



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

Luke 10:25-37 A Vol 23 : No 39

WILLUNGA CATHOLIC

PARISH CENTRE

12 St Judes Street (PO Box 14)

WILLUNGA SA 5172

Phone: 8556 2132

Email: admin@willungaparish.org.au

Web: www.willungaparish.org.au

PARISH OFFICE

If you need to contact the Office, please ring 0447 421 948 if there is no-one available to take your call.

PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

- Fr Dominick Okwadha (Parish Administrator - 8382 1717; in an emergency 0421 074 212; okwadha@yahoo.com)
- Fr Julius Nyandiga (Acting Parish Administrator - 8382 1717; in an emergency 0421 074 212; nyandiga@yahoo.com)
(Fr Julius on leave from 19 August until Octob.)
- Fr Tom Gleeson (Resident Priest - 8382 1717; in an emergency 0421 074 212; tomgleeson@yahoo.com)
(Fr Tom away for all of August)
- Gael Maloney (Parish Manager; Newsletter - articles for newsletter due Wednesday - 0447 421 948, bahloo2@bigpond.com)
- Parish Finance Officer - Thia van Kuyk (0428 238 397, tnvank65@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)



FIRST READING

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well, where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well, where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 39:2-4, 18

Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. <R>
2. He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay. He set my feet

upon a rock and made my footsteps firm. <R>

3. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord. <R>

4. As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me. You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay. <R>

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and *from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne*. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia! (Continued page 4)



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)

16 Aug	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Julius
17 Aug	8.30am, Willunga, Fr Julius 10.30am, N/ville, Fr Julius
23 Aug	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Dominick
24 Aug	8.30am, N/ville, Fr Dominick 10.30am, Willunga, Fr Dominick
30 Aug	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Dominick
31 Aug	8.30am, Willunga, Fr Dominick 10.30am, N/ville, Fr Dominick

PRIESTS ON LEAVE

- **Fr Julius** is on leave from 19 August until October.
- **Fr Tom** is away for all of August.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

BLESSING OF MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES Sunday September 21, 2025



Celebrations of significant wedding anniversaries will be held in local Parish communities again this year. All

couples who are celebrating a significant year of marriage in 2025 (1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40 or 50 years or more), are invited to leave their details with Gael Maloney (0447 421 948) to receive a special acknowledgement from the Archbishop.

WINTER WARMUP BUSH DANCE

Celebrate an Australian tradition with rhythm, community and heart. Drive away the chill of winter, warm your spirits with music, fun, laughter and boot-stomping, while raising funds for important refugee projects like Women for Change.

Where: Yankalilla Showgrounds Pavilion, cnr Jervis Rd and Main South Rd, Yankalilla.

When: Saturday, 30 August - 6pm - 10pm, gates open at 5pm

Tickets: Adults \$15, Children under 5 free/under 16 \$5, Family (2 adults, 2 children 5-16) \$35.

BYO plate to share, bar facilities and hot beverages available for purchase, free camping, camp fire.

Bookings: Fleurieu Coast Vision Centre in person, ph (08) 8558 0240, or online visitfleurieucoast.com.au

WILLUNGA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next PPC meeting will be held on Tuesday 26 August. If parishioners have any agenda items they would like discussed, please let your local PPC member know. *Kerri Gould*

VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

On 18 August, we commemorate Vietnam Veterans' Day on the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan in 1966. We remember the sacrifices of those who died and say thank you to almost 60,000 Australians who served during the 10 years of our involvement in the Vietnam War.

On Vietnam Veterans' Day, we pause and reflect on the bravery, teamwork and endurance that Australians displayed throughout the war.

It's a day when we recognise all who served in Vietnam. We honour those veterans who:

- lost their lives during battle
- returned home wounded, ill or injured
- lost their lives in the years since they returned
- still carry the physical and emotional scars of their service

We also pause to reflect on the impact of service on our veterans' families.

WALL REMEDIATION WORKS AT ST JOSEPH'S

On Thursday, 21 August repair work will begin at St Joseph's, Willunga. The back wall, the arch over the altar and the top of the wall between the sanctuary and the sacristy will be repointed and reinforced with steel, where necessary.

This will mean that weekday Masses will be moved to the Meeting Room in the Parish House. The stonemason has promised he will move his scaffolding to one side so that Sunday Masses will be able to be held in the Church.



