



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 Rd, 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

Exodus 17:8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 120:1-8

*Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.*

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired

by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Heb 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of
our heart.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused,

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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
1st Fri	9.00am - Willunga 11.30am - Normanville

WEEKEND MASSES

(Times on front page of this bulletin)

ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr Dominick will be in Kenya on Annual Leave from 20 October - 27 November. We wish him all the best for a restful break.

CHANGES TO MASS TIMES

Unfortunately, due to the shortage of priests (with Fr Dominick on leave) Mass at *St Peter's, Normanville* on **Sunday 23 October** and **Sunday 30 October** will begin at 12.00noon - rather than the usual times.

Saturday Mass on **29 October** at *Mary of Galilee, Aldinga* will begin at 5.15pm - rather than the usual 5.30pm.

Please make a note of these changes in your calendars.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new batch of Planned Giving envelopes will be available at the beginning of November. Increasingly, parishioners are choosing to use Direct Debit as their preferred method of regular giving.

If you are currently using the envelopes, but would prefer to use Direct Debit, please contact Finance Officer Bob Daly (0416 156 213) for more details.

If you are *not* currently using the envelopes and would like a set for the coming year, please also contact Bob soon.

NOTICE TO PARISHIONERS MARY OF GALILEE CHURCH

Because of necessary work to be carried out in the car park and entrance to Mary of Galilee Church during the school holidays, access

from the usual car park to the Church will be restricted until Saturday 22 October.

Parishioners attending Church on and between these dates, will need to park in the school staff car park on Quinliven Road and walk on the paved path through the school to access the Church. This is a clear, safe, paved path which will be well lit for access.

2022 CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL

With over 70% of households in the remote township of Emdibir in Ethiopia unable to provide enough nutritious food for their families each day, malnutrition and other health issues are a significant problem, especially for babies and young children like Neela's youngest child, Ajani.

In collaboration with the local community, the Church, led by Fr Habtesilassie Antuan (Hab-tay-silassie An-twan), hopes to establish a goat rearing centre, where nutritious milk will be produced and distributed to families in most need to help reverse and prevent illness and malnutrition.

The Church and the community of Emdibir need support to construct, stock and run the farm. We invite you to partner with this essential program which can bring hope to those in most need.

THREE DAY SILENT RETREAT - OCTOBER

Becoming... Ignatian Heart Spirituality: This silent directed retreat offers the opportunity to Rest, Reflect, Restore and Re-imagine the way ahead. To be held from 3.00pm Monday October 24 to 2.00pm Thursday October 27 at Sevenhill Retreat Centre, College Road, Sevenhill.

For enquiries and bookings contact Stephanie Brabin (0413 083 976, stephanie.brabin@internode.on.net) or Chris McCabe (0439 901 019, chris.mccabe08@gmail.com).

LEAVING A BEQUEST

Have you ever considered making a bequest to the Church? You can help to carry on our many and varied good works such as hospital and prison

chaplaincy, social justice and community welfare programs, vocations, life issues and care for our priests. Or you may want to contribute to your local parish. For more info contact the bequest office (8210 8223, bequestoffice@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - PARTNER WITH BIRTHLINE

Birthline Pregnancy Support is in urgent need of volunteers who have basic computer skills for data entry. We also need volunteers to help sort and allocate baby goods. If interested, please contact Grace (0413 380 833) or birthline@birthline.org.au.

MARY MACKILLOP MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

The gift shop at High St, Kensington, features the following:

- A range of books, including, the God's Word: Daily Reflections 2023, Bibles and Children's Missals
- Religious items, including medals and rosary beads
- Mary MacKillop biographies, stories, letters and other memorabilia
- 2023 Josephite Calendars
- Beautiful gifts for special occasions and milestones
- Special Christmas gift stall during December
- Handcrafted cards for Christmas, birthdays, anniversaries, bereavements, sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, First Reconciliation and Communion, Marriage)

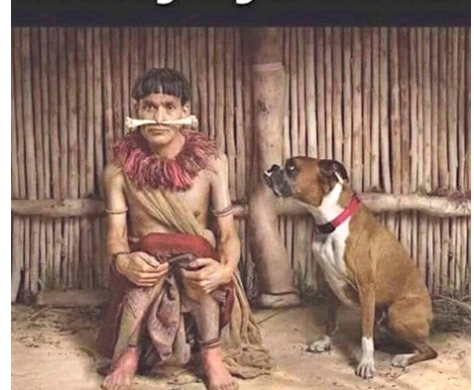
Most of the above items are also available online:

www.marymackillopadelaide.org.au.

