

Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 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

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of

DO NOT THINK THAT I CAME TO
ABOLISH THE LAW OR THE PROPHETS.

I DID NOT COME TO ABOLISH....



BUT TO
FULFILL

heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:17-27

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has

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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
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WEEKEND MASSES

(Times on front page of this bulletin)

PRIEST ROSTER - WEEKENDS

(This roster may change

if something unforeseen crops up)

11 Feb	5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
12 Feb	8.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy 10.30am - Willunga, Fr Josy
18 Feb	5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
19 Feb	8.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom 10.30am - N/ville, Fr Dominick
25 Feb	5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy
26 Feb	8.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy 10.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom

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.

DAY of the UNBORN CHILD APPEAL

A **Special Collection** will be held this weekend (11 and 12 February) to support the work undertaken by Birthline Pregnancy Support, Mothers without Medicare and Genesis Pregnancy Support Inc.

Willunga Circle
of Friends presents:
FLEE

"A remarkable refugee story told with heart and audacity"

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1.30pm at ALDINGA LIBRARY
11 Central Way, Aldinga Beach

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THANK YOU

Last weekend we were approached for support for a family of four during a prolonged, difficult time - stage 4 cancer (3 tumours), serious disability and depression are among their challenges.

The response from each of our three communities is phenomenal with cooked meals, fresh fruit and vegetables, meat and pantry items generously donated. Cash donations provided four x \$50 Coles cards.

Transport costs and more will pressure this family's budget over the next 12 sessions of chemotherapy (spread over 6 weeks) at Flinders Medical Centre. Subsidised transport will still cost \$25 a day for 3 days, in alternate weeks. Cash, shopping cards, fresh and longer-life pantry items will be most welcome throughout this time.

We especially acknowledge Christian Care and Support at Aldinga Beach who provided bread, two hampers and other items, while Parish contributions and specific support services were established.

Sincere thanks to all for contributions and advice. The family are thrilled and encouraged. Hopefully our help can continue. Please give any items to Fr Tom or contact me directly at Aldinga Beach - sdundon@hotmail.com or 0421 867 669. *Trish Dundon*

CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION 2023

(Commencing February 19)

"Each year, Project Compassion comes as a timely reminder of the importance of solidarity and how a single act of kindness - whether big or small, can make a life-changing impact in the lives of those who need it most."

Kirsty Robertson,
CEO, Caritas Australia

CHILD SAFE ENVIRONMENTS BRIEFING FOR VOLUNTEERS

As you may be aware, all volunteers in our Archdiocese are mandated notifiers under the South Australian Child Protection Legislation. To ensure we hear the voices of children and have the necessary skills to identify and respond appropriately, we invite any volunteers who have not yet participated in Child Safe Environments training or an equivalent course to attend a 90-minute Volunteer Briefing session facilitated by the Archdiocesan Child Protection Unit.

A Volunteer Briefing will be held at Brighton Parish on Thursday 16 February, from 10.30am - 12.00pm in the Brighton Parish Activity Centre 24 Strathmore Terrace, Brighton.

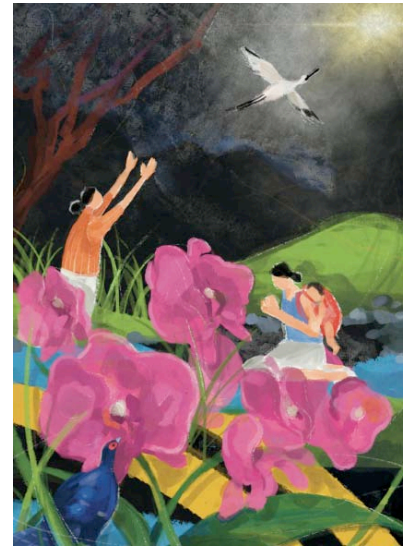
Parking available (behind Parish Office building), access from Old Beach Road.

The content of the session is not suitable for children and young people (under 18 years old) to attend so please make alternative care arrangements for your children before attending a Volunteer Briefing.

