



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

2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 97:1-4

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. <R>
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. <R>

3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord, all the earth, ring out your joy. <R>

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Thess 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

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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 6.00pm - Willunga

WEEKEND MASSES

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

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

FRIDAY ROSARY, ADORATION and MASS

St Joseph's from 5.00pm - 7.00pm

During the month of October, the Rosary will be recited at 5.00pm prior to the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Mass from 6.00pm - 7.00pm will follow. Everyone is most welcome.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2026

Orders are now being taken for the 2026 Columban calendar - a beautiful and meaningful resource that has been part of Catholic life in Australian for over a century. Each calendar sold supports the missionary work of the Columbans in fifteen countries where they accompany the poor, advocate for justice, care for creation and share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Calendars cost \$9.00 each. Please contact Gael Maloney (0447 421 948) if you would like to place an order.

ST PETER'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH

St Peter's community will be holding their Christmas lunch on Sunday 7 December, following 10.30am Mass. Put the date in your calendar now.

WILLUNGA MASS MINISTRIES ROSTER

We are currently preparing the Mass ministries roster for St Joseph's, Willunga for the next six months, beginning with the first weekend of November. If you are currently on the roster, we will assume you are ok to continue, unless we hear from you. If you will be unavailable at any time during the months November until April, please advise Marie Andrews as soon as possible.

We desperately need some new people to come onboard. We don't currently have enough volunteers to adequately fill the various roles. Please give it some serious thought - training will be available if necessary.

Marie Andrews (0423 302 746)

MISSION MONTH

October - World Mission Month

The Catholic Church stands as a beacon of hope, supporting communities through education, sustainable livelihoods, and healthcare. This World Mission Month, we invite you to journey with our missionaries, who are bringing Christ's love to those most in need.

SUPPORTING OUR CLERGY CAMPAIGN

Sunday 9 November

On this day we plan to honour the priests who walk with us in every season of life – celebrating our marriages, blessing our families,

guiding us in prayer and bringing Christ to the world through the sacraments.

What: Parish Shared BBQ Lunch

When: After 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's, Willunga

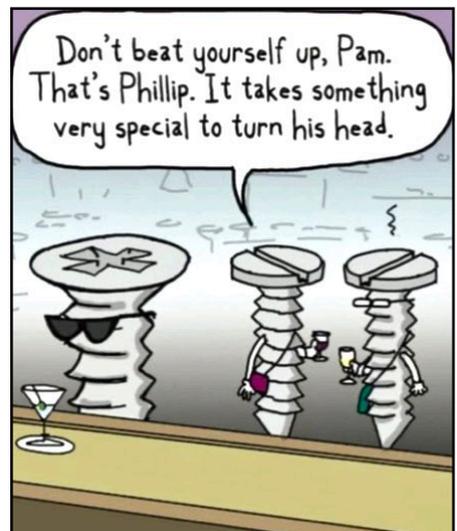
Where: Kelly Grove, Willunga
Please set aside this time in your diary to help celebrate our priests and the gift they are to our Willunga Parish Communities. *(More details to follow)*
Garry Triffett

AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

Jesus said, "Were not ten healed? Where are the nine? Can none be found to come back and give glory to God except this outsider? Then he said to him, "Get up. On your way. Your faith has healed and saved you." This week, Jesus asks a piercing question after healing ten lepers: "Were not ten healed? Where are the nine?" Only one healed leper comes back to give thanks – and it is that act of gratitude that draws him into deeper relationship with Jesus.

This moment is more than a story about healing; it is a reminder about awareness. So many good things happen in our lives every day – answered prayers, simple joys, unexpected kindnesses. But like the nine who hurried on, we often move past them without stopping to say thank you.

As parishioners and families, we are invited to be the ones who return. Gratitude changes how we see our lives. It opens our eyes to God's presence in the ordinary: in the laughter at the dinner table, the strength to get through a tough day, the love shared in a parish community.





MISSIONARIES OF HOPE
among all peoples

In two weeks, we'll share with you the story of two inspiring missionaries, Sr Jane and midwife Kayula, who are helping to lift women like Sharon out of poverty and provide life-saving care to mothers like Grace and their newborn babies.

