



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 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

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 65:1-7,16,20

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

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REGULAR MASS TIMES

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
1st Fri 9.00am - Willunga
12.00noon - Normanville

WEEKEND MASSES

(Times on front page of this bulletin)

PRIEST ROSTER WEEKENDS

(This roster may change if something unforeseen crops up)

13 May 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy
14 May 8.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy
10.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom
20 May 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy
21 May 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick
10.30am - N/ville, Fr Dominick
27 May 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
28 May 8.30am - N/ville, Fr Dominick
10.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth. The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

DINNER AT 'THE ALMA'

Saturday 20 May
6.30pm for 6.45pm start

If you would like to enjoy a three-course meal, while helping to celebrate Sr Margaret Ann's 80th birthday, please get in touch with:

Chris McWilliams (0451 144 776), Patsy/Jim Fitzpatrick (0409 336 328), Anna Rogers (0414 266 528) or Gael Maloney (0447 421 948) for more details and to RSVP.

We need definite numbers (and payment) this weekend - 14th May.



MAY MASS COUNTS

This year, attendance counts are to be conducted over the four weekends of May, being the 6/7, 13/14, 20/21 and 27/28 in all Parish Mass Centres.

PATRICK O'DONNELL'S CONCERNS

On 6 February 1872, Willunga bootmaker, Patrick O'Donnell, wrote to the editor of "The Irish Harp" and "Farmers' Herald" bemoaning the state of St Joseph's cemetery:

THE WILLUNGA CEMETERY to the editor.

Sir — Will you allow me through your columns to draw attention to the present disgraceful condition of our cemetery.

During Father Theodore's stay at Willunga, as is well known, the cemetery was kept in good order, in fact, it was like a flower garden. Now both cattle and fowls are allowed to roam at large within the sacred enclosure, and the consequence is that the graves are desecrated by the cattle and fowls, and many of them are now only distinguishable by their head stones. As I with many others have incurred considerable expense in enclosing and decorating the plots where the remains of our friends and relatives are deposited, we naturally feel aggrieved at seeing the place torn up and made like a barren waste. It is shocking to any decent mind to see the graves trodden level with the ground and the last resting places of those dear to us, defiled by the droppings of cattle, and torn and defaced by fowls. Yours respectfully,
P. O'DONNELL

This concern of O'Donnell falls among dramatic happenings in the Willunga parish in 1872. About a month earlier, in December 1871, the Willunga presbytery had become the home and workplace of Adelaide's Bishop Sheil, who was dealing with declining health. Previously, in September 1871, Sheil had excommunicated Mother Mary McKillop. By the time of Patrick's complaint, he had instructed his assistant, Father Horan, to lift the censure of excommunication and, on 21 February 1872, as Mary was on her way to Willunga to meet with the Bishop, Fr Horan met and absolved her in St Mary's church, Morphett Vale. Bishop Sheil died in Willunga

on March 1.

At this time, 28 year old Fr James Quinlan had been Willunga's parish priest for a year, having arrived in Australia about 4 years earlier. He and the congregation must have been extremely busy coping with these politics, an ailing bishop, his entourage and constant official visitors. One can understand why the cemetery was low on the list!

However, Patrick's anxiety was understandable. His 29 year old wife, Susan, had died in 1868 and was buried in St Joseph's cemetery. She left four young children, aged from 10 months to about 9 years old. Fr Theodore, mentioned by Patrick in the letter, was Fr Theodore Bongear, who was at Willunga from 24 March 1866 to 8 May 1868. He had probably buried Susan, although this is not recorded in the St Joseph's Register. Fr Theodore had recorded that he baptised Patrick and Susan's fourth child, Daniel, on 11 May 1867.



Fr Theodore Bongear

Patrick had marked his wife's grave with a slate headstone. Among the many unmarked graves in the cemetery from that period, Susan's slate headstone and footstone can still be seen -decorated and inscribed by William Hawken, one of Willunga's four slate carvers.



Patrick remarried, to Ann, who was born in 1837. She died on 30 June 1897. Patrick died on 3 June 1917. Their deaths are not recorded in the Willunga Registers or in the cemetery.

