



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C

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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

Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 144:8-13

*I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.*

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is

the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. <R>

2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. <R>
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. <R>

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

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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)

17 May	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Dominick
18 May	8.30am, Willunga, Fr Dominick
	10.30am, V/ville, Fr Dominick
24 May	5.50pm, Aldinga, Fr Julius
25 May	8.30am, N/ville, Fr Tom
	10.30am, Willunga, Fr Julius
31 May	TBA
01 Jun	TBA

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend (17/18 May) there will be a special collection for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. This appeal supports families and individuals in SA who are struggling financially and materially.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is being offered on Fridays from 5.00pm - 6.00pm at St Joseph's Church, Willunga.

Mass from 6.00pm - 7.00pm follows. Everyone welcome.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN COUNT OF ATTENDANCE

As you may be aware, the Archdiocese of Adelaide conducts a Count of Attendance for all Masses held on the weekends during the month of May, which is used for pastoral planning and financial reporting.

This year attendance counts are to be conducted over four weekends of May - 03/04, 10/11, 17/18 and 24/25 in all Parish Mass Centres.

As we did last year, we need to record how many people are in the different age groups. We plan to do this with a show of hands at the end of Mass.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Tuesday 3 June at 6.00pm at Mary of Galilee Church, Aldinga. Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will be in attendance.

All parishioners are most welcome to attend.

IRISH IMMIGRATION DEPOTS South Australia's History Festival 1 - 31 May 2025

From 1848, in an effort to relieve a shortage of domestic servants in South Australia and to solve some of Ireland's social and economic issues, women from Irish workhouses received assisted passages to South Australia with a view to their employment here as domestic servants. 1620 women received assisted passages to South Australia in 1848 alone.

A Female Immigrants' Board supervised the women and provided for their wellbeing and local Depots were created to house and supervise them. Many were sent to country areas to find work - Yankalilla and Willunga each had a depot where the women lived under the supervision of an overseer and a Matron. Another woman managed the immigrants, who did their own cleaning and cooking.

Many of the women married shortly after arrival and it is probable that some of those recorded in our Parish registers started their lives in Australia at the Yankalilla or Willunga depot and still has descendants in the area.

Yankalilla Depot

As yet, no record of the location of the depot in Yankalilla has been found and information about it is sparse. The first mention of the immigrants at Yankalilla in the press was in 1855. On 18 August, the Observer newspaper reported: Irish Orphans - On Tuesday last the Yatala landed 20 female immigrants at Yankalilla. Eleven were engaged (to work) immediately, and the others are likely to find places in a day or two. (Adelaide Observer, 18 August, p 5.)

In addition to these orphans, Yankalilla was receiving married couples and single men, a mixture of Protestants and Catholics. A search has so far provided no further information about Catholic immigrants from the depot. However

Mary Ann Brownlee, who was born in 1832 in Armagh, Ireland, is remembered - one protestant woman whose descendants remained in the area:

In 1855, Mary Ann aged 22 and her sister Alice, 18, from Armagh, were among 150 single Irish girls classed as domestic servants "who disembarked at Normanville and obtained domestic work in the Yankalilla district for 2/6 (25 cents) a week...

...On 6 June, 1859, Mary Ann married Joseph Law, who had arrived from England as an 8 year old in 1849. For fifty years they ran a mixed farm at Torrens Vale near Yankalilla and grazed sheep on a large holding of bushland called 'Callawonga'... Mary Ann died at home on Christmas Eve 1910 and was buried in the Yankalilla Public Cemetery on Christmas Day. Joseph passed away on 6 January, 1921 aged 79.