You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, as your prayers and support are crucial in ensuring these programs can move forward.





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catholicmission.org.au/mission

Gratitude shifts our focus from what we lack to what we've been given.

This week, try to pause and name what you're thankful for. Say a prayer of thanks before meals, on the way to work, or while putting the kids to bed. Let "thank you, Lord" become a rhythm in your home and heart.

When we return to give thanks, we find that gratitude doesn't just bless God – it transforms us. Like the healed man, we rise renewed, ready to live our faith with joy.

"Gratitude is the memory of the heart." (Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop) *GPBS eNews*

PONTIFF CALLS ON YOUNG PEOPLE TO LIVE AS TRUE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Pope Leo XIV has called on young people to reject divisive discourse and attitudes, and to live as true disciples of Christ who listen, understand and speak truth with love.

"True disciples listen to and understand others, and they always speak the truth, even in the presence of those who are powerful" the Pope said in his message to young people ahead of the local celebrations of World Youth Day on November 23, the solemnity of Christ the King.

However, Christian witness "is not to be confused with ideological propaganda" since witness arises from friendship with the Lord and "is an authentic principle of interior transformation and social awareness" he wrote.

Jesus "does not want us to be servants, nor 'activists' of a political party; he calls us to be with him as

friends, so that our lives may be renewed". Therefore, "do not follow those who use the words of faith to divide; instead, make plans to remove inequalities and reconcile divided and oppressed communities," the Pope wrote in the message released by the Vatican on Tuesday, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

The November celebration of World Youth Day is taking place a few months after the July-August celebration of the Jubilee of Youth held in Rome and two years before the international celebration in Seoul, South Korea, in 2027.

The theme for local celebrations in 2025, "**You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me from the beginning**", is taken from St John's Gospel account of Jesus sending his disciples into the world to bear witness to Christ despite the threat of persecution.

In his message, the Pope thanked all the young people who came to Rome or were united from afar through prayer during the Jubilee.

"I hope the Jubilee encounter marks for each of you a step forward in Christian life and a strong encouragement to persevere in witnessing to your faith," which requires courage, he wrote. There are two aspects of witness, he wrote: "our friendship with Jesus, which we receive from God as a gift, and our commitment to be builders of peace in society."

"Through his friendship, he listens to you, motivates you, and guides you, calling each of you to a new life."

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ROSTERS

ALDINGA *Saturday 11 October*
 Welcomer André Woodhouse
 Commentator Michelle Cormack
 Readers David Manders
 Cristina Tiedje
 Eucharistic Minister Lorraine Ellis

Saturday 18 October
 André Woodhouse
 Chris McWilliams
 Rod Boucher
 Vivi Boucher
 Judi Driscoll

NORMANVILLE *Sunday, 12 October*
 Welcomer Leo Montgomery
 Commentator Trish Bohnsack
 Reader Jim Fitzpatrick
 Data Projector Nigel Pile
 Altar/Cleaning Trish Bohnsack, Rita Steller

Sunday, 19 October
 Peter Lloyd
 Chris Symes
 Anna Vnuk
 Thia van Kuyk
 Trish Bohnsack, Rita Steller

WILLUNGA *Sunday, 12 October*
 Commentator Marie Andrews
 Reader Gael Maloney
 Eucharistic Minister Anna Rogers
 Flowers Mary Moore
 Church Linen Anna Rogers

Sunday, 19 October
 Vanda Farrall
 Michael Hynes
 Andrew Beach
 Vanda Farrall
 Wayne Best

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS
Healing list: Michael Casey, Kathy Ralston, John Tregeagle, Karoline Hermann, Laura Curtis, Michael Campbell, May Dunn, David Hibbert

Recently deceased: Tony Grimwood, Bernadette Seddon (*Bernadette's funeral was held on Wednesday, 8 October at St Joseph's*)