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Laurence Bonaventure Sheil, *Australian Dictionary of Biography*. (anu.edu.au)
St Joseph's Parish Birth Register
The Late Right Rev. Bishop Sheil. 1872, March 4. *The South Australian Advertiser*:p.3.
The Willunga Cemetery. 1872, February 10. *The Irish Harp and Farmers' Herald*, p.3.
Willunga National Trust *May DeCaux collection*

-14-2 Michelle Cormack

**WILLUNGA PARISH
PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Introducing Willunga PPC Members
(2023-2025)

- **Mary of Galilee, Aldinga**
Kerri Gould
Lorraine Ellis
Kim Calderbank
- **St Joseph's, Willunga**
Rick Zagajewski
+ One to be confirmed
- **St Peter's, Normanville**
Nigel Pile
Christopher Symes

NIGERIA CAMPAIGN

The Catholic Charity *Aid to the Church in Need* has launched their "Nigeria: Young. Faithful. Crucified" global campaign. Did you know that in 2022 a total of 5,014 Christians were killed for their faith in Nigeria? These were not Nigerians who happened to be Christian, but rather, their allegiance to the Lord saw them face a brutal death. This is a Church being crucified with Christ. To watch testimonies and to make an offering visit www.aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal



Above: A photograph of the incredibly rare Scottish Hummingbird

**MANDATED NOTIFIER
BRIEFING**

You may not be aware that since 2017, all volunteers in Parishes are mandated notifiers by law, irrespective if they have a role with children or not.

To ensure we have the necessary skills to identify and respond appropriately, we invite 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 in our Parish on Thursday, July 6 from 10.30am - 12.00noon in St Joseph's Hall, Willunga. More details later.

**WORLD
COMMUNICATIONS DAY**

The Catholic Church in Australia celebrates World Communications Day on the Sixth Sunday of Easter (May 14 this year).

Pope Francis' message this year has the theme 'Speaking with the heart: The truth in love'. Access the Pope's message at: <https://bit.ly/2023WCD>

MUSIC OF HOPE

The Cathedral of St Francis Xavier's Choir, the Choir of Holy Cross and the Flinders University Chamber Ensemble present a concert featuring Music of Hope.

- Sunday June 18, 12.30pm at Holy Cross Church, Goodwood.
 - Friday June 23, 7pm at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Adelaide.
- Co-directed by Arthur Siow and Timothy Davey.

ROSTERS

ALDINGA *Saturday 13 May*
Welcomer Lorraine & Noah Ellis
Commentator Michelle Cormack
Readers Ken Creevey
Brianna McIver
Eucharistic Minister Kerri Gould

Saturday 20 May
Rose Sulda
Chris McWilliams
Michelle Cormack
Tricia Dundon
Brigid Grimwood

NORMANVILLE *Sunday, 14 May*
Welcomer Rita Steller
Commentator Michael Steller
Reader Jim Fitzpatrick
Altar/Cleaning Trish Bohnsack, Rita Steller

Sunday, 21 May
Tim Fleming
Antoinette Fleming
Nigel Pile
Trish Bohnsack, Rita Steller

WILLUNGA *Sunday, 14 May*
Commentator Michael Hynes
Reader Chris Dzamko
Eucharistic Minister Norman Lee
Flowers Tony Harding
Church Linen Wayne Best

Sunday, 21 May
Wayne Best
Mare Cester
Anna Rogers
Anna Rogers
Margaret Guley

**PLEASE KEEP THESE
PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Sick: Muriel Smith, Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre Boyd, Derek Wade

Recently deceased: Fr John Chambers

Anniversaries: Mary O'Brien, Patricia Harwood

DATES

- 14 May Mothers' Day
- 14 May Vinnies Winter Appeal
- 20 May Dinner at the Alma Hotel
- 11 Jun Holy Father's Appeal
- 12 Jun King's birthday holiday
- 25 Jun Sea Sunday Appeal
- 2 Jul NATSICC Appeal
- 7 Jul Last day School term 2
- 24 Jul First day School term 3
- 8 Aug St Mary of the Cross feast
- 13 Aug Vocations Appeal
- 15 Aug Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sep Catholic Charities Month
- 3 Sep Fathers' Day
- 29 Sep Last day School term 3
- 2 Oct Labour Day
- 16 Oct First day School term 4
- 22 Oct World Mission Day
- 12 Nov Vinnies Christmas Appeal
- 15 Dec Last day School term 4
- 25 Dec Catholic Charities Appeal

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL
WINTER APPEAL**



Envelopes for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal will be distributed this weekend for collection next weekend. There will also be a Special Collection next weekend, for people who prefer to donate in this way. Please give generously.

