



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

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PARISH OFFICE

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

- Fr Josy Sebastian
(Fr Josy is on leave until February)
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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

Jeremiah 17:5-8

The Lord says this:
'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 1:1-4

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

1. Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. <R>
2. He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. <R>

3. Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of

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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)

15 Feb 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Dominick
16 Feb 8.30am, Willunga, Fr Dominick
10.30am, N/ville, Fr Josy
22 Feb 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Tom
23 Feb 8.30am, N/ville, Fr Dominick
10.30am, Willunga, Fr Tom

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the same of your name,

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CAMPAIGN

We can Build a Fairer Australia. In the coming months, and in the lead up to the Federal election, St Vincent de Paul Society nationally will be releasing some ideas on how to improve the quality of life for all Australians, and how to find the funds to make Australia fairer. If this

World Day of Prayer 2025 Cook Islands



**Friday 7 March at 7.00pm
McLaren Vale Uniting Church
261 Main Rd McLaren Vale.**

Supper following. Everyone welcome
More information: Rob 0448217775

is of interest to you and you would like to comment or hear more, you are welcome to contact the SA Social Needs Analysis and Advocacy Committee – Jennifer Harvey (phone 8112 8702 or at svdp@svdpsa.org.au.

WILLUNGA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING 25 February

The first Parish Pastoral Council meeting for 2025 will be held on 25 February.

WHAT'S ON at St Peter's, Normanville?



St Peter's parishioner Chris Symes is giving a talk on his tour of the Middle East, where he walked in the footsteps of St Paul.

Date: February, Tuesday 25
Location: Annie O'Connor Centre
Time: 10.00am

Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. Everyone most welcome.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

If you are interested in attending a regular Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament service (possibly on a Friday evening) at St Joseph's, Willunga, please contact Gael Maloney (0447 421 948) or Jacinta Best (0432 353 957). At this stage we are trying to gauge interest.

TOUGH QUESTIONS, NO EASY ANSWERS

Years ago, the 8-year-old son of a family in the parish was devastated when his football team didn't make it to the finals. He asked his father how there could be a God since no one answered his or all the other long-suffering fans' fervent prayers for the team. Patiently, his father explained that God has more important issues to deal with than the football finals. The child grew quiet and then with tears in his eyes asked his father very softly, "Then how could God have allowed the Holocaust?"

"Talk to your mother" was the only answer the father had left.

Saturday 8th March 2025 at 7 pm & Sunday 9th March 2025 at 2 pm

WILLUNGA
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

VIVALDI
CONCERTI VIRTUOSI
Concerto for Violin, Strings and basso continuo »Winter«
Concerto A minor for Violoncello, String Orchestra RV 418

MOZART
Serenade G major »A Little Night Music« KV 525
»Pezzo Capriccioso« for Violoncello and String Orchestra

TCHAIKOVSKY
»Capriccio« for Violin and Orchestra

PAGANINI
»Capriccio« for Violin and Orchestra

CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE
(Germany)
Sergey Didorenko * Violin Dmitrij Gornowski * Violoncello

Tickets available at
Willunga Catholic Parish Centre, 12 St. Jude Street, Tel. 0447 / 421 948
Doors at St. Joseph's Church 30 minutes prior to the concerts - unless sold out previously (cash sales only)

CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE

8th and 9th March, 2025

Parishioners are now able to book for the concerts on Saturday evening 8 March at 7pm and Sunday after-noon 9 March at 2pm.

Our parishioners are always given advance notice of this concert. However, once the company begins their own advertising, the best seats may no longer be available. We provide designated seating.

Payment is required before seats are allocated.

Tickets are the same price as they were last year.

For bookings please contact Gael Maloney (phone 0447 421 948, email: bahloo2@bigpond.com)



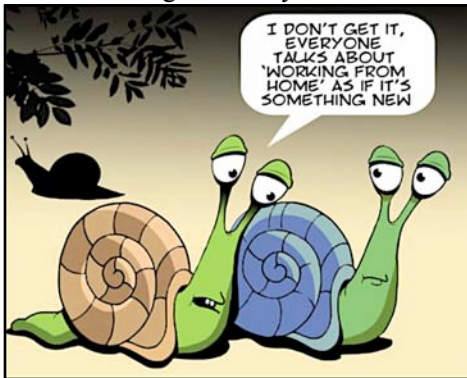
It's not easy to trust in God. We are constantly tempted to find facile answers and easy solutions to problems of incredible magnitude and complexity. We have the need to solve all problems, to sew up all the loose ends, to fold everything into a neat package. Unfortunately, life isn't that predictable. Nothing reminds us of the questions that lurk hidden inside us more than the reality of death, especially of a loved one for whom we have been praying. How much easier it is to believe in God and to relate to God when life is going well, when we appear to be getting all for which we pray.

The way I see it, however, God is a loving partner who struggles alongside us on life's journey, not some wish-fulfilling magician who capriciously changes what is going to be. Take God's hand and walk together. *GPBS eNews*

HOMESHARE:

A solution to the rental crisis for older women in SA

Homelessness among older women in Australia is increasing, making them one of the fastest-growing groups at risk of housing insecurity.



