



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 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

Isaiah 62:1-5

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding.

Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 95:1-3, 7-10

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. <R>
2. Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. <R>
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. <R>
4. Worship the Lord in his temple. O Earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the people in fairness. <R>

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with

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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)

- 18 Jan 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Tom
- 19 Jan 8.30am, Willunga, Fr Dominick
10.30am, N/Ville, Fr Dominick
- 25 Jan 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Julius
- 26 Jan 8.30am, N/Ville, Fr Julius
10.30am, Willunga, Fr Julius

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

LIES AND THE SIN AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT

There is nothing as psychologically and morally dangerous as lying, as denying the truth. Jesus warns us that we can commit a sin that is unforgivable which (in his words) is a blaspheme against the Holy Spirit. What is this sin? Why is it unforgivable? And how is it linked to not telling the truth?

This is the context where Jesus gives us this warning. He had just cast out a demon and some of the people who had witnessed this believed, as a hard religious doctrine, that only someone who came from God could cast out a demon. But they hated Jesus, so seeing him cast out a demon was a very inconvenient truth, so inconvenient in fact that they chose to deny what they had just seen with their own eyes. And so, against everything they knew to be true, they affirmed instead that Jesus had cast out the demon by Beelzebub, the prince of demons. They knew better. They knew that they were denying the truth.

Jesus' first response was to try to make them see their lie. He appeals to logic, arguing that if Beelzebub, the prince of demons, is casting out demons, then Satan's house is divided against itself and will eventually fall. But they persist in their lie. It's then, in that specific context, that Jesus utters his warning about the danger of

committing a sin that cannot be forgiven because it blasphemes the Holy Spirit.

In essence, what's in this warning? The people whom Jesus addressed had denied a reality that they had just seen with their own eyes because it was too difficult for them to accept its truth. So, they denied its truth, fully aware that they were lying.

Well, the first lie we tell is not so dangerous because we still know we are lying. The danger is that if we persist in that lie and continue to deny (and lie) we can reach a point where we believe the lie, see it as truth, and see truth as falsehood. Perversion is then seen as virtue, and the sin becomes unforgivable, not because forgiveness is withheld, but because we no longer believe we need forgiveness, nor in fact do we want it or remain open to receive it.

Whenever we lie or in any way deny the truth, we begin to warp our conscience and if we persist in this, eventually we will (and this is not too strong a phrase) pervert our soul so that for us falsehood looks like truth, darkness looks like light, and hell looks like heaven.

Hell is never a nasty surprise waiting for a basically honest, happy person. Hell can only be the full flowering of a long, sustained dishonesty where we have denied reality for so long that we now see dishonesty as truth. There isn't anyone in hell who is repentant and wishing he or she had another chance to live and die in grace. If there is anyone in hell, that person, no matter his or her private misery, is feeling smug and looking with a certain disdain on the naivete of those who are honest, those in heaven.

And how is that a "blaspheme against the Holy Spirit"?

In his letter to the Galatians, St. Paul lays out two fundamental ways we can live our lives. We can live outside of God's spirit. We do that whenever we are living in infidelity, idolatry, hatred, factionalism, and dishonesty. And lying is what takes us there. Conversely, we live inside God's spirit, the Holy Spirit, whenever we are living in charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, long-suffering, fidelity, gentleness, and chastity. And we live inside these whenever we are honest. Thus, whenever we lie,

Saturday 8th March 2025 at 7 pm & Sunday 9th March 2025 at 2 pm

WILLUNGA
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

VIVALDI
CONCERTI VIRTUOSI
Concerto for Violin, Strings and basso continuo »Winter«
Concerto A minor for Violoncello, String Orchestra RV 418

MOZART
Serenade G major »A Little Night Music« KV 525
»Pezzo Capriccioso« for Violoncello and String Orchestra

TCHAIKOVSKY
»Capriccio« for Violin and Orchestra

PAGANINI
»Capriccio« for Violin and Orchestra

CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE
(Germany)
Sergey Didorenko * Violin Dmitrij Gornowski * Violoncello

Tickets available at
Willunga Catholic Parish Centre, 12 St. Jude Street, Tel. 0447 / 421 948
Doorsales at St. Joseph's Church 30 minutes prior to the concerts - unless sold out previously
(cash sales only)

CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE

8th and 9th March, 2025

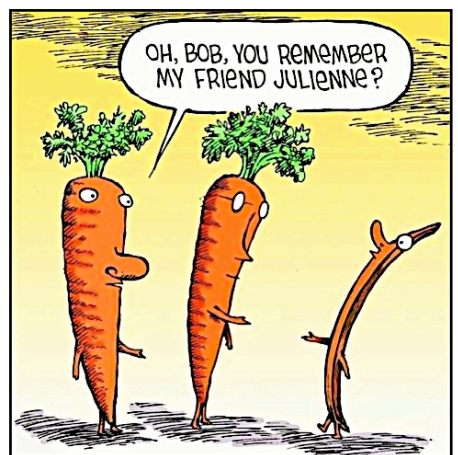
Parishioners are now able to book for the concerts on Saturday evening 8 March at 7pm and Sunday after-noon 9 March at 2pm.

Our parishioners are always given advance notice of this concert. However, once the company begins their own advertising, the best seats may no longer be available. We provide designated seating.

Payment is required before seats are allocated.

Tickets are the same price as they were last year.

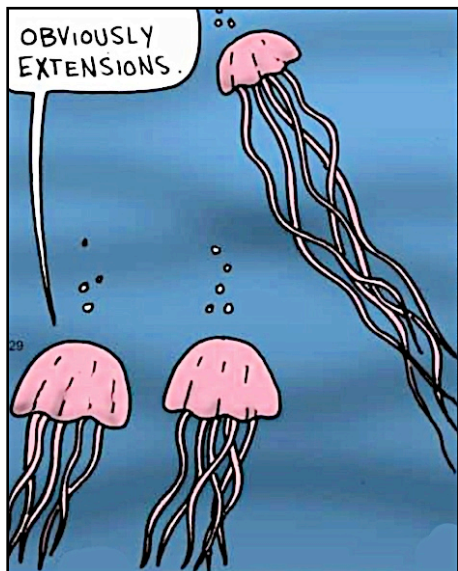
For bookings please contact Gael Maloney (phone 0447 421 948, email: bahloo2@bigpond.com)



whenever we deny reality, whenever we deny truth, we are (in effect and in reality) stepping outside of God's spirit, blaspheming that spirit by disdaining it.

Satan is the prince of lies. That's why the biggest danger in our world is the amount of lies, disinformation, misinformation, and flat-out denial of reality that's present most everywhere today – whenever, it seems, we don't find the truth to our liking. There is nothing more destructive and dangerous to the health of our souls, the possibility of creating community among ourselves, the future of our planet, and our own sanity, than the flat-out denial of the truth of something that has happened.

When reality is denied: when a fact of history is rewritten to expunge a painful truth; when you are told that something you witnessed with your own eyes didn't happen; when someone says, *the holocaust didn't*



happen; when someone says *there never was slavery in this country*; or when someone says *no kids died at Sandy Hook*, that doesn't just dishonor millions of people, it plays on the sanity of a whole culture.

When something has happened and is subsequently denied, that doesn't just make a mockery of truth, it plays havoc with our sanity, not least with the one who is telling the lie.

Ronald Rolheiser

WALK FOR LIFE

The Vicar General Fr Dean Marin is encouraging everyone to attend the upcoming 'Walk for Life' which will be held on Saturday February 8 at Pennington Gardens, opposite St Peter's Cathedral, from 10am till 12 noon. This year's theme is "Love the Next Generation". Join us as we walk for life to bring an end to abortion.

\$5 Donation - Parking Free Tickets Adelaide Oval trybooking.com/CVHLE Enter from Pennington Tce, Gates Open 9am. Don't forget to bring a drink bottle and remember the sunscreen.

Please wear a white shirt. No megaphones or personal signs, Love Adelaide will provide official signs. Please follow the direction of the marshals and police and walk peacefully with love.

loveadelaide.org.au

THE SOUTHERN CROSS

There will be no January edition of "The Southern Cross". The first issue for 2025 will be available for distribution on the weekend of February 8/9.

