



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

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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

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Taking Abram outside, the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

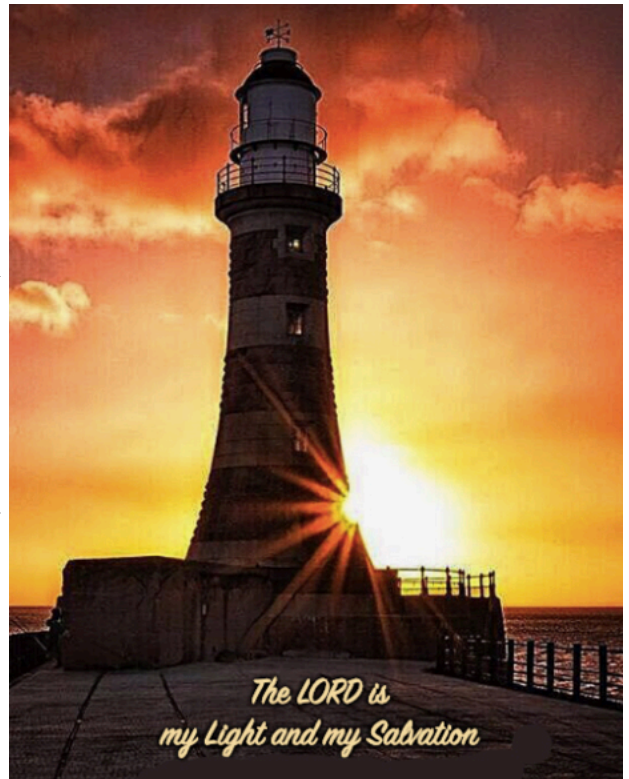
'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 26: 7-9, 13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? <R>



2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' <R>
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. <R>
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord. <R>

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17-4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make their gods of their own stomachs and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things.

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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 Mar 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Julius
16 Mar 8.30am, Willunga, Fr Dominick
10.30am, N/ville, Fr Julius
22 Mar 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Tom
23 Mar 8.30am, N/ville, Fr Dominick
10.30am, Willunga, Fr Dominick
29 Mar 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Julius
30 Mar 8.30am, Willunga, Fr Julius
10.30am, N/ville, Fr Dominick



EASTER MASS TIMES

- **Holy Thursday (17 April)** •
St Peter's, Normanville 5.00pm
Mary of Galilee, Aldinga 5.30pm
St Joseph's, Willunga 7.30pm
- **Good Friday (18 April)** •
Mary of Galilee, Aldinga 3.00pm
St Peter's, Normanville 3.00pm
St Joseph's, Willunga 3.00pm
- **Saturday Vigil (19 April)** •
Mary of Galilee, Aldinga 5.30pm
St Joseph's, Willunga 7.30pm
- **Easter Sunday (20 April)** •
St Joseph's, Willunga 8.30am
St Peter's, Normanville 10.30am
(Normanville Mass will be held at Club Fleurieu, 140-142 Main South Road, Yankalilla)

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

St Luke's Church, Noarlunga at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 8 April.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKLETS

Free Lenten Reflection booklets are available from the foyer of the Church today. These are suitable for private reflection, or you might like to join with others for group reflection.

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH

All parishioners, from all three centres, are urged to attend at special Mass to commemorate the Feast of St Joseph on Wednesday, 19 March at 6.30pm.

A Supper will be held in St Joseph's Hall following the Mass. Everyone welcome.

PROJECT COMPASSION



Today's Gospel brings us a wonderful moment in the education of Jesus's friends.

Jesus was always trying to teach them about the mystery of life, and we can take heart from the fact that they were often slow learners. Peter, James and John see Jesus transfigured on the top of a mountain. But the vision doesn't last long. Peter, always practical, wants to build tents so they can stay in the moment. But no, the journey to Calvary lies ahead where they will see Jesus disfigured. Eventually, they will put it together that transfiguration and disfigurement are two sides of the same coin.