In particular, women over 55 are experiencing homelessness at alarming rates. Right now, in Australia, we're experiencing a range of crises: the escalating cost of living, a shortage in affordable housing, gender inequality which negatively impacts women's superannuation savings, and a rise in elder abuse, a form of family violence.

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 12/05/23)



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

CHOICES, CHOICES, CHOICES

There are trade-offs. We make them all the time. You can choose to wait for the train or drive. The train might be running late, so you could be in the cold for a long time, or it may be uncomfortably crowded. Then again, it is cheaper than driving and often faster with less stress.

If you choose to drive, you may get stuck in traffic, burning petrol and polluting the air. Or if you are lucky, the road is open and you speed to your destination uninterrupted from door to door in no time at all.

Some of the early disciples felt that Jesus' return after his Ascension into heaven was imminent, so they wanted to wait for him in prayer. Others began to understand it through the Holy Spirit, Christ would come into their hearts and be with them in a special way. God's love would bind them together. So they went about healing and calling down the Spirit to be with those who had been baptised.

Two thousand years later, we still wait for Jesus' coming. But we have not been left orphans. We see and find Jesus' loving presence all around us. The trade-off is simple. We choose to believe, and so we live out the commandments. And in return, Jesus Christ lives in us.

GPBS eNews

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'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

DIVORCED?

WHERE DO I STAND NOW?

Q: I am recently divorced. Can I still receive Communion?

A: In short, yes. It is important to understand that divorce itself is not the sin, as many assume. You are still able to receive communion. You are not to receive communion if you remarry without an annulment. That is why we invite you to come and see us.

Q: I already have a civil divorce so why do I need an annulment? What is the difference?

A: According to Canon Law Canon 1061 states, marriage possesses the favor of law; therefore, in a case of doubt, the validity of a marriage must be upheld until the contrary is proven. A divorce decree is a civil document that is not affiliated with the Church. A civil divorce does not signify the end of a sacramental marriage and put simply, it is a civil law document that states you are free to marry only according to civil law, while the Church believes your marriage is permanent until the contrary is proven. The Tribunal assesses the validity of your marriage according to Civil Law through the process of an annulment, and if successful, you are declared 'free to marry' again in the Catholic Church.

Q: I want to get an annulment but don't agree to involving my ex-partner. Will the annulment proceed without contacting him or her?

A: Whilst we appreciate that most divorce cases involve a great deal of pain and conflict, we have an obligation under Canon Law to inform the other party that an application for nullity has been requested. We ask you to provide us with an address or contact details. In many cases, Respondents choose not to participate. You will not be required to have any contact with the Respondent during the process.

Q: I am getting married in 3 months time. Will my annulment be processed by then?

A: An annulment is not guaranteed and so to avoid disappointment and other losses, no wedding arrangements can take place until a decision is made. On average, each case takes between 6-8 months to complete, depending on the complexity of the case and the willingness of witnesses and parties to cooperate.

Q: Okay, I think I want to go ahead and start an application. Who do I speak to?

A: Please contact our office (Monday - Friday between 9.00am-5.00pm) on (08) 8210 8225 and we will be happy to guide you from there.

*Inter-diocesan Tribunal of Adelaide
(SA and NT)*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(15 - 21 May)

- **Monday, 15:** Monday 6th week Easter (Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4)
- **Tuesday, 16:** Tuesday 6th week Easter (Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11)
- **Wednesday, 17:** Wednesday 6th week Easter (Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15)
- **Thursday, 18:** Thursday 6th week Easter (Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20)
- **Friday, 19:** Friday 6th week Easter (Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23)
- **Saturday, 20:** Saturday 6th week Easter (Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28)
- **Sunday 21:** The ASCENSION of the LORD (Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20)

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.