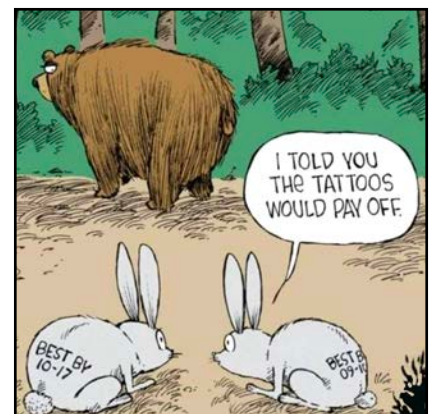
Mary Ann had 8 children - two daughters died at the age of 1 and her eldest son, George, died at 20. Joe ... took over their property...and became a very successful sheep farmer...[One daughter] Mary Ann married James Clark and another, Harriet, married James William Hutchinson, a farmer and shearer. When James died in 1919...Harriet and her 4 children went to live with her brother Joe in the old family home at Torrens Vale.

(<https://immigrationplace.com.au/story/mary-ann-brownlee/>)

Special thanks to Michelle Cormack for supplying this article

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

A free workshop presented by the Pastoral Services Team on Tuesday June 17, from 7-9pm in the Cathedral Hall. Suitable for PPC members, parish priests, parish staff, and program coordinators in parishes.



A practical workshop that explores best practices for recruiting and retaining volunteers within the life of the parish.

Join us online or in person, bookings essential. <https://www.trybooking.com/DBQMM>

For enquiries contact Community Life & Worship on 8210 8130 or worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au

60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MASS

Fr Peter Milburn invites fellow priests, friends and people who knew him in the various parishes where he has worked over the years to a concelebrated Mass, with Archbishop Patrick O'Regan, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of his ordination.

The Mass will be held at noon on Sunday July 6 at St John XXIII Modbury Parish Centre, 50 Reservoir Road, Hope Valley. It will be followed by a light lunch, provided by Fr Peter. No presents are requested, however your 'presence' will be very welcome! For seating and catering purposes please RSVP



to Sindi at Para Hills/Modbury Parish Office (phone 8264 7590 or email office@paramodcath.com.au) by May 30.

WILLUNGA PARISH LADIES LUNCH

A small group of local women are starting a Ladies Lunch group for Willunga Parish women. If you are interested, you are warmly invited to join them for the first lunch on Friday, 6 June at 12.30pm at The Tin Shed in McLaren Vale. Thereafter they will gather once a month on the first Friday of each month, for a chat and a meal. Please come along and catch up with old friends and make some new ones. For bookings and further information phone Barb Triffett (0497 876 551) or Vanda Farrall (0476 276 066).

COMMUNITY LIFE AND WORSHIP TEAM WORKSHOPS

Creating a welcoming Parish

A free workshop presented by the Pastoral Services Team on Tuesday June 3, from 7.00 - 9.00pm in the Cathedral Hall. This workshop is suitable for PPC members, hospitality groups, priests, parish staff and anyone interested in providing a welcoming environment within their parish; providing practical strategies and tips in developing a welcoming parish to all who walk through its doors.

Join us online or in person, bookings essential. <https://www.trybooking.com/DBQMD>
For enquiries contact Community Life & Worship on 8210 8130 or worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au

ROSTERS

ALDINGA

Welcomer
Commentator
Readers
Eucharistic Minister

Saturday 17 May

André Woodhouse
Cristina Tiedje
David Manders
Ken Creevey
Lorraine Ellis

Saturday 24 May

André Woodhouse
Michelle Cormack
Jill McHendrie
Cristina Tiedje
Maria Jarvis-Maack

NORMANVILLE

Welcomer
Commentator
Reader
Data Projector
Altar/Cleaning

Sunday, 18 May

Peter Bohnsack
Antoinette Fleming
Nigel Pile
Jim Fitzpatrick
Chris Symes, Anna Vnuk

Sunday, 25 May

Peter Bohnsack
Trish Bohnsack
Thia van Kuyk
Nigel Pile
P Bohnsack, P Fitzpatrick

WILLUNGA

Commentator
Reader
Eucharistic Minister
Flowers
Church Linen

Sunday, 18 May

Ian La Ronde
Anna Rogers
Wayne Best
Vanda Farrall
Margaret Guley

Sunday, 25 May

Anna Rogers
Marie Cester
Viv Zagajewska
Vanda Farrall
Margaret Guley

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Michael Casey, Kathy Ralston, John Tregeagle, Karoline Hermann, Mike Harwood, Karen Van Vliet.