This week, Caritas Australia's Project Compassion shares another story of education. We visit a primary school in Samoa with 400 students and 11 teachers. Until 2023, the school had no reliable access to fresh water. At times, teachers had to fetch water from neighbouring families, and this took considerable time out of the day and limited classes. It also meant that each class had a single bucket of drinking water for everyone to share. Thanks to your generosity, this has now changed.

Education can continue uninterrupted. You might even say, that thanks to those who support Project Compassion, disfigured lives have been transfigured.

Samoa may seem a long way away but let us think for a moment of some of the words Jesus said on the night before he died. He prayed 'may they

all be one.' We see the high price of division and conflict in so many places. People face each other with such hostility. As we Unite Against Poverty, we are slowly creating the solution. Our actions are teaching the world to see possibilities more than problems. Just as his friends saw Jesus in a brilliant new light, so too must we see the whole human family with its true dignity.



Project Compassion boxes/envelopes are available in Foyer.

KIDS' CORNER

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened. (Luke 9:34)

The Transfiguration of the Lord is one of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. Something that is luminous gives light and shines brightly. At the Transfiguration, Jesus appeared in bright, dazzling glory along with Moses and Elijah. The voice of God shed light on who Jesus is, saying, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him" (v. 35). We can understand why the disciples were frightened. It was almost too much for them to take in.

Sometimes we wish we knew more about God and could see God up close, but until we're ready, it's too much for us. Meanwhile, every little sign of beauty, truth and goodness gives us a glimpse of the greatness of God's glory.

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FRINGE LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITALS

St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Wednesday March 19 and Sunday March 23 (Young Organists) at 1.00pm. Entry is free. All welcome.



FESTIVAL OF HYMNS

The annual Festival of Hymns returns for 2025 on Sunday March 16 at 1.00pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. Come along and join in an hour of hymn singing! Cathedral organist, James Lloyd will lead this free Fringe Festival event.

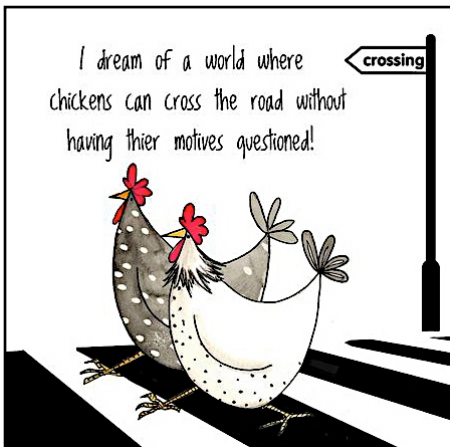
GLIMPSES OF GLORY

(Luke 9: 28 - 36)

They saw his glory and likewise saw the two standing with him.

What a wake-up call! It was a typical day in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus was stepping aside to pray, which was part of his routine. His three best friends went with him and, as they often did, went promptly to sleep. (They were not exactly prayer warriors, and they had just climbed a mountain. And they used any break in the action to catch up on their sleep.)

Meanwhile Transfiguration is happening. Wow, and they almost slept right through it! They wake in time to see Jesus shining like a minor sun, and the greatest saints of the Hebrew tradition talking about the



ultimate fulfillment of God's ancient promises. Another five minutes of snoring and the whole event might have passed them by.

This is a metaphor for our lives. The world is being transfigured by God's grace every moment, and we sleep through most of it. We have got a million reasons why we are not more attentive: family concerns, economic burdens, pressure at work, health issues. Our lives preoccupy us and put us to sleep, while glory shines out and reveals God's presence in our midst.

Questions for Reflection

- When have you had a "near occasion of God" in your life? What did you learn of God?||
- How much time do you spend serving the Lord?
- Where and when are you most awake to God's presence in your life? *GPBS eNews*

LENTEN PASTORAL LETTER

There are limited hard copies of the Archbishop's Lenten in the Church foyer, or use the QR code to read the full document.



