



Welcome to

# Willunga Catholic Parish

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

**THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS - YEAR C**

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## **PARISH OFFICE**

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## **PARISH TEAM CONTACTS**

- Fr Dominick Okwadha (Parish Administrator - 8382 1717; in an emergency 0421 074 212; [okwadha@yahoo.com](mailto:okwadha@yahoo.com))
- Fr Julius Nyandiga (Acting Parish Administrator - 0421 074 212; [juuliusphilip122@yahoo.com](mailto:juuliusphilip122@yahoo.com)) (Fr Julius on leave until October.)
- Fr Tom Gleeson (Resident Priest - [tegleeson@bigpond.com](mailto:tegleeson@bigpond.com))
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- Parish Finance Officer - Thia van Kuyk (0428 238 397, [tntvank65@gmail.com](mailto:tntvank65@gmail.com))

## **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)



**THAT THE WORLD  
MIGHT BE SAVED  
THROUGH HIM**

## **FIRST READING**

*Numbers 21:4-9*

On the way through the wilderness the Israelites lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.'

At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Ps 77:1 - 2, 34 - 38*

*Do not forget the works of the Lord!*

1. Give heed, my people, to my teaching; turn your ear to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable and reveal hidden lessons of the past. <R>
2. When he slew them then they would seek him, return and seek him in earnest. They would remember that God was their rock, God the Most High their redeemer. <R>

3. But the words they spoke were mere flattery; they lied to him with their lips. For their hearts were not truly with him; they were not faithful to his covenant. <R>

4. Yet he who is full of compassion forgave their sin and spared them. So often he held back his anger when he might have stirred up his rage. <R>

## **SECOND READING**

*Philippians 2:6-11*

The state of Jesus Christ was divine, yet he 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 name 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.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world.*

*Alleluia!*

## **GOSPEL**

*John 3:13-17*

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from  
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# 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)*

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

## ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr Julius is on leave until October.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

## BLESSING OF MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*Sunday September 21, 2025*

Celebrations of significant wedding anniversaries will be held next weekend in local Parish communities.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

We extend a warm welcome to children from any schools in our Parish to join us. Please contact Kim Calderbank (08 8550 2200).

### *Sacramental Program Dates*

- Reconciliation Workshop 1  
Tuesday 28 October 5.00pm
- Workshop 2  
Tuesday 4 November 5.00pm
- Celebration of Reconciliation  
Tuesday 11 November 5.00pm

## PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL

At the August meeting we discussed the new positions of Parish Secretary and Parish Pastoral Associate.

We also discussed the need for more volunteers at each Mass Centre to support with various ministries such as Readers, Eucharistic ministers, Welcomers, and commentators.

We are also looking for more

members to be part of the Parish Pastoral Council. If you are interested, please speak to one of your local members.

We would like to highlight the social events on offer in the Parish including ladies' lunch and coffee after Mass. Thank you for those providing these opportunities and helping to build our community. *Kerri Gould (PPC Chair)*

## 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.

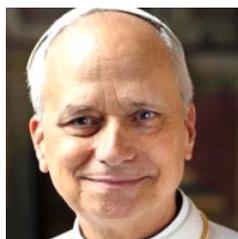
Calendars cost \$9.00 each. Please contact Gael Maloney (0447 421 948) if you would like to place an order.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES GOLF DAY

The Annual Catholic Charities Golf Day will be played at the Patawalonga Golf Course, Military Road, West Beach on Monday, 13 October with a shotgun start at 8.00am. A Luncheon will follow the golf at approx. 1.00pm.

The event is an ambrose competition. Please consider arranging a group of four players to assist with aiding the very worthy cause - Catholic Charities. Alternatively enter as a single player and we will arrange a team for you.

