



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

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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 5.15pm
Aldinga Beach (Mary of Galilee)
- FIRST, THIRD, FIFTH SUNDAYS
8.30am Willunga (St Joseph's)
12.15pm Normanville (St Peter's)
- SECOND, FOURTH SUNDAYS
10.30am Willunga (St Joseph's)
12.15pm Normanville (St Peter's)



FIRST READING

Ezekiel 17:22-24

The Lord says this:
'From the top of the cedar,
from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 91:2-3, 13-16

Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I

say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God,

Christ is the sower;

all who come to him will live forever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know.

Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he

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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

Please note the following exceptions:

26 June 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Josy
27 June 9.15am - Willunga, Fr Josy
28 June 9.00am - Willunga, Fr Josy

WEEKEND MASSES

(Times on front page of this bulletin)

PRIEST ROSTER WEEKENDS

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

15 June 5.15pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy
16 June 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom
12.15pm - N/ville, Fr Josy
22 June 5.15pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy
23 June 10.30am, Willunga, Fr Josy
12.15pm, N/ville, Fr Josy
29 June 5.15pm, Aldinga, Fr Josy
30 June 8.30am, Willunga, Fr Josy
12.15pm, N/ville, Fr Josy

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

NATIONAL STUDY TO PROBE REASONS FOR DROP IN MASS ATTENDANCE

The National Centre for Pastoral Research will soon commence a study of reported reasons why people who continue to affiliate as Catholics do not participate regularly in Sunday Mass.

The national study will raise questions about the contemporary religious practice and beliefs of Catholics in Australia, and the place of the Eucharist in their spiritual lives.

The findings will assist pastoral leaders to better understand the self-understanding of these Catholics, identify how their expression of Catholic identity may have changed, and suggest responses and strategies for seeking to encourage participation in this primary act of worship.

Previous studies that have been conducted in this field suggest that there are multiple reasons why Catholics do not attend Mass,

including personal beliefs, dissatisfaction with church practices, and competing obligations.

However, the existing literature is limited in scope and pre-dates the impact of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, the restrictions imposed on churches in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, and public debate over issues including same-sex unions and euthanasia, and present threats to religious freedom.

NCPR director Trudy Dantis will lead the two-year project alongside her team, including senior researcher Stephen Reid.

“The first stage of the project, a national survey, will seek participants through dioceses, parishes, schools, support agencies, Catholic universities and other Catholic organisations and groups,” Dr Reid said.

“Following the survey stage of the project, a second stage will involve collection of more in-depth information using interviews. A report of the findings of the project will be completed in November 2025.”

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DISASTER & RECOVERY MINISTRIES SA TRAINING INVITATION

Disaster and Recovery Ministries is coordinated by the Uniting Church in SA. They train and deploy teams of people from many faith communities who, at the invitation of the SA Government, provide pastoral and spiritual support to others in the community during times of disaster and subsequent recovery. For more information about the training dates and how to register please [click here for flyer](#).

SAFEGUARDING OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Children have the right to be free from sexual abuse.

We all want children to be safe and know that sexual abuse harms children on many levels. The Adelaide Archdiocese has a programme (*Safe Environments For All*) that aims to ensure our Church is a safe space where children are protected from

abuse. We pray for children who are not safe or have been harmed by the adults responsible for caring for them. Doing everything we can to create a safe environment will ensure that children now and in the future can experience our Church as a place where they know the love of God - where the way we as adults care for them mirrors the care and protectiveness that God shows us all.

Child Protection Unit (8210 8159)

Much more than a walk THE CAMINO EXPERIENCE

Adult Faith Formation
Lefevre Catholic Parish

Presented by Glenelg Parish Priest Fr John Herd who recently completed his Camino. Sunday June 16, 4.00pm – 5.00pm, Parish Meeting Rooms, 253 Military Road, Semaphore. For enquiries please call (08) 8449 6378.