ROSTERS

ALDINGA

Welcomer
Commentator
Readers

Eucharistic Minister

Saturday 18 January

Andre Woodhouse
Chris McWilliams
Cristina Tiedje
Jill McHendry
Maria Jarvis-Maack

Saturday 25 January

Andre Woodhouse
David Manders
Chris McWilliams
Brigid Grimwood
Mario Bacchin

NORMANVILLE

Welcomer
Commentator
Reader
Data Projector
Altar/Cleaning

Sunday, 19 January

Peter Bohnsack
Ann Henriksen
Thia van Kuyk
Rita Steller
Trish Bohnsack, Rita Steller

Sunday, 26 January

Rita Steller
Antoinette Fleming
Michael Steller
Nigel Pile
Trish Bohnsack, Rita Steller

WILLUNGA

Commentator
Reader
Eucharistic Minister
Flowers
Church Linen

Sunday, 19 January

Gael Maloney
Marie Cester
Viv Zagajewska
Anna Rogers
Margaret Guley

Sunday, 26 January

Garry Triffett
Michael Hynes
Norman Lee
Tony Harding
Viv Zagajewska

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre Boyd, Janette McIver, Michael Casey, Paul Hancock, Paul Cormack, John Tregeagle, Kathy Ralston

2025 DATES

- 17 - 26 January Tour Down Under
- Sat 18 Jan - Women's Stage finish on: Willunga Hill
- Sat 25 Jan - Men's Stage finish on: Willunga Hill
- 26 Jan Australia Day
- 27 Jan Australia Day holiday
- 28 Jan First day, School term 1
- 29 Jan Lunar New Year (Wood Snake)
- 31 Jan Morning coffee - Louie's
- 9 Feb Day of Unborn Child Appeal
- 14 Feb Morning coffee - Louie's
- 28 Feb Morning coffee - Louie's
- 5 Mar Ash Wednesday
- 5 Mar Project Compassion
- 8 Mar Concert - St Joseph's - 7pm
- 9 Mar Concert - St Joseph's - 2pm
- 10 Mar Adelaide Cup Day
- 14 Mar Morning coffee - Louie's
- 28 Mar Morning coffee - Louie's
- 11 Apr Morning coffee - Louie's
- 12 Apr Last day School term 1
- 13 Apr Palm Sunday
- 17 Apr Thursday of Lord's Supper
- 18 Apr Good Friday
- 18 Apr Holy Places Appeal
- 19 Apr Holy Saturday
- 20 Apr Easter Sunday
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day
- 28 Apr First day School term
- 18 May St Vincent de Paul Appeal
- 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

COLLECTIONS

28/29 Dec, 4/5 and 11/12 Jan

First collection	\$1743.00
Envelopes	\$750.00
Unpledged	\$1766.00

(Not including direct credits)

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.

WILLUNGA PARISH

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- **Aldinga** - Kerri Gould, Lorraine Ellis, Kim Calderbank
- **Willunga** - Michael Hynes, Rick Zagajewski,
- **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

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- **St Peter's, Normanville** - Please contact Willunga Parish Office (08) 8556 2132 or 0447 421 948

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES

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CHILD PROTECTION

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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wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Thess 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

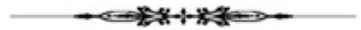
There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water', and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said; 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

EXPLORING THE WORD

In the Gospel of John, this is the first public act of Jesus and it is the woman, his mother, who initiates this first display of his divine origins when he 'let his glory be seen'. Her total trust that he will respond to her observation helps to explain why we look to Mary as a model of faith and discipleship. Jesus takes the symbol of the old rituals of Israel - the water for ritual cleanliness - and transforms it into something new. This is a recurring motif in John.

Another recurring theme is that of 'the hour' of Jesus. In John's gospel, the 'hour' will not be finally fulfilled until the supreme moment when Jesus shows the fullness of his love for both his Father and for all people; the moment when he is 'lifted up' on the cross. This story is about much more than the performance of a miracle at a wedding feast. In the performance of this sign, Jesus reveals something of the power and glory of God operating in and through him, and it is this revelation of the glory of God that has a transformative effect on his disciples, so that they come to believe in him. The miracle at Cana announces the richness of the gifts of God that Jesus has come to dispense, and for the disciples and for all who come to believe in Jesus, this is a life-changing event.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(20 - 26 January)

- **Monday, 20:** Weekday, Ord Time 2 (Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22)
- **Tuesday, 21:** St Agnes (Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28)
- **Wednesday, 22:** Weekday, Ord Time 2 (Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6)
- **Thursday, 23:** Weekday, Ord Time 2 (Heb 7:25 - 8:6; Mk 3:7-12)
- **Friday, 24:** St Francis de Sales (Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19)
- **Saturday, 25:** The Conversion of St Paul (Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18)
- **Sunday, 26:** AUSTRALIA DAY (Is 32:15-18; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Mt 5:1-12 or Lk 12:22-32)

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 0447 421 948.