



Welcome to

# Willunga Catholic Parish

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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

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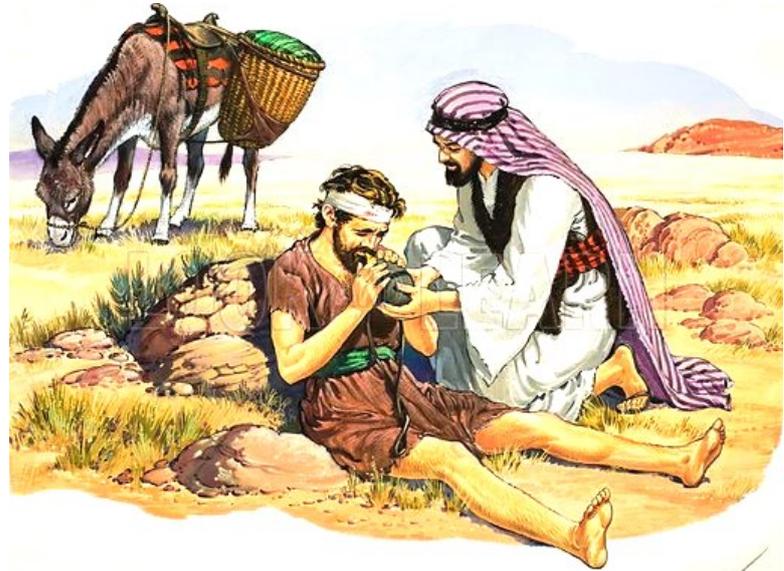
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## MASS CENTRES

- 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

*Deuteronomy 30:10-14*

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37*

*Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.*

1. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails; Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion turn towards me <R>
2. As for me in my poverty and pain let your help, O God, lift me up. I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving. <R>

3. The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. <R>
4. For God will bring help to Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah. The sons of his servants shall inherit it' those who love his name shall dwell there. <R>

## SECOND READING

*Colossians 1:15-20*

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Jn 6:63, 68*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.*

*Alleluia!*



# Bulletin Board

## the LORD MASS TIMES 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)*

12 Jul 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Tom  
13 Jul 8.30am, N/ville, Fr Julius  
10.30am, Willunga, Fr Tom  
19 Jul 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Julius  
20 Jul 8.30am, Willunga, Fr Julius  
10.30am, N/ville, Fr Tom  
26 Jul 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Tom  
27 Jul 8.30am, N/ville, Fr Julius  
10.30am, Willunga, Fr Julius

## FR DOMINICK ON LEAVE

Fr Dominick will be on leave for five weeks, beginning on 4 July. Fr Julius will be filling in for him during that time.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend (12/13 July) we will have a combined collection to support the NATSICC Appeal and Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) Appeals. The funds raised will be divided between these two worthy causes.

## SCAM EMAIL WARNING

Church Office has had reports of scam emails purporting to be from Archbishop O'Regan and requesting a meeting with the recipient. These scam emails are coming from a 'gmail account' and are definitely NOT from the Archbishop. If you have any concerns, please check with Church Office on 08 8210 8210

## BLESSING OF MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES Sunday September 21, 2025

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), please let Gael (0447 421 948) know the details, so they may be acknowledged at the Anniversaries Mass in September.

## THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The July edition of The Southern Cross is available in parishes this weekend. This month's edition has a centre-spread infographic on the 2026 Diocesan Synod and all the latest news from parishes and schools.

## HOW THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN RELATES TO LIFE TODAY

The term "Good Samaritan" today refers to a person who helps others in a random act of kindness. It originated from the Parable of the Good Samaritan, a story that is very familiar to Christians.

In the story, a Jew was robbed and left to die by his assailants. Two highly respected men, the Priest and the Levite passed by him but decided to walk away. Then a Samaritan came along. Unlike the other two, he tended to the man's wounds and brought him to an inn. Then he gave money to the innkeeper saying, "Look after him and when I return, I will reimburse you for any expense you may have incurred".

What makes this story very compelling is that Jews and Samaritans are historical enemies. Jews don't talk to Samaritans as they consider them renegades. And this enmity is returned by the Samaritans.

But what has a thousand-year-old story got to do with us? Like any parable, Jesus used this story to teach us lessons about life and about God. Below are some of the most valuable lessons culled from the Good Samaritan parable that relates to our daily life today.

### *Help when you've seen someone in need of help*

In this our generation, that half-dead man's photos would end up in social media before he even gets to the hospital. Everybody would take pictures but very few would actually dare or reach out to help. We'll feel sorry and sympathise with the half dead man but not get involved in helping. Now, are we the good Samaritan or are we the men who walked away?

### *Race shouldn't be a barrier*

Xenophobia and racial differences have been a great divider among nations. Since the ancient times to the present, we tend to distrust others who don't look like us or sound like us or speak our language.