The Homeshare program offers an innovative solution that fosters shared living based on mutual support and reciprocity—a model that has been successfully running around the world for years.

A partnership between St Vincent de Paul Society SA, Westside Housing and Shelter SA, the Homeshare Pilot Program is a fee free service that carefully matches female householders aged 55+ living on their own that have a spare bedroom, with female homesharers that need affordable accommodation from a similar age group that can offer some help around the house. Unlike a traditional flatmate arrangement, the matching process is rigorous: both parties undergo interviews, reference checks and police clearances to ensure a safe and reliable match.

If you're interested in learning more about becoming a householder or homesharer, please visit: [Homeshare](#)

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, WILLUNGA

We have had to rope off the very-back pew in the Church because pieces of mortar are falling from the wall. There are several reasons for this problem, but the primary one is the age of the building.

A stone mason, who is expert in heritage stone buildings, has been consulted and his report will be discussed by the Parish Finance Council soon.

Our primary concern is for the safety of our parishioners, especially those who usually sit in the back pew.

ROSTERS

ALDINGA

Welcomer
Commentator
Readers

Eucharistic Minister

Saturday 15 February

Andrew Woodhouse
Chris McWilliams
Jill McHendry
Brigid Grimwood
Lorraine Ellis

Saturday 22 February

Andrew Woodhouse
David Manders
Cristina Tiedje
Ken Creevey
Kerri Gould

NORMANVILLE

Welcomer
Commentator
Reader
Data Projector
Altar/Cleaning

Sunday, 16 February

Tim Fleming
Trish Bohnsack
Michael Steller
Rita Steller
Patsy and Jim Fitzpatrick

Sunday, 23 February

Peter Bohnsack
Chris Symes
Anna Vnuk
Nigel Pile
Patsy and Jim Fitzpatrick

WILLUNGA

Commentator
Reader
Eucharistic Minister
Flowers
Church Linen

Sunday, 16 February

Gael Maloney
Anna Rogers
Michael Hynes
Mary Moore
Anna Rogers

Sunday, 23 February

Marie Andrews
Leo Reynolds
Andrew Beach
Vanda Farrall
Wayne Best

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS
Healing list: Janet Burbidge, Michael Casey, Paul Cormack, Kathy Ralston

2025 DATES

- 28 Feb Morning coffee - Louie's
- 5 Mar Ash Wednesday
- 5 Mar Project Compassion
- 7 Mar World Day of Prayer
- 8 Mar Concert - St Joseph's - 7pm
- 9 Mar Concert - St Joseph's - 2pm
- 10 Mar Adelaide Cup Day
- 14 Mar Morning coffee - Louie's
- 25 Mar Parish Pastoral Council meets
- 28 Mar Morning coffee - Louie's
- 11 Apr Morning coffee - Louie's
- 12 Apr Last day School term 1
- 13 Apr Palm Sunday
- 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
- 28 Apr First day School term
- 18 May St Vincent de Paul Appeal
- 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

01/02 : 08/09 February

First collection	\$1144.00
Envelopes	\$308.00
Unpledged	\$788.00
Unborn Child Appeal	\$673.00

(Not including direct credits)

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.

KIDS' CORNER

Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. (Luke 6: 21)

A hunger is a deep want or craving. Usually we hunger for food, but hunger comes in many forms. For example, people who are lonely might hunger for friendship. They long to be included. People who have been wronged might hunger for justice. They want to be treated with respect. There are many kinds of hunger in the world, but we know that Jesus will provide. He inspires us and works through us to help satisfy the needs of others. *GPBS eNews*

WILLUNGA PARISH

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- *Aldinga* - Kerri Gould, Lorraine Ellis, Kim Calderbank
- *Willunga* - Michael Hynes, Rick Zagajewski,
- *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
(8556 2132 or 0447 421 948)

SACRAMENTS

For more information please contact:

- Parish Office
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8556 2132, 0447 421 948)
or
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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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his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

‘How happy are you who are poor: yours is the Kingdom of God.
Happy are you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.’

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Today's gospel reading, is commonly known as the 'Beatitudes', from the Latin meaning 'blessing'. Both Matthew and Luke report this famous sermon of Jesus, but with slight differences. The main difference is that Luke balances the 'blessings' with a series of 'woes' aimed at would-be disciples who are still bound up with the signs of success in this world.

The form of the Beatitudes found in Luke's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favour

with God. The word blessed in this context might be translated as "happy," "fortunate," or "favoured."

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes," those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(17 - 23 February)

- **Monday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 6 (Gen 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13)
- **Tuesday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 6 (Gen 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21)
- **Wednesday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 6 (Gen 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26)
- **Thursday, 20:** Weekday, Ord Time 6 (Gen 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33)
- **Friday, 21:** Weekday, Ord Time (Gen 11:1-9; Mk 8:34-9:1)
- **Saturday, 22:** The Chair of St Peter (1 Pet 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19)
- **Sunday, 23:** 7th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38)

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.