Enquiries may be made to Peter McCarthy (0448 017 256) or [pmcc5061@bigpond.com](mailto:pmcc5061@bigpond.com)



## HOLY FATHER'S 2025 PRAYER INTENTIONS: FOR SEPTEMBER

*For our relationship  
with all of creation*

Let us pray that inspired by St Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

**A little giving goes a long way**

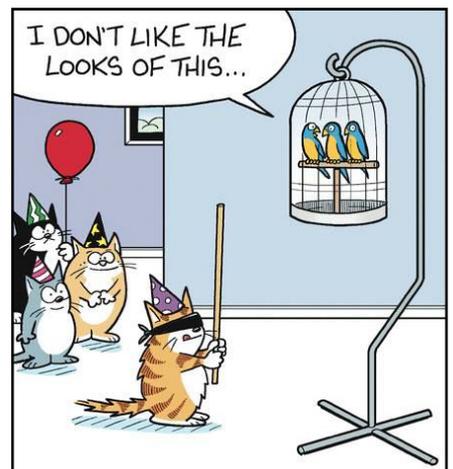
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**2025 Appeal**

## SEPTEMBER IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES MONTH

*Help make a difference to  
the lives of South Australians.*

In the month of September, we are promoting the Catholic Charities Appeal which supports the following agencies in South Australia: Hutt St Centre, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Centacare Catholic Family Services, Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's Special Schools. Please take an envelope with you to find out more about the September Appeal.

Donations can be made via the reply-paid slip on the envelope or online at <https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/qr/cc>.





## DISCOVER PALMS VOLUNTEERING

*Develop community self-reliance and create lasting change!*

Discover Palms International Volunteering [online](#) in this special session where you'll chat with past Palms volunteers and hear how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities. Explore our [unique opportunities](#) and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!



**Venue:** Online - Scan the QR or register at [palms.org.au/events](http://palms.org.au/events)  
**Date:** Thursday 30 October  
**Time:** 7.00pm – 8.30pm AEDT (NSW/VIC/ACT/TAS)  
for more information please contact: 02 9560 5333 [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)

### THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

had its beginnings in Jerusalem. But what it celebrates is universal and takes us into the heart of God. It invites us to reflect on the central importance of Jesus' crucifixion in Christian faith. It reminds us that Jesus loved us enough to die a painful and dehumanising death in being faithful to the mission that God had given him. He embodied God's love for human beings.

The cross celebrates Jesus' triumph of life over death in rising from the dead. It also marks the promise that we shall share in his life with God. The feast of the Cross is really a feast of God's love for us shown in Jesus'

life. The Cross itself is a symbol of the life that is more powerful than pain and death.

Last century, Pope St John XXIII brought together the feasts in the liturgy of the Western Catholic Church into a single celebration of the Exaltation of the Cross on September 14 each year.

Fr Andrew Hamilton

### KIDS' CORNER

God gave Moses a big task. Moses was to lead people through the desert for forty years. Deserts are hot and dry. It is hard to find food there. I would have been cranky and hard to get along with. I would probably have misunderstood what God wanted from me. But Moses reminded everyone that God is good. God had huge plans for God's people; they just had very little trust in God.

Trusting God can be hard for anybody. But we need to remember that God has huge plans for us too! Trust in Jesus and he will show you the way.



### ROSTERS

**ALDINGA** *Saturday 13 September*  
Welcomer André Woodhouse  
Commentator Michelle Cormack  
Readers David Manders  
Carla Thomas  
Eucharistic Minister Maria Jarvis-Maack

*Saturday 20 September*  
André Woodhouse  
Chris McWilliams  
Rod Boucher  
Vivi Boucher  
Kerri Gould

**NORMANVILLE** *Sunday, 14 September*  
Welcomer Peter Lloyd  
Commentator Jim Fitzpatrick  
Reader Anna Vnuk  
Data Projector Nigel Pile  
Altar/Cleaning Chris Symes, Anna Vnuk

*Sunday, 21 September*  
Tim Fleming  
Ann Henriksen  
Niel Pile  
Thia van Kuyk  
Chris Symes, Anna Vnuk

**WILLUNGA** *Sunday, 14 September*  
Commentator Garry Triffett  
Reader John Tregeagle  
Eucharistic Minister Viv Zagajewska  
Flowers Volunteer please  
Church Linen Margaret Guley

*Sunday, 21 September*  
Ian La Ronde  
Andrew Beach  
Norman Lee  
Tony Harding  
Volunteer please

### PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Healing list:** Michael Casey, Kathy Ralston, John Tregeagle, Karoline Hermann, Laura Curtis, Michael Campbell, Marie Andrews, May Dunn, David Hibbert

**Recently deceased:** Ken Creevey

### 2025 DATES

- 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 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

**30/31 August : 06/07 September**  
First collection \$894.00  
Second collection \$518.00  
Envelopes \$475.00  
(Not including direct credits)  
Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.

