



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

PALM SUNDAY - 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

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied, he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me, They curl their lips, they toss their heads. "He trusted in the Lord, let him save him: let him release him if this is his friend." <R>
2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and

my feet, I can count every one of my bones. <R>

3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! <R>

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. "You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons." <R>

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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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

WEEKEND MASSES

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

12 April 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Julius
13 April 8.30am, N/ville, Fr Julius
10.30am, Willunga, Fr Tom
Easter Triduum
17 April 5.00pm, N/ville, Fr Dominick
(Lord's Supper) 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Julius
7.30pm, Willunga, Fr Tom
18 April 3.00pm, Aldinga, Fr Julius
(Lord's Supper) 3.00pm, Willunga, Fr Tom
5.15pm, N/ville, Fr Dominick
19 April 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Dominick
(V/Mass) 7.30pm, Willunga, Fr Tom
20 Apr 8.30am, Willunga, Fr Tom
(Easter) 10.30am, N/ville, Fr Julius
26 Apr 5.30pm, Aldinga
27 Apr 8.30am, N/ville, Fr Tom
10.30am, Willunga

EASTER MASS TIMES

• **Holy Thursday (17 April)** •
St Peter's, Normanville 5.00pm
Mary of Galilee, Aldinga 5.30pm
St Joseph's, Willunga 7.30pm

• **Good Friday (18 April)** •
Mary of Galilee, Aldinga 3.00pm
St Joseph's, Willunga 3.00pm
St Peter's, Normanville 5.15pm

• **Saturday Vigil (19 April)** •
Mary of Galilee, Aldinga 5.30pm
St Joseph's, Willunga 7.30pm

• **Easter Sunday (20 April)** •
St Joseph's, Willunga 8.30am
St Peter's, Normanville 10.30am
(Normanville Mass will be held at Club Fleurieu, 140-142 Main South Road, Yankalilla)



Today we read The Passion narrative from the Gospel of St Luke. It is not by any means for the fainthearted. Even if it is familiar to us, we should try to remember how extraordinary it is.

The fact that crucifixion was so common in the Roman world should make us pause for a moment. Jesus lived and died in a world in which

people were routinely degraded. He met plenty of them in his travels, people cast by the wayside, and helped many.

For those without power, life was fragile, even cheap. Has much changed? Throughout Lent, Caritas Australia has invited us to share the work of Project Compassion. The stories we have encountered remind us that the world is still an uneven field. Project Compassion invites us to respond in love to free people in captivity to very challenging circumstances. It invites us in a small way to carry the cross, to live in hope of the Resurrection.

Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need. You can support Project Compassion donation boxes, envelopes or online.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at St Luke's, Noarlunga Downs on 27 April starting at 4.30pm. There will be three Priests available for confession from 4.30pm. All parishioners are most welcome.

Dolek Thiele

"THE SOUTHERN CROSS"

The April edition of "The Southern Cross" will be published as an insert in "The Advertiser" on Sat April 12. It will also be delivered to Parishes in time for distribution at Mass centres over Easter.

SPECIAL COLLECTION GOOD FRIDAY

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday (April 18). This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. In 2024 Australian Catholics were once again extremely generous and we were able to send to the Holy Land nearly \$1.5 million.

The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges, financial and spiritual, and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support.

Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday.

UPDATE FROM ALDINGA VINNIES

Vinnies is best known for the help it offers to people in need, but this would be impossible without the generosity and support of the community. We acknowledge with deep appreciation, the kindness and compassion of people here as you reach out to assist not just Vinnies, but also a wide range of other services in the area.

When we sit down with our companions (the people who come for help), we are aware that we are there for the whole community. Companions often tell us of their appreciation for those who stand behind us.

Our core service is the provision of emergency relief. This can include food parcels, vouchers for groceries, assistance with paying utility bills or rent and pharmacy costs. These services aim to alleviate immediate financial pressure and ensure individuals and families have access to essential resources. Beyond immediate relief, we offer practical assistance in navigating complex systems, either on the spot or with referral to qualified professionals. This could be by helping people access government support, find affordable housing, connect with other community services or in



understanding their rights and access the support they are entitled to.

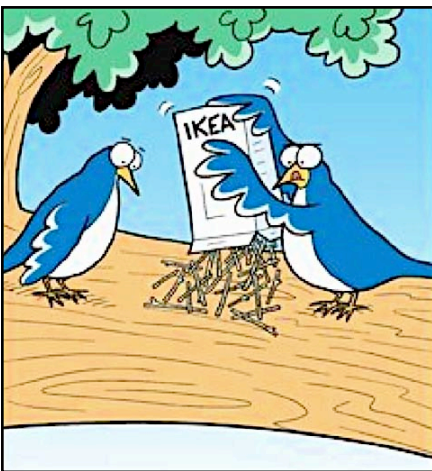
Free dinners are provided every Friday evening at the Aldinga Community Centre. People and families can just turn up and enjoy a nourishing healthy meal, no questions asked.

'Mini Vinnies' at the Galilee Campus, Cardijn College, are an integral part of our work, collecting food during the year for distribution at the Centre and, at Christmas collecting food and toys and packing hampers for needy families.

The Vinnies shop at Colonnades provides affordable clothing and, occasionally, furniture and household items.

The locally based Fleurieu Region Initiative (FRI) is working with the Onkaparinga Council and St Vincent de Paul Housing to provide appropriate housing for homeless and vulnerable-to-homeless people in the Aldinga area.

