



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 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

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 99:1-3, 5

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. <R>
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. <R>
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. <R>

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. (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

WEEKEND MASSES

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

10 May	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Tom
11 May	8.30am, Willunga, Fr Dominick 10.30am, N/ville, Fr Dominick
17 May	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Dominick
18 May	8.30am, Willunga, Fr Dominick 10.30am, V/ville, Fr Dominick
24 May	5.50pm, Aldinga, Fr Julius
25 May	8.30am, N/ville, Fr Tom 10.30am, Willunga, Fr Julius
31 May	TBA
01 Jun	TBA

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend (17/18 May) there will be a special collection for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. This appeal supports families and individuals in SA who are struggling financially and materially.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN COUNT OF ATTENDANCE

As you may be aware, the Archdiocese of Adelaide conducts a Count of Attendance for all Masses held on the weekends during the month of May, which is used for pastoral planning and financial reporting.

This year attendance counts are to be conducted over four weekends of May - 03/04, 10/11, 17/18 and 24/25 in all Parish Mass Centres.



As we did last year, we need to record how many people are in the different age groups. We plan to do this with a show of hands at the end of Mass.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Tuesday 3 June at 6.00pm at Mary of Galilee Church, Aldinga. Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will be in attendance.

All parishioners are most welcome to attend.

MUSIC FOR CHANGE FUND-RAISER FOR REFUGEES

*Saturday May 31
Yankalilla Agricultural Hall*

Gates open at 5.00pm. Adults \$15, Children under 5 free, Family entry (2 adults, 2 children 5-16) \$35. Bookings phone 08 8558 0240. See notice board in the Church foyer for more details.

Fleurieu Refugee Support Group

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

This weekend (Sunday May 11), we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, which is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations — a special time for the Church to reflect on and pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life.

Let us pray for one another in our diverse callings, and in a particular way, ask the Lord to raise up new vocations within His Church — to the consecrated life, the diaconate, and the priesthood.

MOUNT LOFTY BOTANIC GARDENS TOUR

Laudato Si' Week event

The Archdiocese of Adelaide invites you to a guided tour of the Mount Lofty Botanic Gardens to celebrate Laudato Si' Week 2025. The event will be held on Saturday May 24, 1.00pm - 3.00pm.

Places are limited so register early at <https://www.trybooking.com/DADBH>

A MYSTERY SOLVED

*South Australia's History Festival
1 - 31 May 2025*

There is a memorial stone kept in the archives at the Willunga presbytery that has escaped close examination for some time. Recent study has revealed it to be the foundation stone of the church of St John the Evangelist, Port Elliot, which was once part of the Willunga Catholic Parish.

A rough translation reads: "This stone is consecrated, the Episcopal seat being Vacant, by R P Joseph Polk, Society of Jesus. September the 20th November, year 1864. Relic of St John the Baptist"

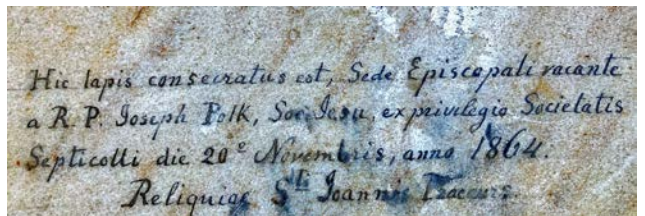
The foundation ceremony is reported in the Register newspaper but R P Joseph Polk is not mentioned in the reporting so it seems that he consecrated it but did not lay it.

"On Sunday last, December 4, the ceremony for laying the corner-stone of a Catholic Chapel to be named after St John the Evangelist, was performed here by the Rev. J. Smyth, from Adelaide, in the presence of a large assemblage of persons, comprising many of the old settlers from the neighbourhood of Willunga, Myponga, Yankalilla, Goolwa, and Hindmarsh Island. At 11 a.m. mass was said in a spacious tent, which had been erected for the occasion on the ground near the site selected for the



Above: St John's Church under demolition (SLSA B 9495)

Below: Foundation stone for St John the Evangelist, Pt Elliot, which is kept in the Archives at the Willunga Presbytery.



chapel. The Rev. J. Smyth officiated, assisted by the Rev. Father Reynolds, from Morphett Vale. At 1 o'clock the stone was laid with great solemnity. The usual ceremony of consecrating the ground was gone through, and a blessing invoked upon the foundations, which were duly sprinkled with holy water. The devotional services were conducted in Latin by the Rev. J. Smyth, assisted by the Rev. Fathers Hughes and Reynolds.

A bottle, containing a selection of current coins, with an inscription showing the day and date of the laying of the stone and the year of the reigning Sovereign, the name of the Governor of the colony, and the year of the present Popedom, was deposited under the stone. After the ceremony an address was delivered in the tent by the Rev. J. Smyth.

... The rev. gentleman next urged upon all present their duty to erect a suitable place for the worship of God [and] then pronounced the usual benediction. It was then announced that all would have an opportunity of placing their offerings upon the stone, Father Smyth suggesting that those heads of families who were about to give should distribute it amongst the children, so that in future years they might have something to remind them that they had taken a part in the proceedings of that day...The chapel...is to be 44 feet in length by 24 feet wide, and when finished, as it is to be in about four months, will be an ornament to the township... (South Australian Register, 14 December 1864, p3)

St John's was demolished in 1936 and

it is likely that the stone found its way to Willunga then. The reason behind the church's demolition is unclear but it is believed to have been damaged in a fire. (<https://victorharbortimes.com.au/news/2021/05/20/church-history-uncovered-at-port-elliott/>)

Special thanks to Michelle Cormack for supplying this article

60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MASS

Fr Peter Milburn invites fellow priests, friends and people who knew him in the various parishes where he has worked over the years to a concelebrated Mass, with Archbishop Patrick O'Regan, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of his ordination.

