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Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

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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

Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said:
‘Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them:

“Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

“You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: *The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows*

how useless they are; or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Jn 2:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘You have learnt how it was said: *Eye for eye and tooth for tooth*. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

‘You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven,

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Bulletin Board

REGULAR MASS TIMES

(resumes beginning of December)

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 12.00noon - Normanville

WEEKEND MASSES

(Times on front page of this bulletin)

PRIEST ROSTER - WEEKENDS

(This roster may change

if something unforeseen crops up)

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who had been bountiful with me.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

22 February, 2023



9.15am	Mary of Galilee, Aldinga
7.00pm	St Joseph's, Willunga
7.30pm	St Peter's, Normanville

LENT

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Season of Lent, is a day of fast and abstinence that is meant to free us from all that binds, leading us to a conscious solidarity with the poor of the world, as we begin our Lenten journey.

What is Fasting and Abstaining?

Fasting is recommended for Catholics between the ages of 18 and 60 years, unless they have particular health requirements or are sick. Fasting is about being more alert, through limiting sensibly our intake of daily food. It helps us to heighten our senses and consciousness (as the monks in the desert discovered centuries ago), to aid our prayer, to enable us to recognise the deeper desires of our mind and heart, so that

we can listen to God's action more readily in our lives.

Abstinence from meat is for Catholics between the ages of 14 and 60, unless they have particular health requirements or are sick. We are to abstain from meat only on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday. However, you could choose to do this every Friday of Lent as a penitential practice to be in solidarity with the poor – but this is not required by the Church.

Sr Margaret Ann

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

7.30pm, Friday March 3

St Joseph's Church, Willunga

(Followed by supper in "The Shed")



The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto: **"Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action,"** and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together people of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

The Annual World Day of Prayer continues to be a time for promoting action to make the world a better place and reiterate the importance of prayer. This year's service will focus on the people of Taiwan and tell of the concerns and issues they currently face as a nation.

Everyone is more welcome. Parishioners from other local Churches have also been invited and we would love to see you there.

For more information please contact: Anna Rogers (0414 266 528), Gael Maloney (0447 421 948) or Sr Margaret Ann (0488 287 552).

LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKS



Lenten Reflection books are available (free-of-charge) from the Church Foyer today. They are ideal for personal reflection or for group discussion.

LENT 2023

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent23> Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.



"The doctor will be in shortly to type on the computer and update your chart. If he has time, he will ask how you're feeling and take a look at your rash."

**FRIENDSHIP IN THE LIFE OF
JAN RUFF-O'HERNE**

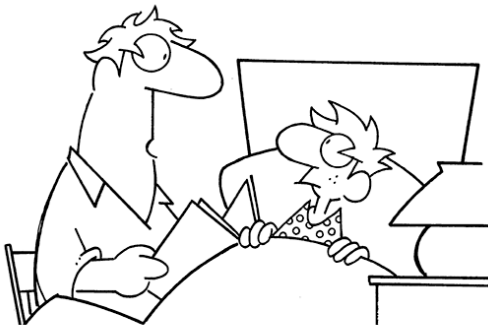
*Sunday Feb 19, 4.00pm – 5.00pm
Lefevre Catholic Parish Meeting
Rooms, 253 Military Road,
Semaphore (adjacent to Sacred
Heart Church)*

Speakers will focus on different aspects of Jan's wonderful capacity for friendship. Jan's daughter Eileen Mitton will share stories from her mother. Monsignor Bob Rice will outline the friendship between Jan and Archbishop James Gleeson. Fr Roderick O'Brien will sketch Jan's Friendship with the young women who were enslaved with her.

Enquiries: Fr Roderick (8449 6378). Certificate of attendance is available for professional development. Please register with Fr Roderick before the event, and on the day.

