



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - 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 5.30pm
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 9:8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 24:4-9

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Mt 4:4*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,

king of endless glory! (Continued page 4)



Bulletin Board

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

(Times on front page of this bulletin)

PRIEST ROSTER WEEKENDS

(This roster may change if something unforeseen crops up)

17 Feb 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
18 Feb 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Josy
10.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy
24 Feb 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy
25 Feb 8.30am - N/ville, Fr Tom
10.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

FREE LENTEN

REFLECTION BOOKLET

The Office for Worship, has produced a free Lenten reflection booklet. It features brief, easy-to-read reflections for Ash Wednesday and five Sundays in Lent.

If you would like a copy of this booklet for personal or group reflection, please collect one as you leave the Church today.

LENT 2024

The season of *Lent* is a penitential season of prayer, penance and reaching out to others. In this way the whole Church prepares for the celebration of Easter with those who are to be Baptised.

Project Compassion is a practical means of enabling us to reach out in



generosity to those in need. This year Caritas Australia is supporting the promotion of many food programs throughout the world where the risk of starvation is high. Please take a Project Compassion Box or a Set of Envelopes from the Church and return it on Palm Sunday. More details on page 4 of this bulletin.

What is Fasting and Abstaining?

Fasting is for Catholics between the ages of 18 and 60 years, unless they have particular health requirements or are sick. Fasting is to have perhaps one meal for the day or to have two smaller meals that equal one meal (with no snacks). Remember to drink lots of water! Fasting is about being more alert. It helps us to heighten our senses and consciousness (as the monks in the desert discovered centuries ago), to aid our prayer, and to name our deeper desires so that we can be ready to listen to God more openly.

Abstinence is for Catholics between the ages of 14 and 60 years, unless they have particular health requirements or are sick. We are to abstain from meat only on *Ash Wednesday* and on *Good Friday*. Some people choose to do this every Friday of Lent – but this is not required by the Church!

LENTEN ASHES

We enter the season of Lent by putting ashes on our foreheads.

To put on ashes is to say publicly and to yourself that you are in a penitential mode, that this is not "ordinary time" for you. Smudging oneself with ashes says that this is not a season of celebration for you and that some important work is going on inside you.

There's something innate in the human soul that understands that every so often, one must descend, be smudged, lose one's lustre, and wait for ashes to do their silent work. Ancient traditions, be they religious or mythical, abound with stories of having to sit in the ashes.

The story of Cinderella is an old, wisdom tale that speaks about the value of ashes in life. The name Cinderella itself speaks to this. Literally, the name Cinderella means,

"the young girl who sits in the cinders, the ashes." As the tale makes plain, before the glass slipper is placed on her foot, before wearing the beautiful gown, before going to the ball, before dancing with the prince, and before marrying him, there must first be a period of sitting in the cinders, of being humbled, of being waiting patiently, while you are being readied for a sublime joy and consummation. In the story of Cinderella, we can see a spirituality of Lent.

Native American traditions too have always had an important place for ashes. In some Indigenous communities, there was the concept

World Day of Prayer 2024 Palestine



Friday 1 March at 7.00pm

St Paul's Lutheran Church

4 Aldersey Street, McLaren Vale
(air-conditioned)

Supper following. Everyone welcome

More info: Evelyn (0439 080 252)

St Peter's Catholic Church

Cape Jervis Road, Normanville
(air-conditioned)

Supper following. Everyone welcome

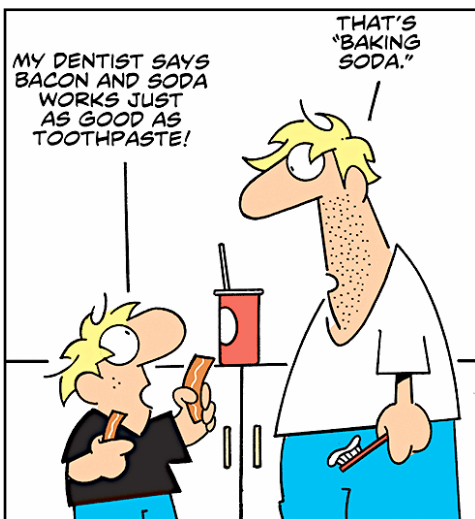
More info: Rita (0439 508 180)

that occasionally someone would have to spend time in the ashes. Nobody knew why a specific person was called at a particular moment to sit in the ashes, but everyone knew that this was a natural thing, that ashes do an important work in the soul, and that eventually that person would return to his or her regular life and be better for having spent time in the ashes.

Lent is a season for each of us to sit in the ashes, to spend our time, like Cinderella, working and sitting among the ashes, grieving some of the things we've done wrong, refraining from the dance, refraining from the banquet, refusing to do business as usual, but rather waiting in patience as some silent growth takes place within us.

Lent is a time to be still so that the ashes can do their work.

Ronald Rolheiser
www.ronrolheiser.com



Regional Assembly "OUR CHURCH"

The Regional Assemblies, building on the 2021 and 2022 Diocesan Assemblies, aim to enhance local participation, communion, and mission. They provide an avenue for parishes, communities, and schools to engage in mutual listening, address shared needs, and collaborate for action.

This is an invitation to participate in our Regional Assembly for the South, to discuss Our Church, Our Community, Our Faith and Our Call. Archbishop O'Regan will be in attendance for part of the day.

9th March, 2024
Cardijn College (Marian Campus)
9.30am until 4.30pm
followed by a Mass

Lunch provided and transport available if required

Register online at
www.trybooking.com/CNDKK
or provide your details after Mass to register manually.