YOU ARE INVITED

All parishioners are invited to a

SOUP, TOASTIES AND GAMES NIGHT

Galilee Community Room

Saturday 27 July after Mass. \$5 per person Bookings essential for catering purposes. Contact person: Chris McWilliams (0451 144 776)

REFUGEE WEEK AFTERNOON

Saturday 22 June : 2pm – 5pm
Bethany Hall, Willunga Uniting

One refugee is Mwjemi Hussein, star of the latest Rolf de Heer film, “The Survival of Kindness”. Mwjemi will speak about her eight years in a refugee camp in Tanzania, her family’s successes since arriving in



Australia and about her work with Rolf on the film.

The second guest is Mij Tanith, who has been supporting refugees in the community for many years. Mij will share with you her story of bringing Jamila, an Afghani woman (whose husband we fear was feared killed by the Taliban more than two years ago) and her five young daughters to Adelaide.

The third guest, Jamila will be here too, along with some of her daughters.

They're keen to meet the generous, supportive friends who've enabled them to migrate to and settle into SA, late last year. It'll be an interesting afternoon, and a close look into the courageous lives of these wonderful women. Everyone welcome.

Please RSVP to Wendi Avery wendiavery27@gmail.com by Wednesday 20 for catering and seating purposes. For more info, please ring Wendi (0488 492 121).
Jenny Esots

THE DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD - JUNE 16TH

The Day of the African Child was first celebrated in 1991, commemorating the Soweto Uprising in 1976, when thousands of black South African students stood against the apartheid regime's inferior education policies. This event resulted in a tragic loss of lives, but it also became a turning point for education on the continent. It serves as a day of remembrance, but also as a catalyst for continued action towards achieving educational equality for all African children.

ROSTERS

ALDINGA *Saturday 15 June*
Welcomer A Woodhouse, C Tiedje
Commentator Cristina Tiedje
Readers Chris McWilliams
Ken Creevey
Eucharistic Minister Brigid Grimwood

NORMANVILLE *Sunday, 16 June*
Welcomer Tim Fleming
Commentator Ena Harvey
Reader Jan Plumb
Altar/Cleaning Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery

WILLUNGA *Sunday, 16 June*
Commentator Vanda Farrall
Reader Marie Andrews
Eucharistic Minister Not required - Mass in Hall
Flowers No flowers - Mass in Hall
Church Linen Viv Zagajewska

LUNCH AT SEAFORD

The Catholic Community at Seaford Christian Churches (SCC) invite you to join us for lunch

*Wednesday, July 3rd
12.30pm in the SCC Cafe*

Mains: Beef Stroganoff or Stuffed Chicken Breast

Dessert: Apple Crumble

Cost: \$12 pp

Bookings and payment can be made in person at SCC Cafe on Tuesday or Friday, from 9.30am - 2.00pm or following 10.45am Mass at SCC.

KIDS' CORNER

*...for we walk by faith, not by sight.
(2 Corinthians 5:7)*

Dad helps Greta strap on a life preserver. "Ready for your first boating adventure?" he says. Greta looks at the paddleboat and the pond. What if the boat tips over? Greta isn't sure what will happen. But she trusts Dad to keep her safe. "I'm ready to go!" she says.

Today you might do something for the first time. Maybe it's a chore or sport. Pray to Jesus. You can always trust him to help you.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S PNG LANDSLIDE APPEAL

Remote communities in Papua New Guinea have been devastated by the catastrophic landslide that struck at 3.00am on May 24.

Your urgent support is needed now. Donate at www.caritas.org.au/png or phone 1800 024 413.

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre Boyd, Jim Smith, Janette McIver, Michael Casey, Paul Hancock, Paul Cormack, Roger Fishlock, Fr Vinh, Anna Rogers

Please pray for all the faithful departed and may all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

and every good wish to St Joseph's parishioner (and Sacristan) **Wayne Best**, who celebrated her 80th birthday on Wednesday 12th June.

DATES

30 Jun Holy Father's Appeal
05 Jul Last day School term 2
07 July NATSICC Appeal
22 Jul First day School term 3
06 Aug PPC meeting
11 Aug Vocations Appeal
15 Aug Assumption Blessed Virgin Mary
31 Aug - Sep 8 Adelaide Show
Sep Catholic Charities month
27 Sep Last day School term 3
28 Sep AFL Grand Final
05/06 Supporting Clergy Appeal
07 Oct Labour Day holiday
14 Oct First day School term 4
20 Oct World Mission Day Appeal
05 Nov Melbourne Cup
10 Nov St Vincent de Paul Appeal
13 Dec Last day School term 4
25 Dec Catholic Charities Appeal

COLLECTIONS

25/26 May, 01/02/08/09 June

First collection	\$1098.00
Envelopes	\$745.00
Unpledged	\$874.00

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.