THURSDAY MASS THIS WEEK

The 9.00am Mass on Thursday 20 March has been cancelled at St Joseph's. Janet Burbidge's funeral at 11.00am on that day is a full Mass and everyone is most welcome to attend.

ROSTERS

ALDINGA

Welcomer
Commentator
Readers

Eucharistic Minister

Saturday 15 March

André Woodhouse
Chris McWilliams
Rod Boucher
Vivi Boucher
Kerri Gould

Saturday 22 March

André Woodhouse
David Manders
Michelle Cormack
Cristina Tiedje
Mario Bacchin

NORMANVILLE

Welcomer
Commentator
Reader
Data Projector
Altar/Cleaning

Sunday, 16 March

Peter Lloyd
Ann Henriken
Jim Fitzpatrick
Rita Steller
Chris Symes, Anna Vnuk

Sunday, 23 March

Tim Fleming
Michael Steller
Chris Symes
Nigel Pile
Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery

WILLUNGA

Commentator
Reader
Eucharistic Minister
Flowers
Church Linen

Sunday, 16 March

Marie Andrews
Garry Triffett
Viv Zagajewska
No flowers - Lent
Margaret Guley

Sunday, 23 March

Ian La Ronde
Andrew Beach
Norman Lee
No flowers - Lent
Viv Zagajewska

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Michael Casey, Kathy Ralston, Rainer Maack, John Tregagle

Recently deceased: Ruby Rice, Percy Vaughan, Janet Burbidge
(Janet's funeral - St Joseph's on Thursday 20 March at 11am - parishioners most welcome.)

Anniversary: Anne Crosbie

2025 DATES

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 July	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 March

First collection	\$1014.00
Envelopes	\$580.00
Unpledged	\$716.00

(Not including direct credits)

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.

AFTERNOON CONCERT (South Coast Chamber Orchestra)

Sunday 16 March
2.30pm - 4.00pm

St Paul's Lutheran Church,
8 Aldersey Street, McLaren Vale

\$10 or \$7.50 concession
Children 12 and under free

Proceeds to
Ovarian Cancer Research

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
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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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For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

AN EXCELLENT DAY

It was no surprise who won the award of excellence. Year after year for nearly 15 consecutive, he was top in his field. With a new panel of judges every year no one suspected favouritism. In fact, no one doubted

his work was the best. The question was how did he keep so consistently good? The answer: Each day he was committed to doing his best work.

That is the message of today's gospel. Jesus takes the disciples to the mountaintop and they see him in all his glory. Peter wants to pitch three tents and stay for a while basking in God's glory. He obviously doesn't get it, so God is very clear: God tells Jesus' disciples to take this moment of truth to listen to Jesus about how to participate in the life of the divine. When they come down from the mountain, Jesus immediately gets to work healing, forgiving, and preparing for the agony and ecstasy to come.

As modern disciples of Christ we are asked to do the same. We need time to pray, but that is just the beginning. Our week must then be filled with the business of participating in God's kingdom – sharing; listening; being responsive and courteous; performing tasks faithfully and honestly; confronting problems reasonably and respectfully; showing diligence in our pursuit of justice, patience in our desire for understanding, compassion to the least of our sisters and brothers, and mercy on ourselves and others for not consistently achieving excellence.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(14 - 20 March)

- **Monday, 17:** St Patrick (Jer 1:4-9; Acts 13:46-49; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20)
- **Tuesday, 18:** Tuesday, 2nd week Lent (Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12)
- **Wednesday, 19:** ST JOSEPH, spouse of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (2Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24)
- **Thursday, 20:** Thursday, 2nd week Lent (Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31)
- **Friday, 21:** Friday, 2nd week Lent (Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46)
- **Saturday, 22:** Saturday, 2nd week Lent (Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Micah 7:14-15, 18-20)
- **Sunday, 23:** THIRD SUNDAY of LENT (Ex 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9)

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.