### RALLY ON PARLIAMENT STEPS

**Wednesday 17 September - 5.30pm**  
In the past year 48 babies died by late term abortions, 34 of them were perfectly healthy. On 17 September Sarah Game MP will introduce a bill to parliament stopping the abortion of healthy viable babies after 23 weeks, up to birth. Since abortion to birth became law in July 2022, 79 healthy babies have been brutally killed by injecting poison directly into their hearts with no anaesthetic. The lives of three quarters of the mothers were not at risk. Other alternatives for the parents must be sought.

All Australians are invited to join a public rally on the steps of Parliament House on Wednesday 17 September at 5.30pm, the day the bill will be tabled. Easy free travel by train.

Christine McWilliams  
0451 144 776

## 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  
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### SACRAMENTS

For more information please contact:

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

### 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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heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven; and the Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.'

### THE LIGHT ON THE FOOTY FIELD

It was a Friday night, and the local footy oval was buzzing. Families sat on the sidelines with hot chips, kids ran around with their jumper half on, and the floodlights shown down bright. In the middle of the field, Kai, a Year 9 student, was having a rough game. He'd missed a kick, missed a pass, and by halftime, he was on the bench with his head in his hands.

He muttered to himself, "I'm useless. Everyone must think I'm a joke."

From the stands, his dad noticed. He walked down, crouched beside him, and said quietly, "Mate, no matter how many goals you kick or how many mistakes you make, you're my son. Nothing changes that. I love you. Just give it your best, that's all I ask."

Something in Kai shifted. He jogged back onto the field – not suddenly perfect, but lighter. He played with freedom, laughed with his teammates, and even managed a decent kick or two. He knew he was loved, no matter the scoreboard.

That moment is a glimpse of what Jesus is saying in John 3: 13 - 17. God doesn't love us because we're flawless, or because we "score goals" in life. God loves us because we are God's children. God sent Jesus not to condemn us for our dropped marks or mistakes, but to lift us up, to show us what eternal life looks like – a life where we know we're loved beyond measure.

For families, for schools, for parishes, this story is real. Kids, parents, teachers, parishioners – we all have days when we feel like we've failed,

like we don't measure up. But the heart of our faith is this: "God so loved the world that God sent us Jesus." That love is steady. That love heals. That love gives us the courage to get back out there, live fully, and share hope with others.

*GPBS eNews*

### SIGNS OF HOPE IN OUR HOMES

Jesus points us to a love that is greater than anything we can imagine – a love that heals, restores, and lifts us up. For the people of Israel in the desert, looking up to the bronze serpent became a moment of hope and survival. For us today, looking up to Christ on the cross reminds us that God meets us in our struggles and offers us a way forward.

In our families, in our parishes, and in our busy, sometimes messy lives, we are called to be signs of that same hope. Whether it's the way we forgive, the way we encounter one another, or the way we gather at Mass, we can help each other see Christ more clearly.

Faith isn't just about the next life – Jesus reminds us that eternal life begins now. Every time we choose kindness over resentment, patience over frustration, or generosity over self-interest, we lift up Christ in our homes and communities. And in doing so, we help our children, friends, and neighbours discover the God who brings life in abundance.

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

*(15 - 21 September)*

- **Monday, 15:** Our Lady of Sorrows (Heb 5:7-9; Jn 19:25-27)
- **Tuesday, 16:** Sts Cornelius and Cyprian (1 Tim 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17)
- **Wednesday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Tim 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35)
- **Thursday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Tim 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50)
- **Friday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Tim 6:2-12; Lk 8:1-3)
- **Saturday, 20:** Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang & companions (1 Tim 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15)
- **Sunday 21:** 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord Time Amos 8:4-7; 1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13)

### 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).