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Kerri Gould (0439 877 563)

ROSTERS

ALDINGA *Saturday 17 February*
Welcomer A Woodhouse, N Ellis
Commentator Michelle Cormack
Readers Cristina Tiedje
Chris McWilliams
Eucharistic Minister Kerri Gould

NORMANVILLE *Sunday, 18 February*
Welcomer Leo Montgomery
Commentator Michael Steller
Reader Chris Symes
Altar/Cleaning Ann Henriksen

WILLUNGA *Sunday, 18 February*
Commentator Vanda Farrall
Reader Anna Rogers
Eucharistic Minister Viv Zagajewska
Flowers No flowers - Lent
Church Linen Volunteer please

Saturday 24 February
A Woodhouse, N Ellis
Chris McWilliams
Brianna McIver
Tricia Dundon
Brigid Grimwood

Sunday, 25 February
Tim Fleming
Ena Harvey
Michael Steller
Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery

Sunday, 25 February
Wayne Best
Megan Chapman
Andrew Beach
No flowers - Lent
Viv Zagajewska

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS
Sick: Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre Boyd, Jim Smith, Janette McIver, Michael Casey, Paul Hancock, Margaret Oomens, Paul Cormack

Recently deceased: Judith King

Anniversaries: Terry Fitzpatrick, May Lovelock

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

DATES

18 Feb 1st Sunday of Lent
25 Feb 2nd Sunday of Lent
1 Mar World Day of Prayer - featuring Palestine
3 Mar 3rd Sunday of Lent
3 Mar Clean up Australia Day
8 Mar Coffee morning Louie's 10am
9 Mar Regional Assembly
10 Mar 4th Sunday of Lent
17 Mar 5th Sunday of Lent
18 Mar St Patrick's Day
22 Mar Coffee morning Louie's 10am
24 Mar Palm Sunday of the Passion
28 Mar Thursday of Lord's supper
29 Mar Friday of Passion of the Lord
30 Mar Holy Saturday
31 Mar Sunday of the Resurrection
5 Apr Coffee morning Louie's 10am
12 Apr Last day School term 1
19 Apr Coffee morning Louie's 10am
25 Apr ANZAC Day
29 Apr First day School term 2

PARISH COLLECTIONS 03/04 & 10/11 February

First collection	\$1061.00
Envelopes	\$639.00
Unpledged	\$590.00
Unborn Child Appeal	\$398.00

(Direct debits not included)

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.

All eyes were on the radiant bride as her father escorted her down the aisle. They reached the altar and the waiting groom. The bride kissed her father and placed something in his hand. The guests in the front pews responded with ripples of laughter. Even the priest smiled broadly. As her father gave her away in marriage, the bride gave him back his credit card.

PROJECT COMPASSION



This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women from three different corners of the world. They are facing vastly different challenges, but are all united by one dream: to create a better tomorrow for all future generations.

Meet Ronita from the Philippines. Ronita is a mother of two young boys living in a slum in Quezon City. She went back to school to finish her education so that she could earn income to support her children.

Meet Leaia from Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Meet Memory from Malawi. Memory, the eldest daughter from a rural Malawian family, trained to become a carpenter and is now a trailblazer for future generations of women in her village.

Throughout Project Compassion, you will get to know the stories of Ronita, Leaia and Memory. Journey with them as they forge a path to a brighter future for all generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion or call 1800 024 413.

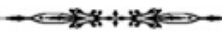


GOSPEL

Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'



AMONG THE WILD BEASTS

(Mark 1:12 -15)

The Baptist had promised that Jesus would baptise with the Holy Spirit and at his baptism the Holy Spirit had descended on him. Now that same Spirit drives Jesus into the wilderness. He is not the master of his own destiny. He is the object of the action of God. There is no murmur of opposition to this. Jesus accepts God's Spirit and God's will. As a consequence, the harmony of creation is restored and Jesus 'is with' the wild beasts. It is a fulfilment of the prophecy of Isaiah that 'the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the lion and fatling together' (Is 11:6-7). The new creation has begun in the person of Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God. Indeed, he proclaims that the Kingdom of God is close at hand.

But Jesus also summons his followers to repent and believe the good news. Lent is a time to listen attentively to the gospel and to turn back to the ways of the Father. It is a time for us to consider how close we are to the Kingdom of God. *GPBS eNews*

KIDS' CORNER

Jesus remained in the desert for forty days and forty nights, tempted by Satan. (Mark 1:13)

Jesus is good and loving. So how could he be tempted? Well, Jesus became one of us because he loves us. He shared in our life, and so he experienced temptations just as we do. But he never gave in to them, and he showed us how to resist them too. But

Jesus went further. He never hurt those who hurt him. He never refused to help those who needed him. Jesus showed us how to love others as he did and how to live as he lived. Then he said to us, "Follow me."

GPBS eNews

- There is no temptation that cannot be faced and overcome.
No temptation?
- In the wilderness, you will feel dreadfully alone.
We will not find friends, but God will be with us.
- In the wilderness, you will feel abandoned by God.
God will not change anything, but God will be with us.
- In the wilderness, you will feel tempted to follow the self-serving pathway.
God will not give us all we want, but God will be with us.
- In the wilderness, fear will bewilder and test you.
God will not bring peace, but God will be with us.
- There is no temptation that cannot be faced and overcome.
Thanks be to God.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(19 - 25 February)

- **Monday, 19:** Monday of 1st week of Lent (Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46)
- **Tuesday, 20:** Tuesday of 1st week of Lent (Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15)
- **Wednesday, 21:** Wednesday of 1st week of Lent (Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32)
- **Thursday, 22:** The Chair of St Peter (1 Pet 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19)
- **Friday, 23:** Friday of 1st week of Lent (Ezek 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26)
- **Saturday, 24:** Saturday of 1st week of Lent (Deut 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48)
- **Sunday 25:** SECOND SUNDAY of LENT (Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10)

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.