Term 4 2025

The Sacramental Programme is the means by which baptised children can complete their journey into full membership of the Catholic Church. Children are provided with support to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation (formerly First Confession) and their first Holy Communion. The Sacramental programme strives to help them feel a real sense of belonging to the wider Family of God. We extend a warm welcome to children from any schools in our Parish to join us. If you have children, or know of any children, who this might concern, please contact Kim Calderbank (08 8550 2200)

Sacramental Program Dates

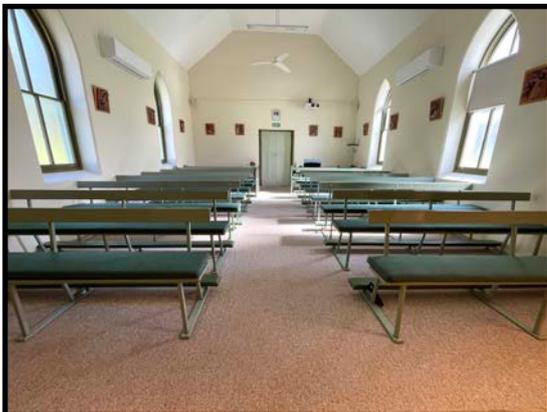
- Parent Information Session
Tuesday 9 September 5.00pm
- Reconciliation Workshop 1
Tuesday 28 October 5.00pm
- Workshop 2
Tuesday 4 November 5.00pm
- Celebration of Reconciliation
Tuesday 11 November 5.00pm

WEDNESDAY SMALL GROUP

'Come back and be still, and all shall be well with you, in quietness and trust will be your strength' Isaiah 30:15

Mrs Leonie Staunton is keen to facilitate a small group on Wednesday mornings from about 10.30am, for meditation and a cuppa. Fr Tom will join in. The group will read the following Sunday's Gospel, reflect, respond/share and rest (meditate). If you are interested please contact Leonie - phone 0402 404 379.





NEW PEW CUSHIONS

The eagerly-awaited cushions for St Peter's Church at Normanville were installed this week. Parishioners who have seen them say they look great. Special thanks to all those who helped with this project.

WILLUNGA ADORATION AND MASS

This celebration is cancelled for this week (18 August). At the time of going to press, it will probably be cancelled next week as well, because of the work being carried out on the Church walls.



SPARK SOMETHING GOOD AT HOME

Jesus said, "I've come to start a fire on earth – how I wish it were blazing right now! I've come to change everything, turn everything right-side up – how I long for it to be finished! Do you think I came to smooth things over and make everything nice? Not so. I've come to disrupt and confront."

When Jesus talks about bringing "fire" to earth, he's speaking about the fire of God's love – a fire that warms, lights up, and transforms everything it touches. This isn't a small, cosy campfire that we keep to ourselves; it's a fire meant to spread, to set hearts alight with love, justice, and hope.

For families, this passage is a reminder that our homes are called to be little sparks of the Kingdom of God. Around our dinner tables, in our living rooms, at the school drop-off, on the sidelines of sports games – these are the places where God's fire can burn bright through our words, our choices, and the way we treat each other.

Jesus also speaks of his "baptism" – the cost and commitment of living out his mission. Family life has its own share of sacrifices. These are busy schedules, sleepless nights, disagreements, and challenges. But in those moments of self-giving love – when we choose patience over irritation, forgiveness over grudges, generosity over selfishness – we share in the same mission of bringing God's fire into the world. *GPBS eNews*

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Michael Casey, Kathy Ralston, John Tregeagle, Karoline Hermann, Marie Cester, Laura Curtis

Recently deceased: Margaret Stevens

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

COLLECTIONS

02/03 : 09/10 August

First collection	\$815.00
Second collection	\$590.00
Envelopes	\$305.00
Vocations Appeal	\$601.00

(Not including direct credits)

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.

LADIES LUNCH

Willunga Parish women (and friends) are warmly invited to the next Ladies Lunch on Friday 5 September at 12.30pm at Oxenberry Farm, 26 Kangarilla Road, McLaren Vale. Please come along. For more information and bookings contact Barb Triffett (0497 876 551) or Vanda Farrall (0476 276 066).