But the Samaritan didn't care about race. He showed us that racism has no place in charity. And that we should help others regardless of where they come from or what they believe in. After all, we are all created equal: no one race is superior nor inferior from the other. And at the end of the day, we all belong to the same race, Humanity.

### *Be kind - even to your haters*

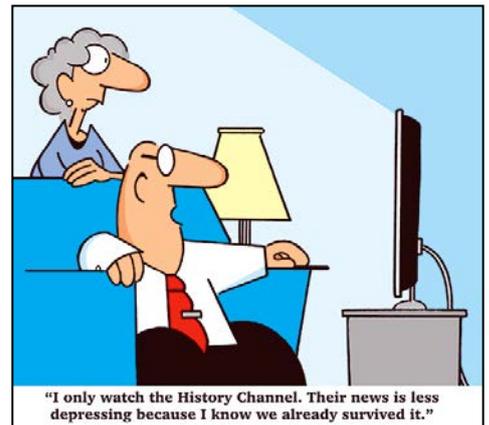
Have you ever wished ill of your enemy? Admit it or not, at some point in our lives we've all done that. Sometimes, the temptation to take revenge on our enemies is just so strong and difficult to resist.

The civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr famously said on the parable of the Good Samaritan, "I imagine that the first question the Priest and Levite asked was: 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?' But by the very nature of his concern, the good Samaritan reversed the question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?'"

Consider putting yourself in the Samaritan's shoes. What would you have thought of first? The fact that he's from a different race or that he is dying and needs help?

### **Help at every point is time without expecting anything in return**

Be honest with yourself, would you help someone if you know they will never be able to return the favour? If you answered yes, then good for you. But most of us wouldn't.

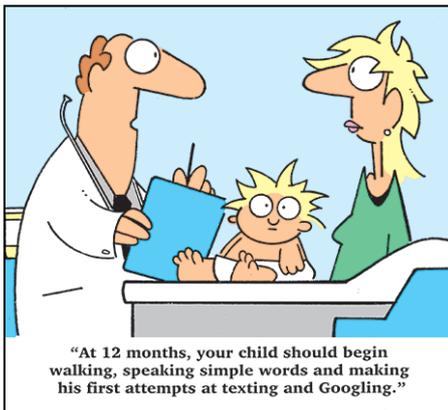


Most of us help because we are expecting a reward of some sort. We return a lost wallet and expect the owner to reward us. We help our friends because we assume that they'll also help us when we are in need. But, in doing so, we create a world where we only help "our kind" and those who are "one of us". There is not much incentive to helping strangers if we know we can get nothing from them. The Samaritan knew that the wounded man may never help him in return. Yet, he pressed on because he knew that was the right thing to do.

Being a Good Samaritan in its modern-day context is hard. Most of the time, we are so wrapped up in our own lives that we forget about our less fortunate brethren. But you can still fix that.

I'd implore each and everyone of us to imbibe the character of the good Samaritan, by so doing we'd make the world a much better place.

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## ROSTERS

### ALDINGA

Welcomer  
Commentator  
Readers  
Eucharistic Minister

### Saturday 12 July

André Woodhouse  
Cristina Tiedje  
Brigid Grimwood  
Ken Creevey  
Kerri Gould

### Saturday 19 July

André Woodhouse  
Michelle Cormack  
Rod Boucher  
Vivi Boucher  
Maria Jarvis-Maack

### NORMANVILLE

Welcomer  
Commentator  
Reader  
Data Projector  
Altar/Cleaning

### Sunday, 13 July

Peter Bohnsack  
Trish Bohnsack  
Jim Fitzpatrick  
Nigel Pile  
Chris Symes, Anna Vnuk

### Sunday, 20 July

Rita Steller  
Chris Symes  
Ann Henriksen  
Thia van Kuyk  
Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery

### WILLUNGA

Commentator  
Reader  
Eucharistic Minister  
Flowers  
Church Linen

### Sunday, 13 July

Marie Andrews  
Vanda Farrall  
Wayne Best  
Anna Rogers  
Margaret Guley

### Sunday, 20 July

Ian La Ronde  
Marie Andrews  
Viv Zagajewska  
Anna Rogers  
Margaret Guley

## WCCM SOUTH AUSTRALIA COMMUNITY DAY

*Saturday Aug 2, 11.00am – 3.00pm  
The Buddhist Monk who Loves Jesus*

Guest Speaker— *Thầy Thông Pháp*, Meditator in the Buddhist and Christian traditions - at Semaphore Uniting Church, 146 Semaphore Road, Exeter.

*Thầy* will give an account of his spiritual journey beginning as a Methodist, to a monastic in the Anglican tradition, then, losing his faith and ending up as a Buddhist Monk who loves Jesus.