**GALA FOR LIFE - ADELAIDE –
PREGNANCY HELP
AUSTRALIA**

Gala For Life brings you a fun and elegant fundraising dinner for Pregnancy Help Australia, with special guest speakers, including Jor-El Godsey, president of Heartbeat International, USA, on Tuesday



"The three blind mice all got jobs as sports referees and lived happily ever after."

February 21 from 6pm to 10pm at the Strathmore Hotel, Adelaide.

Tickets on sale now through www.galaforlife.com.au Pension and student discounts available. Hope to see you there to celebrate life!

PROJECT COMPASSION

is a practical means of enabling us to reach out in generosity to those in need, while demanding of us some personal sacrifice. Boxes or envelopes are available in the Church foyer.

**NORTHERN
LIGHT PARISH**

On Sunday April 30 the centenary of Our Lady of the Nativity at Hamley Bridge will be celebrated. There will be Mass at 10.30am, celebrated by Archbishop O'Regan, followed by a light lunch. Anyone with a connection to the town is invited. For catering purposes, please RSVP to Carmel McCabe (0428 894 677).

**OVERSEAS PLACEMENT
PROGRAM – PALMS
AUSTRALIA**

Change their lives ... and yours
Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents. Explore 35 positions. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know: (9560 533 or 0422 472 567 _ or on the website: www.palms.org.au

ROSTERS

ALDINGA

Welcomer Christina Tiedge
Commentator Christina Tiedge
Readers Volunteer please
Ken Creevy
Eucharistic Minister Maria Jarvis-Maack

Saturday 25 February

Kate Manders
Michelle Cormack
David Manders
Brianna McIver
Kerri Gould

NORMANVILLE

Welcomer Tim Fleming
Commentator Michael Steller
Reader Trish Bohnsack
Altar/Cleaning M Kennedy, A Henriksen

Sunday, 26 February

Peter Bohnsack
Ann Henriksen
Michael Steller
Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery

WILLUNGA

Commentator Michael Hynes
Reader Megan Chapman
Eucharistic Minister Viv Zagajewska
Flowers Vanda Farrall
Church Linen Marie Cester

Sunday, 26 February

Wayne Best
John Tregeagle
Andrew Beach
Vanda Farrall
Anna Rogers

**PLEASE KEEP THESE
PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Sick: Muriel Smith, Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews

Recently deceased: Veronica Shortland, Trevor Keller

DATES

21 Feb Creative Corner
22 Feb Ash Wednesday
26 Feb First Sunday of Lent
3 Mar Coffee group - Louis
3 Mar World Day of Prayer
7 Mar Creative Corner
7 Mar Adelaide Cup Day
17 Mar St Patrick's Day
17 Mar Coffee group - Louis
21 Mar Creative Corner
31 Mar Coffee group - Louis
14 Apr Last day School term 1
4 Apr Creative Corner
6 Apr Thursday of Lord's Supper
7 Apr Good Friday
8 Apr Holy Saturday
9 Apr Easter Sunday
10 Apr Easter Monday
14 Apr Coffee group - Louis
16 Apr Divine Mercy Sunday
18 Apr Creative Corner
21 Apr Marian Procession
25 Apr ANZAC Day
28 Apr Coffee group - Louis
1 May First day School term 2
12 Jun King's birthday
7 Jul Last day School term 2
24 Jul First day School term 3
29 Sep Last day School term 3
2 Oct Labour Day
16 Oct First day School term 4
15 Dec Last day School term 4

**TÜRKIYE AND SYRIA
EARTHQUAKE DISASTER**

The 7.8 magnitude earthquake has unleashed devastation on Türkiye and Syria, leaving thousands of people dead, with this number expected to rise dramatically.

After 12 years of war, Syria is at breaking point and desperately needs assistance.

Your support to help those affected by this catastrophe is invaluable. Your generous donation means our partners in Turkey and Syria can respond swiftly to support the survivors of this unimaginable tragedy.