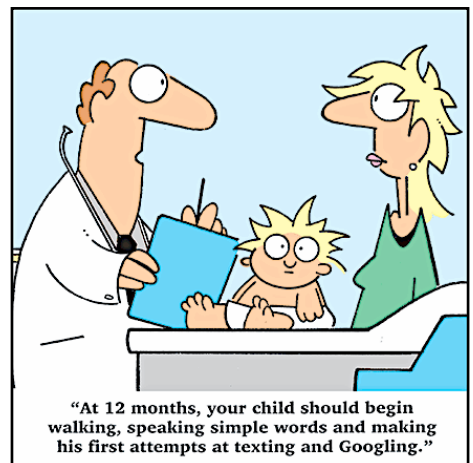
Please contact the Child Protection Unit to book into this session, either childprotection@adelaide.catholic.org.au or phone 8210 8159.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative.



It is run under the motto: **"Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action,"** and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together people of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.



"At 12 months, your child should begin walking, speaking simple words and making his first attempts at texting and Googling."

This year, Willunga Parish will be hosting a World Day of Prayer event on 3 March at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Church. The featured country will be Taiwan.

We would very much appreciate help with setting up, assisting with tea or coffee, plate of eats for supper, clearing up afterwards, etc.

Please contact:

Anna Rogers (0414 266 528), Gael Maloney (0447 421 948) or Sr Margaret Ann (0488 287 552) if you are available and willing to give us a hand.

LENT 2023

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/Lent23> Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

THE LESSON WITHIN LONELINESS

As a young man, Soren Kierkegaard renounced marriage to someone he was engaged to. Rightly or wrongly, he felt that what he had to give to the world was rooted inside the pain of his own loneliness and could only issue forth from that centre and, if he was less lonely, he would have less to give. Was he right? He confessed that he lived the curse "of never to be allowed to let anyone deeply and inwardly join themselves to me." Thomas Merton, commenting on the

same thing, once said that the absence of married intimacy in his life constituted "a fault in my chastity." This kind of depth comes at a price.

Why, despite such an obvious downside, are the Kierkegaards of our world drawn to loneliness in the belief that it holds the key to depth, empathy, and wisdom? What does loneliness do for us?

What loneliness does for us, especially very intense loneliness, is destabilise the ego and make it too fragile to sustain us in the normal way. What happens then is that we begin to unravel, feel ourselves become unglued, become aware of our smallness, and know in the roots of our being that we need to connect to something larger than ourselves to survive. But that's a very painful experience and we tend to flee from it.

However, and this is a great paradox, this experience of intense loneliness is one of the privileged ways of finding the deep answer to our quest for identity and meaning. Because it destabilises the ego and disorients us, loneliness puts us in touch with what lays below the ego, namely, the soul, our deepest self. The image and likeness of God lies in there, as do our most noble and divine energies. That's the truth behind the belief that in loneliness there is depth.

The lesson is this, whether married or single: Don't run from loneliness. Don't see it as your enemy. Don't look for another person to cure your loneliness. See loneliness as a privileged avenue to depth and empathy.

Ronald Rolheiser

ROSTERS

ALDINGA

Welcomer Lorraine Ellis
Commentator Volunteer please
Readers Rod Boucher
Vivi Boucher
Eucharistic Minister Judy Driscoll

Saturday 11 February

Saturday 18 February

Christna Tiedge
Christina Tiedge
Volunteer please
Ken Creevy
Maria Jarvis-Maack

NORMANVILLE

Welcomer Peter Bohnsack
Commentator Chris Symes
Reader Nigel Pile
Altar/Cleaning Trish Bohnsack, Rita Steller

Sunday, 12 February

Sunday, 19 February

Tim Fleming
Michael Steller
Trish Bohnsack
M Kennedy, A Henriksen

WILLUNGA

Commentator Vanda Farrall
Reader Anna Rogers
Eucharistic Minister Wayne Best
Flowers Anna Rogers
Church Linen Margaret Guley