The emphasis on person-to-person



contact is a hallmark of Vinnies' approach. We seek to treat everyone with dignity and respect, offering a listening ear and a helping hand. This personal touch is vital in building trust and empowering individuals to overcome their challenges.

The Aldinga Conference (local group) is run entirely by volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to making a tangible difference in the lives of those in need within this area. If you would like to know more, wish to contact us to refer someone in need or offer help yourself, or for any reason, please email:

Aldingaconf@svdpsa.org.au or call us Kevin Liston (0411 197 829) or Nicholas Moschakis (0438 886 112).

STATEMENT ON ANTI-SEMITISM

Please find [attached correspondence](#) from Archbishop O'Regan regarding the Archdiocese of Adelaide's response to anti-Semitism.

CHRISM MASS

We welcome all to celebrate Mass of the Oils on Monday April 14 at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 6pm. Please note NO onsite car parking will be available. If you would like more information regarding this event, please contact Community, Life and Worship on 8210 8130.

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 (8210 8220).

ROSTERS

ALDINGA

Welcomer
Commentator
Readers

Eucharistic Minister

Saturday 12 April

André Woodhouse
Chris McWilliams
Michelle Cormack
Cristina Tiedje
Mario Bacchin

Saturday 19 April

André Woodhouse
Chris McWilliams
See special Easter Vigil Roster
Kerri Gould, Mario Bacchin

NORMANVILLE

Welcomer
Commentator
Reader
Data Projector
Altar/Cleaning

Sunday, 13 April

Peter Lloyd
Antoinette Fleming
Thia van Kuyk
Nigel Pile
Patsy, Jim Fitzpatrick

Sunday, 20 April

Tim Fleming
Jim Fitzpatrick
Chris Symes
Thia van Kuyk
Team effort

WILLUNGA

Commentator
Reader
Eucharistic Minister
Flowers
Church Linen

Sunday, 13 April

Marie Andrews
Margaret Guley
Anna Rogers
No flowers - Lent
Anna Rogers

Sunday, 20 April

Vanda Farrall
Michael Hynes
Andrew Beach
Anna Rogers + helpers
Wayne Best

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

Recently deceased: Patsy Manning, Jo-Anne Milen (*funeral at St Joseph's - 16 April at 11.00am*)

Anniversary: Rudi Hermann

2025 DATES

17 Apr	Thursday of Lord's Supper
18 Apr	Good Friday
18 Apr	Holy Places Appeal
19 Apr	Holy Saturday
20 Apr	Easter Sunday
25 Apr	ANZAC Day
27 Apr	Divine Mercy Sunday
28 Apr	First day School term
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

29/30 March : 05/06 April

First collection	\$949.00
Envelopes	\$420.00
Unpledged	\$637.00

(Not including direct credits)

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION

In the event of an emergency please follow the directions of the Commentator, who will act as the Warden and take control of the situation.

When directed to evacuate the building:

- Move quickly and orderly to the nearest safe exit, do not run;
- If required, provide assistance to disabled persons and the elderly;
- Alert the Warden if someone is unable or unwilling to evacuate;
- Proceed to the designated assembly area and await further instructions from the Warden or emergency services;
- Do not re-enter any buildings until advised by the Warden or emergency services.

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

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** - Please contact Willunga Parish Office (08) 8556 2132 or 0447 421 948

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES

Please contact the Parish Office
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SACRAMENTS

For more information please contact:

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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 Parish contact - Michael Hynes or Child Protection Unit (8210 8159).

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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GOSPEL

Luke 22:14-23:56

(heavily abridged)

When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him and the two criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left.

Jesus said, 'Father forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.'

Then they cast lots to share out his clothing.

The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.'

The soldiers mocked him too and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'if you are the king of the Jews, save yourself,' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well,' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said.

'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it; we are paying for what we did. But this man has done no wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

It was now the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour.

The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.' With these words he breathed his last.

I WANNA BE LIKE CHRIST

To me, the whole point of being a Christian is so that I will never have

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.

to stand on the side of Jesus' torturers. If I am true to my faith, then such depravity and inhumanity will be impossible for me. If I follow Jesus' way of love, then I will never be in Pilate's camp, washing my hands of one I know to be innocent. Caiphas and the high priests, with their cowardice and power-mongering, will not be part of my coterie, either. No good people will get sold down the river by me – if I choose to follow Christ.

That's a big if, of course. I fear that without vigilance, I could become one of these dealers in death. We all may be capable of such extreme acts of sin – think of torturers in prisons since the beginning of time. If we constantly and consistently choose to deny God's loving presence in our lives, we will become our own worst enemies.

So I am committed to keeping God before me and taking up my cross each day. It's true that by following Jesus, I must bear ridicule, swallow my pride, go against the status quo, fight social injustice, show extreme mercy, and, all in all, do things that do not come easy for me. But, the good news is: I will save my soul in the process. Better than losing my soul, which, as Jesus showed us, is a fate worse than death – even death on a cross.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(14 - 20 April)

- **Monday, 14:** Monday of Holy Week (Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11)
- **Tuesday, 15:** Tuesday of Holy Week (Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38)
- **Wednesday, 16:** Wednesday of Holy Week (Is 50:4-9; Mt 26:14-25)

SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

- **Thursday, 17:** Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15)
- **Friday, 18:** Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19;42)
- **Saturday, 19:** Holy Saturday Vigil
- **Sunday 20:** Sunday of the Resurrection