Visit: www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

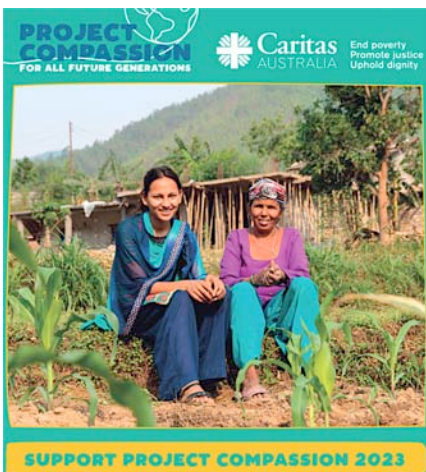
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- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Wearing of face-masks in Church is strongly recommended.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- 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?

- ‘An eye for an eye; a tooth for a tooth.’ This notion of justice and retribution from the Old Testament is often misunderstood. Rather than a dire punishment aimed at vengeance, it is in fact a way of limiting retribution. In effect, Old Testament law on this point says that you may not extract more punishment than was inflicted.
- In Jesus’ time, a Roman soldier had the right to command any man to carry his kit one mile but no further.
- Tax collectors were reviled by the Jews because they cooperated with the Romans and collected Roman taxes on their behalf. Because of their association with Gentiles, they were considered unclean.



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for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.’

DO NO HARM

One of the more famous embodiments of the message behind today’s gospel reading is Mahatma Gandhi’s non-violent resistance. Working from the words of Jesus, Gandhi once said, “An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind”. Not only did Gandhi pioneer the idea that mass social change could materialise through non-violent means, but would fast if violent actions occurred against the British by his own people.

Today’s gospel promotes these two ideas: non-violent resistance and loving our enemy. If these concepts seem counterintuitive, it is because they are. Biologically we are wired to react aggressively toward threats to protect against ourselves. Non-violent resistance and loving our enemies are conscious actions that challenge the way life is lived by most people.

Jesus and Gandhi were not only enlightened minds, but they were also strong leaders who manifested what they preached through their actions. As a practitioner of ahimsa, an Indian term meaning “to do no harm,” Gandhi swore to speak the truth and advocated that others do the same. Gandhi gave up any hint of materialism and lived his life in a self-sufficient community. Jesus, too, was famous for immersing himself in the lives of sinners, the poor, the suffering. It is not enough simply to preach. It is only through action that true change can come about.

PERFECTION 101 (Matthew 5: 38 - 48)

Full disclosure: I have never done this, offered myself to an enemy for a second round. The very idea of turning the other cheek is totally appalling. When Jesus says offer no resistance to one who is evil, I say: Lord, you’ve got to be kidding. Of

course, I’m going to resist evil. I’m going to run from the near occasion of the bad guys the moment I see them on the horizon. Jesus wants me to surrender my coat along with my shirt, and work twice as long for someone who’s already taking advantage of me. The capstone of the whole teaching is the most ludicrous: love your enemy. Is Jesus pulling our leg?

It’s obvious from reading the gospels that Jesus has a sense of humour. But he doesn’t simply clown around. Jesus says all of these preposterous things to bring us along to the bottom line on this way of thinking: Be perfect, as God is perfect. Because God does turn the other cheek, doesn’t resist us even when we’re evil, gives and gives, and loves us deeply. Maybe we won’t do these things. But thank heaven God will.

Ponder: Clean up a mess you didn’t make. Turn out a light somebody else left on. Ask a blessing on someone you don’t like. Put up with someone who won’t stop talking. Practice holiness. “When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the energies of prayer, for then you are working out of your true selves, your God-created selves”.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(20 February - 26 March)

- **Monday, 20:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29)
- **Tuesday, 21:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37)
- **Wednesday, 22:** Ash Wednesday (Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)
- **Thursday, 23:** Thursday, after Ash Wed (Deut 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25)
- **Friday, 24:** Friday, after Ash Wed (Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15)
- **Saturday, 25:** Saturday, after Ash Wed (Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32)
- **Sunday 26:** FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11)

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.