Sunday, 12 February

Sunday, 19 February

Michael Hynes
Megan Chapman
Viv Zagajewska
Vanda Farrall
Marie Cester

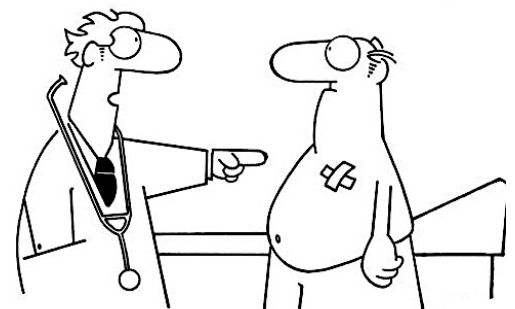
PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Veronica Shortland, Muriel Smith, Janet Burbidge, Arthur and Carol Jones, Bill and Janet McIver, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Sr Margaret Ann

Recently deceased: Margaret Peterson, Irene Gray

DATES

- 12 Feb St Peter's Pastoral Team meeting after Mass
- 14 Feb St Valentine's Day
- 17 Feb Coffee group - Louis
- 21 Feb Creative Corner
- 22 Feb Ash Wednesday
- 26 Feb First Sunday of Lent
- 3 Mar Coffee group - Louis
- 3 Mar World Day of Prayer
- 7 Mar Creative Corner
- 7 Mar Adelaide Cup Day
- 17 Mar St Patrick's Day
- 17 Mar Coffee group - Louis
- 21 Mar Creative Corner
- 31 Mar Coffee group - Louis
- 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



"Whenever your cholesterol gets too high, a sensor will send out a signal that automatically locks the kitchen door and turns on your treadmill."

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 09/02/23)



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

DID YOU KNOW?

- Two of the major divisions of the Jewish Scriptures are the Law (comprising the first five books of the Old Testament, the Hebrew Torah) and the Prophets (nebi'im in Hebrew). The other major division is known as the Writings (ketubim in Hebrew) and comprises the Wisdom literature of Israel, including such books as the Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Job and Ruth.
- The Pharisees were a group of very pious Jews who observed all the laws of Israel. They are often depicted in the gospels as overly legalistic or even hypocritical, but this is probably an unfair depiction that has been influenced by the events surrounding the separation of the early Christians from the mainstream Jewish religion after the destruction of the temple in AD 70.
- The origin of the term scribes is unclear and seems to cover a variety of functions and bureaucratic officers. The term does not seem to denote a group with particular religious beliefs but, rather, learned men more generally. During the time of Jesus, they were probably influential in the temple and at various levels of government.

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something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: *Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal.* But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord.* But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART?

Years ago, New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd interviewed former President Jimmy Carter during a book tour. At the time, an East Coast political candidate was under fire for her unfortunate comments taken from scripture on sexuality. For Dowd it

brought back memories of Carter's notorious confession in a Playboy magazine interview in 1976. "While he had always been faithful to soul (and sole) mate Rosalynn," Dowd wrote, he acknowledged that he had committed adultery "in his heart," a frank and humble admission with this week's gospel in mind.

Carter might have been naïve in answering the interviewer's question so honestly using terms of his own Christian faith. His candour about sinning in his heart earned a flurry of Tonight Show jokes on the one hand and the disdain of the sanctimonious on the other. "I dropped 15 percentage points," Carter said, "and I almost lost the election". Pointing to Carter's continuing frankness even today, Dowd says several times in her column, "It's not easy being Jimmy".

But then it's not easy for anyone to be a Christian, and it shouldn't be. Jesus' words about the gravity of anger and adultery are meant to take us more deeply into our own hearts to examine not only how well we keep rules and laws but to be sure that we understand that merely "looking good" to others is not the same as being good or doing good – and it is the latter that matters to God.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(13 - 19 February)

- **Monday, 13:** Weekday Ord Time 6 (Gen 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13)
- **Tuesday, 14:** Sts Cyril, and Methodius (Gen 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21)
- **Wednesday, 15:** Weekday Ord Time 6 (Gen 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26)
- **Thursday, 16:** Weekday Ord Time 6 (Gen 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33)
- **Friday, 17:** Weekday Ord Time 6 (Gen 11:1-9; Mk 8:34-9:1)
- **Saturday, 18:** Weekday Ord Time 6 (Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13)
- **Sunday 19:** 7th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Lev 19:1-2, 17-18; 1Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48)

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.