2025 DATES

- Oct World Mission Month
- 19 Oct Mission Day Appeal
- 28 Oct Reconciliation Workshop 1 5.00pm
- 26 Sep Last day School term 3
- 6 Oct Labour day holiday
- 13 Oct First day School term 4
- 1 Nov All Saints Day
- 2 Nov All Souls Day
- 4 Nov Reconciliation Workshop 2 5.00pm
- 9 Nov Supporting our Clergy Campaign
- 11 Nov Celebration of Reconciliation 5.00pm
- 7 Dec St Peter's Christmas lunch
- 16 Nov St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal
- 12 Dec Last day School term 4
- 25 Dec Catholic Charities Appeal
- 17 Jan Women's Tour Down Under Start and finish at Willunga. 11.10am start, 3.02pm finish
- 24 Jan Men's Tour Down Under Finishes Willunga 3.02pm
- 25 Jan Cologne Philharmonia Two concerts at St Joseph's 2.00pm and 7.00pm

COLLECTIONS

27/28 September : 04/05 October
 First collection \$747.00
 Second collection \$585.00
 Envelopes \$395.00
 Catholic Charities \$543.00

(Not including direct credits)

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.



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

*Willunga Catholic Parish is a
welcoming and hope-filled
community led by the Spirit
to love and serve all in faith.*

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- **Aldinga** - Kerri Gould, Lorraine Ellis, Kim Calderbank
- **Willunga** - 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)
- **St Peter's, Normanville** - Please contact Willunga Parish Office (08) 8556 2132 or 0447 421 948

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES

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INTEGRITY & SAFEGUARDING

We are a safeguarding Organisation which is committed to the care, well-being and protection of children, young people and adults at risk. We believe that all God's children, young people and adults at risk have the right to be healthy and safe, and to have their voice heard, respected, and valued. A safe environment for all.

- Michael Hynes (Willunga Parish contact - 0490 677 314)
- Integrity and Safeguarding Dept (8210 8150 - select Option 2)

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GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.'

Now as they were going away they were cleansed.

Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

A PRODIGAL GOD

Dictionaries define "prodigal" as "wastefully extravagant and lavishly abundant." That certainly describes the God that Jesus incarnates and reveals.

We see this in the parable of the Sower. God, the Sower, goes out to sow and he scatters his seed generously, almost wastefully, everywhere – on the road, among the rocks, among the thorns, on bad soil, and on rich soil. No farmer would ever do this. Who would waste seed on soil that can never produce a harvest? God, it seems, doesn't ask that question but simply keeps scattering his seed everywhere, over generously, without calculating whether it is a good investment or not in terms of return. And, it seems, God has an infinite number of seeds to scatter, perpetually, everywhere. God is prodigious beyond imagination.

Among other things, this speaks of God's infinite riches, love, and patience. For us, there is both a huge challenge and a huge consolation in that. The challenge, of course, is to respond to the infinite number of invitations that God scatters on our path from minute to minute.

The consolation is that no matter how many of God's invitations we ignore, there will always be an infinite number of others. No matter how many we've already ignored or turned down, there are new ones awaiting us each minute. When we've gone through 39 days of lent without praying or changing our lives, there's still a 40th day to respond. When we've ignored a thousand invitations, there's still another one waiting. God is prodigal, so are the chances God gives us.

If we look back on our lives and are truly honest, we have to admit that of all the invitations that God has sent us, we've probably accepted and acted on only a fraction of them. There have been countless times we've turned away from an invitation. For every invitation to maturity we've accepted, we've probably turned down a hundred. But that's the beauty and wonder of God's richness. God is not a petty creator and creation, itself, is not a cheap machine with barely enough energy and resources to keep it going. God and nature are prodigal. That's plain everywhere. Millions and millions of life-giving seeds blow everywhere in the world and we need only to pick up a few to become pregnant, fecund, capable of newness, maturity, and of producing life.

Ronald Rolheiser

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(13 - 19 October)

- **Monday, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 28 (Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32)
- **Tuesday, 14:** Weekday, Ord Time 28 (Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41:)
- **Wednesday, 15:** St Teresa of Jesus (Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46)
- **Thursday, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 28 (Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54)
- **Friday, 17:** St Ignatius of Antioch (Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7)
- **Saturday, 18:** St Luke (2 Tim 4:10-17; Lk 10:1-9)
- **Sunday 19:** 29th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tim 3:14 - 4:2; Lk 18:1-8)

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.
In an emergency call Fr Dominick (0421 074 212).