The Mass will be held at noon on Sunday July 6 at St John XXIII Modbury Parish Centre, 50 Reservoir Road, Hope Valley. It will be followed by a light lunch, provided by Fr Peter.

No presents are requested, however your 'presence' will be very welcome!

For seating and catering purposes please RSVP to Sindi at Para Hills/ Modbury Parish Office on 8264 7590 or at office@paramodcath.com.au by May 30.

MARIAN PROCESSION

The 76th Marian Procession will be held on Sunday May 18 beginning at Victoria Park and processing up Wakefield Street into Victoria Square. The procession will commence at 2.00pm and all are invited to attend.

For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220.

ROSTERS

ALDINGA

Welcomer
Commentator
Readers
Eucharistic Minister

Saturday 10 May

André Woodhouse
David Manders
Rod Boucher
Vivi Boucher
Kerri Gould

Saturday 17 May

André Woodhouse
Cristina Tiedje
David Manders
Ken Creevey
Lorraine Ellis

NORMANVILLE

Welcomer
Commentator
Reader
Data Projector
Altar/Cleaning

Sunday, 11 May

Peter Lloyd
Chris Symes
Jim Fitzpatrick
Thia van Kuyk
Chris Symes, Anna Vnuk

Sunday, 18 May

Peter Bohnsack
Antoinette Fleming
Nigel Pile
Jim Fitzpatrick
Chris Symes, Anna Vnuk

WILLUNGA

Commentator
Reader
Eucharistic Minister
Flowers
Church Linen

Sunday, 11 May

Marie Andrews
Ian La Ronde
Steve Maglieri
Mary Moore
Wayne Best

Sunday, 18 May

Ian La Ronde
Anna Rogers
Wayne Best
Vanda Farrall
Margaret Guley

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Michael Casey, Kathy Ralston, John Tregeagle, Karoline Hermann

Anniversary: Marie (Mary) O'Brien

2025 DATES

18 May St Vincent de Paul Appeal
2 Jun Stonework restoration - St J's
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

COLLECTIONS

Collections will be updated in next week's bulletin.

MOTHERS DAY PRAYER

Almighty God, we ask Your blessing on each mother today. Fill their hearts with laughter and joy. Surround them with love from family and friends. Grant them health, peace, and fulfilment as they pursue their calling. Let them know their value and worth in Your eyes and ours. In Jesus' name. AMEN

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be offered on Fridays, as previously advertised in the bulletin, starting on Friday 9 May from 5.00pm - 6.00pm at St Joseph's Church, Willunga. This will be followed by Mass from 6.00pm - 7.00pm. Everyone welcome.



WILLUNGA PARISH

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- *Aldinga* - Kerri Gould, Lorraine Ellis, Kim Calderbank
- *Willunga* - Michael Hynes
- *Normanville* - Nigel Pile, Christopher Symes

FINANCE COUNCIL

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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)
- *St Peter's, Normanville* - Please contact Willunga Parish Office (08) 8556 2132 or 0447 421 948

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES

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SACRAMENTS

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INTEGRITY AND SAFEGUARDING DEPT

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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One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep and mine know me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 10:27-30

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

WHAT MAKES A GOOD SHEPHERD?

I read recently that it takes a flock of sheep a long time to accept a new shepherd. Without that bond, sheep instinctively run the other way or form a frightened huddle.

As I ponder this Fourth Sunday of Easter – celebrated as Good Shepherd Sunday in mainstream Christian churches – I find myself mulling instances where humans look to other humans to shepherd them. What comes to mind are extremes. On one hand are cults and cult leaders, like those who surrendered trust and obedience (and good sense) to a Charles Manson or Jim Jones.

Looking to the other extreme, I can't help but think of someone like Anne Sullivan – that ever-present teacher who finally broke through to Helen

Keller, freeing her from the isolation of being unable to see, hear, or speak. I think of Sullivan and Keller, in particular, when Jesus says he knows each of his followers' voices and they know his; also, in his Parable of the Lost Sheep, with the shepherd leaving 99 to give undivided attention to the one.

Such extremes beg the question: How are we to know – especially in times of trial or great change – which human shepherds are good and which are not? For me, it goes right back to Jesus. It means honouring, knowing and loving individuals as well as the herd. It means building trust organically and one-on-one, rather than using manipulation or fear.

Although, ultimately, it's Jesus we trust most as Good Shepherd, it's fair to say that parts of Psalm 23 ("The Lord is my shepherd ...") apply to human interaction as well. A good shepherd leads my soul to places of true peace and "guides me on the paths of righteousness."

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(12 - 18 May)

- **Monday, 09:** Monday, 4th week of Easter (Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10)
- **Tuesday, 10:** Tuesday, 4th week of Easter (Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30)
- **Wednesday, 11:** St Matthias (Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17)
- **Thursday, 12:** Thursday, 4th week of Easter (Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20)
- **Friday, 13:** Friday, 4th week of Easter (Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6)
- **Saturday, 14:** Saturday, 4th week of Easter (Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14)
- **Sunday 15:** FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER (Acts 14:21-27; Rev 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35)

Happy
MOTHER'S
DAY

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.