WILLUNGA PARISH

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- *Aldinga* - Kerri Gould, Lorraine Ellis, Kim Calderbank
- *Willunga* - Rick Zagajewski, Michael Hynes
- *Normanville* - Nigel Pile, Christopher Symes

FINANCE COUNCIL

Dolek Thiele (Chairperson)
Chris McWilliams (Secretary)
Thia van Kuyk (Finance Officer)
Martin Morgan (Cemetery)
John McPhail (Treasurer)

CEMETERY CONTACTS

- *St Joseph's, Willunga* - Curator Martin Morgan (0417 851 902) or Michael Hynes (0490 677 314) or Tony Harding (0488 330 748)
- *St Peter's, Normanville* - Curator Peter Bohnsack (0400 525 690)

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 contact - Sr Margaret Ann)
Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

DID YOU KNOW?

- Parables are very short stories with a double meaning. They act like metaphors and can be interpreted very broadly. To understand the parables of Jesus we must be attentive to both the literal and metaphorical language used.
- The nearness of the kingdom (or reign) of God is the central plank of the teaching of Jesus in Mark's Gospel.
- The term 'kingdom of God' occurs only in the New Testament but similar expressions are found in the Old Testament. It refers to a time when God's will would be done on Earth.
- Matthew uses the term 'kingdom of heaven' as a way of avoiding the use of the sacred name of God.

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starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

LISTENING TO TREES

If you ever wanted to reduce the teachings of Jesus to a single theme, you might not do better than to focus on the kingdom of God. "The kingdom" isn't a fairytale place of castles and royal courts. The reign of God, as some translators phrase it, is a matter of allegiance more than geography. We don't move to "kingdom come" when we die. We reside there in the here and now if we choose God's way over our way in every decision.

Jesus compares the kingdom to a tiny seed hidden in the ground small, obscure, seemingly without relationship to anything but its secret self. But kingdom seed will emerge to become its own universe of roots and branches, connecting earth and sky and all of life together. What seemed irrelevant becomes paramount. What was unseen emerges as dominant against the horizon. It is so impossible to imagine that one day, everything we can hold in our hands will become worthless? And that invisible things like truth, goodness, faith, love, hope and justice will become the only things that matter?

How do you invest in the kingdom today? What seeds are you sowing now for the harvest to come?

THANKS, DAD

I distinctly recall the day when my faith took firm hold. I was 7 years old and my sisters and I had just been

summoned by my dad to join him and mum around the kitchen table. It was late in the evening. Dad had been working late at the office. Sometimes when he came home late he'd have a packet of chocolate biscuits or a bag of lollies to share with us, but this night he just wanted to talk.

"Children," he said, "I know you're excited about Christmas, but I want to make sure you understand what it all means. I've been thinking about this a lot, and I just want to make sure you get it. God chose to come to earth as a baby – a tiny newborn baby – not a king, not some mighty warrior who would force us to do God's will. No, God chose to come to us as a helpless, needy babe, swaddled and cuddled by his mother and watched over by his father.

"Just think about what that says about who God is: God is a God of love and peace; of tenderness and care. That's the God we believe in. That's the God you want to follow."

And thus my father, like Jesus, spoke in words we could understand, scattered the seeds of faith and watched it grow in his children. Thanks, Dad, for the most memorable sermon on the Incarnation I've ever heard. Thanks Mum and Dad for sharing a living faith with us.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(17 - 23 June)

- **Monday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (1Kg 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42)
- **Tuesday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (1 Kg 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48)
- **Wednesday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (2 Kg 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)
- **Thursday, 20:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (Sirach 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15)
- **Friday, 21:** St Aloysius Gonzaga (2 Kg 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Mt 6:19-23)
- **Saturday, 22:** Sts John Fisher and Thomas More (2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34)
- **Sunday 23:** 12th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Job 38:1, 8-11; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41)

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.