Please bring a plate of vegetarian lunch (for sharing), your own cup and water bottle. Suggested Donation \$15. To find out more information or register at [chr.med.southaust@gmail.com](mailto:chr.med.southaust@gmail.com)

## ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

The South Sudanese and Congolese community will have an Ecumenical Prayer Service for peace, unity and harmony and in response to the recent situations in South Sudan and in Congo. You're invited to join us for this Ecumenical Prayer Service for Peace at 1pm on Saturday July 26 in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Wakefield Street, Adelaide.

This special event aims to promote peace and harmony for the South Sudanese and Congolese communities. Through prayer, reflection and unity we'll come together to foster a sense of community and shared purpose. We invite you to join us as we celebrate our diversity and work towards a common goal of peace and reconciliation. See flyer on noticeboard. All are welcome!

## PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Michael Casey, Kathy Ralston, John Tregagle, Karoline Hermann, Marie Cester, Laura Curtis

## 2025 DATES

20 Jul Stella Maris - Sea Sunday  
21 Jul First day School term 3  
10 Aug Vocations Appeal  
Sep Catholic Charities Month  
Oct World Mission Month  
19 Oct Mission Day Appeal  
26 Sep Last day School term 3  
6 Oct Labour day holiday  
13 Oct First day School term 4  
9 Nov Supporting our Clergy Campaign  
16 Nov St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal  
12 Dec Last day School term 4  
25 Dec Catholic Charities Special Appeal

## CARITAS AUSTRALIA APPEALS FOR SUPPORT FOR AMPUTEES IN GAZA

The UN described Gaza as being "home to the largest cohort of child amputees in modern history". As of April, the UN reported that 4,500 people have become amputees due to the current conflict.

Donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. [www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or phone 1800 024 413

## A MARIAN RETREAT WEEKEND

The Hectorville Parish invites men and women of all ages to a Marian Retreat Weekend with the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary at the Annunciation Church, Hectorville.

- Friday August 22 – HOLY HOUR 7.00pm to 8.00pm (followed by supper and fellowship for young adults in the hall)
- Saturday August 23 – RETREAT DAY 9.00am to 3.00pm. A day of prayer, formation and fellowship with the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary open to men and women of all ages.

Morning tea and lunch is included. \$20 Registration fee (inclusive of lunch). To register for this event please click [here](#).

**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**

Please contact the Parish Office  
(8556 2132 or 0447 421 948)

#### **SACRAMENTS**

For more information please contact:

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8556 2132, 0447 421 948
- or*
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[08] 8550 2200

#### **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.

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

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#### **GOSPEL**

**Luke 10:25-37**

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?'

He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

#### **THE RAILWAY STATION SAMARITAN**

It was just another Monday morning in the city – rushing crowds, earbuds in, coffee in hand, everyone in their own world.

Jamal was late for work. Again. He sprinted through the railway station, dodging tourists and commuters. As he rounded the corner of the platform, he saw a guy slumped against the wall. Torn hoodie. Blood on his lip. No phone, no bag, no shoes. People glanced, then looked away. The rush was louder than the need.

A businesswoman in a sharp suit walked

past, phone to ear. She paused, frowned, then kept moving. "Someone else will deal with it," Jamal heard her say. A guy in a clerical collar – a pastor maybe? – walked by, pulling his coat tighter, whispering a prayer but not stopping.

Jamal almost kept going too. He didn't have time. He didn't have answers. He didn't even know if it was safe. But something tugged at him. He stopped. Took a breath. Sat down next to the man.

"Hey," Jamal said gently. "You okay?"

The man groaned. His name was Daniel. He'd been jumped the night before. Lost everything. No ID, no one to call. Just pain, hunger, and silence.

Jamal called an Uber, helped Daniel up, and took him to a nearby clinic. Waited with him. Bought him lunch. Paid for a clean hoodie from the Vinnies shop next door. He even asked a friend who worked at a shelter to help him find a place to stay that night.

He didn't fix everything. But he did what he could. He showed up. He stayed.

Later, Jamal posted on his feed: "Today I was late for work. But maybe right on time for something more important. Kindness isn't convenient. But it's always worth it."

Sometimes being a good neighbour means stopping when it's easier to walk past. It's not about being perfect. It's about being present.

#### **THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

(14 - 20 July)

- **Monday, 14:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34-11:1)
- **Tuesday, 15:** St Bonaventure (Ex 2:1-15; Mt 11:20-24)
- **Wednesday, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27)
- **Thursday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30)
- **Friday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Ex 11:10 - 12:14; Mt 12:1-8)
- **Saturday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21)
- **Sunday 20:** 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Gen 18:1-10; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42)

#### **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 Julius (0455 878 907).