Barb Triffett

KIDS' CORNER

Think of some good things you've enjoyed today. Did you wake up in a comfy bed? Did you get a pretty good breakfast? Did someone wash clothes for you to wear? You can't get these things by yourself. You rely on the help of those who love you. And every day, we rely on God's help too. When we're afraid, we ask God to comfort us. When life gets hard, we ask God to help us. We can't always get through hard times by ourselves. God is always there with us. We only need to ask for God's help.

ROSTERS

ALDINGA

Welcomer
Commentator
Readers
Eucharistic Minister

Saturday 16 August

André Woodhouse
Michelle Cormack
David Manders
Chris McWilliams
Kerri Gould

Saturday 23 August

André Woodhouse
Chris McWilliams
Jill McHendrie
Carla Thomas
Judi Driscoll

NORMANVILLE

Welcomer
Commentator
Reader
Data Projector
Altar/Cleaning

Sunday, 17 August

Peter Bohnsack
Trish Bohnsack
Jim Fitzpatrick
Thia van Kuyk
Jim & Patsy Fitzpatrick

Sunday, 24 August

Rita Steller
Antoinette Fleming
Thia van Kuyk
Jim Fitzpatrick
Antoinette F, Ann H

WILLUNGA

Commentator
Reader
Eucharistic Minister
Flowers
Church Linen

Sunday, 17 August

Marie Andrews
Anna Rogers
Michael Hynes
Mary Moore
Anna Rogers

Sunday, 24 August

Michael Hynes
Marie Andrews
Andrew Bolt
Vanda Farrall
Wayne Best

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 (8556 2132 or 0447 421 948)

SACRAMENTS

For more information please contact:

- Parish Office
admin@willungparish.org.au :
8556 2132, 0447 421 948
- or*
- Kim Calderbank
kim.calderbank@cardijn.catholic.edu.au
[08] 8550 2200

INTEGRITY AND SAFEGUARDING DEPT

We are a Child Safe Organisation which is committed to the care, well-being and protection of children and young people.

Willunga Parish contact - Michael Hynes *or* Child Protection Unit (8210 8159).

(Continued from page 1)

GOSPEL

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'



THE COFFEE SHOP FIRE

Maria was the kind of teacher 16everyone liked. She never rocked the boat, kept her head down, and was known for her calm, polite Catholic faith – Mass on Sundays, the occasional rosary, and volunteering for the parish cake sale.

On Monday after school, she was marking papers in her favourite coffee shop when she overheard two young adults at the next table talking about religion.

"I don't know how anyone still believes that stuff," one said, scrolling on his phone. "Yeah," the other replied. "The Church just tells people what they want to hear so they'll give money."

Maria felt her cheeks get warm. She wasn't angry – she was burning. She thought of Jesus' words she had read in morning prayer: "I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already blazing!"

She realised the "fire" wasn't about comfort – it was about truth that warms and purifies, even when it makes people uncomfortable. And suddenly she knew: she's been living like a pilot light, always on but never sparking anything.

She prayed a quick, silent Come, Holy Spirit and leaned over with a smile. "Sorry to interrupt, but I overheard you talking about the Church. I'm a

Catholic, and I get why you might feel that way. But I've also seen how the Church fed the hungry, taught generations of kids – including mine – about dignity and hope. If you ever want to hear about that side, I'd be happy to share."

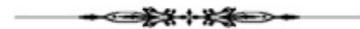
They looked surprised. Not defensive just ... curious. One said, "Maybe some time." And that was it. No dramatic conversion, no heated debate. But Maria walked away lighter. She'd stepped into the baptism of courage Jesus had been asking of her.

That night, she told her husband: "I think I've been mistaking 'nice' for being 'on fire.' But Jesus didn't come to make me nice – he came to make me burn for the Kingdom."

GPBS eNews

Rejoice in your ability to serve

- In giving and not in hoarding, we will know God with us.
- In sharing and not in keeping, we will know God with us.
- In helping and not in counting hours, we will know God with us.
- In friendship and not in rejection, we will know God with us.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(18 - 21 August)

- **Monday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Judges 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22)
- **Tuesday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Judges 6:11-24; Mt 19:23-30)
- **Wednesday, 20:** St Bernard (Judges 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16)
- **Thursday, 21:** St Pius X (Judges 11:29-39; Mt 22:1-14)
- **Friday, 22:** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40)
- **Saturday, 23:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Mt 22:34-40)
- **Sunday 24:** 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30)

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 Julius (0455 878 907).