GARDEN PARTY

To coincide with the 150 years of the St Joseph's Convent, Kensington, Mary MacKillop Precinct is holding a fundraising Spring Garden Party, on

it's not going to end well



Sunday, November 6. This is an initiative of the Mary MacKillop Museum's volunteers. Cost \$30 (glass of champagne included) Tickets: available from the Mary MacKillop Museum or by phoning Bridgette Barrett (0438 805 579).

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

This is the first of two parables that Jesus tells in Luke 18 about prayer. *(The second will be read at Mass next Sunday.)* This first parable is a lesson in persistence in prayer. *(Next Sunday's parable will address attitude in prayer.)* While the parable seems to present prayer as nagging God for what we want, such a reading misses the point.

God is not like the judge in the parable, worn down by requests and coerced to respond. The key is found in the description of the judge as corrupt and unjust. Since God can be neither, we must understand Jesus to be saying that if even an unjust judge responds to the persistence of the widow, how much more so will God listen to our prayers. God truly wants to hear our needs and respond generously. It is the final lament of

Jesus that gets to the point of the parable.

The lesson is about the persistence of the one who prays. God wants us to be like the persistent widow, staying in relationship with God, confident that God hears and answers prayers. Then Jesus laments, "Will such faith be found when the Son of Man comes?" In this lament, Jesus notes how easy it can be for us to lose heart.

Loyola Press website

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY 21/22 October

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan has asked parishes, communities and schools of the Adelaide Archdiocese to pray for the upcoming Diocesan Assembly at "every opportunity including Masses and regular gatherings".

"The 2022 Diocesan Assembly will build on the 2021 recommendations and provide opportunities for formation, skill-building and strategic planning," he wrote. "It will also be an opportunity to look at the results of the Plenary Council and how they will be incorporated into local and Diocesan life."

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Veronica Shortland, Muriel Smith, Janet Burbidge, Arthur and Carol Jones, Bill and Janet McIver, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Tony Grimwood

DATES

- 23 Oct World Mission Day Appeal
- 28 Oct Galilee coffee group 10am
- 1 Nov All Saints Day
- 2 Nov All Souls Day
- 11 Nov Galilee coffee group 10am
- 25 Nov Galilee coffee group 10am - last for 2022
- 27 Nov First Sunday of Advent
- 4 Dec Second Sunday of Advent
- 11 Dec Third Sunday of Advent
- 13 Dec Vinnies Christmas Appeal
- 18 Dec Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 25 Dec Christmas Day
- 25 Dec Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Appeal

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a Special Collection next weekend (22/23 October) for the World Mission Appeal. If you prefer to donate online please go to: catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

The persistence of the widow is at the heart of this gospel passage. Despite her lack of status, she constantly raises her voice in pleading for what she needs and finally her need is met. So too will God hear the cry of those who call on him. Sometimes, however, God may not answer our prayer in the way we want!



BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

Many families in Emdibir are subsistence farmers, and distressingly, many are unable to put enough food on the table each day.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Church and community in Emdibir, Ethiopia, where your gift can help build a life-changing program from the ground up to help address this urgent need.