Anniversaries: Marie (Mary) O'Brien, Patricia Harwood, Dick Harwood

2025 DATES

18 May	St Vincent de Paul Appeal
2 Jun	Stonework restoration - St J's
3 Jun	Confirmation - Mary of Galilee
8 Jun	Pentecost Mass and lunch
9 Jun	King's birthday holiday
29 Jun	Holy Father's Appeal
2 Jul	Last day School term 2
6 July	NATSICC Appeal
20 Jul	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



Sunday, June 8

To celebrate community and friendship within our Parish, we invite parishioners and friends, from all three Mass centres, to a shared lunch in St Joseph's Hall after 10.30am Mass on Pentecost Sunday, June 8.

There will be cake, since Pentecost is the spiritual birthday of the Church. As June 13 is Saint Anthony's Feast Day we will also celebrate our Parish's long tradition of the Festa di San Antonio.

Some salad and salumi platters, casseroles and rice, tea and coffee will be provided, but please bring a plate to share and BYO drinks to add to the festivities.

If you know you will be attending ahead of the time, please RSVP to Vanda Farrall (0476 276 066) or Barb Triffett (0497 876 551), otherwise just come as you are and enjoy.

WILLUNGA PARISH

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

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
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SACRAMENTS

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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.

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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Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

'My little children, I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

In the ironic way of the kingdom, things are not what they appear to be. Humiliation is about to become majesty. The king will be treated like a criminal, put to death in the manner fit for slaves of the empire. Death is going to be transcended in resurrection. Everything will be gathered with its opposite as heaven and earth are reconciled on the cross.

In the face of all that is to come, Jesus issues a new commandment: "Love one another." Most commandments tell us precisely what to do, or not to do. "Love one another is not so explicit. It does not establish guidelines or set protocol. It calls us into a kind of relationship. It makes us responsible for one another.

In that sense, the love command calls us into community. We are commanded to do one thing only, to care for one another as Jesus cares for us. And if we do that one thing, it will be the only thing we need to do.

GPBS eNews

GO FORTH AMONG THE PEOPLE

When my niece was asked why she wanted to be confirmed in the Catholic faith, she answered: "Because God needs me." It wasn't the answer her class had prepared or the Catechism teaches. I am not even sure it is quite theologically sound: Does God need anyone? Nevertheless, I don't doubt that God relies on Hannah, who has Down syndrome, and others who don't meet society's standards of perfection to show us how woefully limited our perceptions of beauty, success, and happiness are.

When God chose to pitch a tent and dwell among us, God turned the world upside down and inside out. In an eternal chain of transformation, God makes all things new.

And that is where God's need for Hannah comes in. People feel drawn to Hannah because she walks through the world with a confidence that she is perfect in God's eyes. Instinctively, or more probably through the grace of God, she shows that, like God, it is good for her to pitch her tent and live among the rest of us. She is God's ambassador to the Kingdom where all you need is love. GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(19 - 25 May)

- **Monday, 19:** Monday, 5th week of Easter (Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26)
- **Tuesday, 20:** Tuesday, 5th week of Easter (Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31)
- **Wednesday, 21:** Wednesday, 5th week of Easter (Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8)
- **Thursday, 22:** Thursday, 5th week of Easter (Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11)
- **Friday, 23:** Friday, 5th week of Easter (Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17)
- **Saturday, 24:** OUR LADY, HELP of CHRISTIANS (Gen 3:9-15,20; Lk 8:19-21)
- **Sunday 25:** SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Apoc 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29)

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 Dominick (0452 524 169) or Fr Julius (0455 878 907).