its conception and use as a weapon. It is not about the goodness or evil of nuclear technology. It is about the struggle in the human heart between good and evil, and the struggle in the human mind about the limits that we should place on its use and that of other potentially destructive technologies.

That approach invites a reasonable conversation about nuclear technology based on its potential for good and for harm. Part of that conversation must consider whether the technology involved in running nuclear plants and the disposal of spent fuel is safe for eons, about relative costs. It must also deal, however, with the visceral opposition of many people to any limitation being placed on technology out of respect for the environment. Such an attitude invites disaster.

*Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ  
"Australian Catholics"*

**PRELIMINARY NOTICE  
(Kammerphilharmonie Köln)**

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<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of March (end of January previously).

Put the date in your calendar now. More details (costs, times, etc) when they become available.

**ROSTERS**

**ALDINGA**

Welcomer  
Commentator  
Readers  
  
Eucharistic Minister

**Saturday 10 August**

Andre Woodhouse  
David Manders  
Cristina Tiedje  
Michelle Cormack  
Lorraine Ellis

**Saturday 17 August**

Andre Woodhouse  
Cristina Tiedje  
Brigid Grimwood  
Chris McWilliams  
Mario Bacchin

**NORMANVILLE**

Welcomer  
Commentator  
Reader  
Data Projector  
Altar/Cleaning

**Sunday, 11 August**

Peter Lloyd  
Trish Bohnsack  
Thia van Kuyk  
Nigel Pile  
N Pile, L Montgomery

**Sunday, 18 August**

Michael Steller  
Thia van Kuyk  
Trish Bohnsack  
Rita Steller  
N Pile, L Montgomery

**WILLUNGA**

Commentator  
Reader  
Eucharistic Minister  
Flowers  
Church Linen

**Sunday, 11 August**

Vanda Farrall  
Leo Reynolds  
Wayne Best  
Tony Harding  
Anna Rogers

**Sunday, 18 August**

Garry Triffett  
Marie Andrews  
Steve Maglieri  
Tony Harding  
Anna Rogers

**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 Tregeagle

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

**DATES**

- 11 Aug Vocations Appeal
- 15 Aug Assumption Blessed Virgin Mary
- 31 Aug - Sep 8 Adelaide Show
- Sep Catholic Charities month
- 27 Sep Last day School term 3
- 28 Sep AFL Grand Final
- 05/06 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 Appeal
- 13 Dec Last day School term 4
- 25 Dec Catholic Charities Appeal

**COLLECTIONS**

**27/28 July : 03/04 August**

First collection	\$819.00
Envelopes	\$330.00
Unpledged	\$454.00

*(Not including direct debits)*

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION  
VOCATIONS APPEAL**

Today is the second weekend of National Vocation Awareness Week. In the context of the call to all the baptized we especially pray for an increase in vocations to the Consecrated Life of Sisters and Brothers, to the Diaconate and to the Priesthood.

There is a leaving collection today at all Masses for the support of all studying for the Priesthood in our Archdiocese. We currently have two young men studying at the Holy Spirit Seminary in Brisbane, Godwin James and Antony Sebastian. Please remember them in your prayers, and also those preparing for the Permanent Diaconate.

## 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)

### 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 contact - Michael Hynes *or*  
Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

### DID YOU KNOW?

- The Gospel of John contains several 'I am' sayings. When God revealed his name to Moses at the burning bush he called himself 'I am who am'. Jesus' use of this term is a pointer to his true identity as Son of God.
- The 'manna' of the desert experience is indeed a real phenomenon. It is a highly nutritious substance which forms in the early morning possibly from the secretions of beetles which feed on the tamarisk plant.

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It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life.

'I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

### MAKE A CHOICE

Most shopping centres have large food courts with a number of different styles of food. Certain streets feature one fast food restaurant after another. Some neighbourhoods become noted for their upscale restaurants. Even university accommodation, boarding schools and hospital cafeterias, once notorious for bad food, now sport elaborate food stations.

So much of the world subsists on a particular starch – like rice or pasta or potatoes – as a basis of its food intake, and the same food is prepared and eaten in the same way day after day.

But in our land of incredible bounty, we insist on variety. Feel like a hot dog for lunch? There are all sorts to choose from – regular, all beef, low fat, vegetarian, kosher, chicken, turkey, etc.

Jesus offers us a choice today. He never forces himself on us. It is an invitation. And included in that invitation is the gift of eternal life in heaven. It's there for our taking, no matter how bad we may be feeling about ourselves. After all, Elijah prayed for death, but instead the angel of the Lord brought him food.

So among the many choices available to us, we can choose Jesus as our Bread of Life and be guaranteed eternal life. What more could we ask for?

### GET UP AND EAT

At this, because he said, "I am the Bread that came down from heaven," the Jews started arguing over him: "Isn't this the

son of Joseph? Don't we know his father? Don't we know his mother? How can he now say, 'I came down out of heaven' and expect anyone to believe him?"

Some people liked it when Jesus criticised the religious leaders of his day – though it didn't go down well with the leaders, obviously. And some liked it when he upheld every jot and title of the law. Unless they were lawbreakers, who liked it when he broke the law. Jesus was popular when he held out hope for sinners, though not with the righteous. The problem with Jesus was, he couldn't please ALL of the people ANY of the time.

But he could manage to offend everyone at once. When Jesus said he was manna from heaven, nobody was happy with that. It sounded like blasphemy, a claim that reached too high. How could anyone say they were from heaven? This bread from heaven thing was going too far.

Jesus offers himself as living bread to feed that part of us that will never die. When Jesus says, "get up and eat," it's a bad time to start doing theology. The right response is to tuck in your napkin. I know people who run around in circles trying to decide what they believe about the Eucharist, whether or not they're worthy to receive, whether or not they can take the Host from a layperson or a gay person. If Jesus is the bread of life, and dinner is served, I don't want to be the one who says no, thank you.

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

*(August 12 - 18)*

- **Mon, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Ezek 1:2-5, 24-28; Mt 17:22-27)
- **Tue, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Ezek 2:8-3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14)
- **Wed, 14:** St Maximilian Mary Kolbe (Ezek 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20)
- **Thu, 15:** Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Rev 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; 1 Cor 15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56)
- **Fri, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Ezek 16:1-15, 60, 63; Mt 19:3-12)
- **Sat, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Ezek 18:1-10, 13, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15)
- **Sun 18:** 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORD TIME (Prov 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58)

### 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 0452 524 169.