We hope you will take this opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia

ROSTERS

ALDINGA Saturday 15 October
 Welcomer Kate Manders
 Commentator Chris McWilliams
 Readers Rod Boucher
 Vivi Boucher
 Eucharistic Minister Mario Bacchin

Saturday 22 October
 Rose Sulda
 David Manders
 Michelle Cormack
 Brianna McIvor
 Bob Daly

NORMANVILLE Sunday, 16 October
 Welcomer Chris Symes
 Commentator Ann Henriksen
 Reader Thia Van Kuyk
 Altar/Cleaning Patsy and Jim Fitzpatrick

Sunday, 23 October
 John Smith
 Trish Bohnsack
 Chris Symes
 Patsy and Jim Fitzpatrick

WILLUNGA Sunday, 16 October
 Commentator Marie Andrews
 Reader John Tregeagle
 Eucharistic Minister Anna Rogers
 Flowers Vanda Farrall
 Church Linen Marie Cester

Sunday, 23 October
 Anna Rogers
 Megan Chapman
 Norman Lee
 Anna Rogers
 Anna Rogers

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 12/10/22)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please follow the instructions as per SA Health in terms of contact tracing and isolating yourself as per government health protocols. Please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- The density requirement has been updated to full capacity in all churches and also includes funerals and weddings.
- Wearing of face-masks in Church is strongly recommended.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home and not attend services.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- Procession of gifts has resumed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact

DID YOU KNOW?

- In ancient Israel, according to the Law, justice should have been available to all who sought it, not only to the rich or powerful. Judges were appointed and they sat 'at the city gate' making themselves available to any who needed a judgement. The prophets often criticised the corruption that was sometimes associated with this office. Judgement would go in favour of those who could pay a bribe!
- Under Jewish Law, there was a special requirement to look after the widow and the orphan who did not have a man to speak for them.
- Luke's Gospel was written at a time when believers were suffering for their faith. They too may have been wondering if God heard their prayers.

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but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

MY LITTLE PEST

When she was little, my daughter's favourite movie was *The Sound of Music*. She'd announce 20 times a day, "I want Maria. I want Maria," referring to the movie's main character, who is a troublesome nun-in-the-making sent from her abbey to be a governess. Thanks to my daughter Hannah, I know the lyrics and dialogue of the movie by heart. Maria, we are told by the nuns of the abbey, will "outpester any pest; drive a hornet from its nest. She can throw a whirling dervish out of whirl". No wonder Hannah loved her. They were kindred spirits.

Like all great pesterers, my daughter had the makings to be a great pray-er as well. She already insisted we go through a lengthy litany of blessings on friends and family during mealtime grace.

Her maternal grandmother was also a world-class pray-er. My mother knelt at the edge of her bed each night with her rosary beads and novena book praying the prayers of faithful souls from every generation: for the health and well-being of loved ones; for patience, courage, and fortitude; and for an end to injustice, relief of suffering, and forgiveness of sins. Most of all, seasoned pray-ers say thank you for the help of others and for the love and mercy God has shown them.

Back then, my daughter only knew enough to blow me a kiss after I turned on her movie. A lovely prayer in its own right!

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RAISE UP HOLY HANDS

Jesus must have been feeling mischievous when he told the story of the persistent widow. He offers a funny comparison: God is at least as likely to respond to our prayers as a corrupt judge will cave in under a widow's badgering. Maybe Jesus had days like that, when someone got on his nerves so much he just gave them what they wanted. We've all bought a magazine or chocolate bar at the door just to make the salesperson go away.

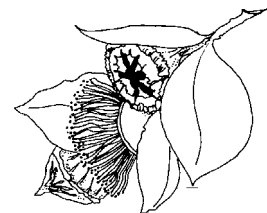
The point of the story isn't God's experience, of course, but ours. Whether God is worn down by eons of listening to our prayers remains to be seen. Our task is to keep up the prayers – harder than it sounds to those who don't pray much. Fidelity in prayer is as hard as working at any love relationship. In some seasons the effort will feel greater than the desire. Persistent prayer is more effective than the one-off method, just as daily efforts to build loving relationships are more meaningful than a lone card on Valentine's Day.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(17- 23 October)

- **Monday, 17:** St Ignatius of Antioch, (Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21)
- **Tuesday, 18:** St Luke (2 Tim 4:10-17; Lk 10:1-9)
- **Wednesday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 29 (Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48)
- **Thursday, 20:** Weekday, Ord Time 29 (Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53)
- **Friday, 21:** Weekday, Ord Time 29 (Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59)
- **Saturday, 22:** Weekday, Ord Time 29 (Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9)
- **Sunday 23:** 30th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14)



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.