



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

EASTER SUNDAY - 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 10:34, 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end'. <R>
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. <R>
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. <R>

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

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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)

20 Apr	8.30am, Willunga, Fr Tom 10.30am, N/ville, Fr Julius
26 Apr	5.30pm, Aldinga
27 Apr	8.30am, N/ville, Fr Tom 10.30am, Willunga

EASTER MASS TIMES

• Holy Thursday (17 April) •

St Peter's, Normanville 5.00pm
Mary of Galilee, Aldinga 5.30pm
St Joseph's, Willunga 7.30pm

• Good Friday (18 April) •

Mary of Galilee, Aldinga 3.00pm
St Joseph's, Willunga 3.00pm
St Peter's, Normanville 5.15pm

• Saturday Vigil (19 April) •

Mary of Galilee, Aldinga 5.30pm
St Joseph's, Willunga 7.30pm

• Easter Sunday (20 April) •

St Joseph's, Willunga 8.30am
St Peter's, Normanville 10.30am
(Normanville Mass will be held at Club Fleurieu, 140-142 Main South Road, Yankalilla)

EASTER TRIDUUM

The observance of the Easter Triduum in Willunga Catholic Parish is a testament to the enduring power of faith and tradition. It is a time for reflection, renewal, and celebration, deeply rooted in the spiritual heritage of the Catholic Church. We hope to see you at our Easter services.

• Holy Thursday

Otherwise known as Maundy Thursday, on this day we commemorate the Last Supper, the final meal Jesus shared with his disciples before his arrest. This evening is often marked by the Washing of the Feet ceremony, where priests wash the feet of 12 individuals, reenacting Jesus' act of humility and service.

• Good Friday: A Day of Solemnity and Remembrance

Good Friday is a day of profound reverence and mourning, marking the

day of Jesus' crucifixion. Catholics will treat this as a day of fasting, only taking one full meal during the day and abstaining from meat.

Opportunities to pray and/or watch the Stations of the Cross, where we reflect on of Jesus' path to Calvary, are often held during the day.

Good Friday services usually begin at 3.00pm. These services usually include the Veneration of the Cross, an act of reverence for the instrument of Christ's sacrifice.

• Easter Saturday Vigil

The Easter Vigil, held on Saturday night, marks the transition from mourning to anticipation and light. The Easter Vigil Mass commences with the lighting of the Easter fire, which symbolises the light of Christ dispelling the darkness of sin. As the night progresses, Catholics join in the Easter Proclamation, a joyous declaration of Christ's resurrection.

• Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday is the culmination of Holy Week, a day of jubilation and renewal. Catholics attend Easter Mass, celebrating Christ's victory over death and the promise of eternal life. The Easter Mass is a joyous occasion, filled with music and hymns celebrating the new life and joy brought by Christ's resurrection.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at St Luke's, Noarlunga Downs on 27 April starting at 4.30pm. There will be three Priests available for confession from 4.30pm. All parishioners are most welcome.

Dolek Thiele

"THE SOUTHERN CROSS"

The April edition of "The Southern Cross" is available for free in the Parish foyer today.

SEEING IS BELIEVING

It was a morning of extreme urgency. Mary Magdalene ventured out and found the open, empty tomb. The angels, the Gardener-Lord, will come later in the morning. Mary sees only the empty tomb, and rushes to tell the others. She uses the words "has been taken," implying the tomb has been robbed.

Peter hits the ground running, along with another disciple. The other

disciple gets there first and looks in. Since Mary got there "while it was still dark," she did not see what he sees: wrappings on the ground. Only Peter goes into the tomb and sees the rest of the story, the neatly rolled head covering in its own place. And seeing this, he believes.

What do we believe? John wants us to consider this before the story goes any further. What does it mean that the tomb is open, the body gone, the wrappings there? Would robbers bother the tomb of a penniless man? Would the Romans gain from removing the body? Or the Judean leaders, who wanted the body to stay put? Who would unwrap a body and steal it away? And who would pause to fold up the head cloth and put it down?

For two thousand years Christians have been calling this event resurrection. It is not just the meaning of Easter, but the reason there are Christians at all. Who do you see when you look into the empty tomb?

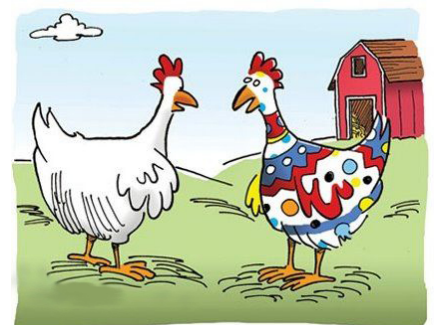
Questions for Reflection

- What are the miracles in your life? How do they reflect the resurrected Christ for others?
- Were you taught to think about religion in terms of shame or love? How do you think about your faith now?
- Name the experience of the empty tomb for yourself and explain what it means in your life.

Action Response

Bring new life to someone as an expression of Easter faith. Call or visit someone who is isolated. Share food and company. Be a source of joy to those who meet you. Give someone a reason to shout 'Alleluia!'

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"I was an Easter egg"



**FUND-RAISER FOR REFUGEES
SATURDAY MAY 31**

We are gearing up for an exciting fundraising event at the Yankalilla Agricultural Hall on Saturday, May 31. Buy a ticket to support the event or some raffle tickets, if unable to attend.

There will be a great lineup of musicians who have volunteered their time to support the cause, including: Wendy McPhee, Margie Russell and the Russell Sisters, violinist Christine Stokes and family, guitarist Hugo, Carrickalinga band 'Ambiguous Folk', Kym Mitchell, Paul Motiekaitis and Karen Pater.

Local businesses and individuals have donated generously to the prizes for the raffle to be drawn on the night (including Seagrass Villas 2 nights

accommodation, welcome bottle of wine and breakfast provisions, 43 Jetty Road 1 night accommodation, Little Norma (1 night accommodation), a case of Allusion wine, handmade quilt donated by the Threads Sewing Group, a Huon Pine Sculpture valued at around \$1000 donated by Geoff Bromilow, and more to come...

Door Prize: Grass Tree Gully (1 night accommodation) and for the kids there will be a free lucky dip.

Gates open at 5.00pm. Adults \$15, Children under 5 free, Family entry (2 adults, 2 children 5-16) \$35. Bookings phone 08 8558 0240.

See notice board in the Church foyer for more details. *Fleurieu Refugee Support Group*

MARIAN PROCESSION

The 76th Marian Procession will be held on Sunday, May 18 beginning at Victoria Park and processing up Wakefield Street into Victoria Square. The Procession will commence at 2.00pm and all are invited to attend.

For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events (8210 8220).



ST JOSEPH'S ROSTERS

for the next six months are available from the Foyer this weekend. Thank you to those involved.

CUPPA AFTER MASS

There will be cuppa following Mass in The Shed at St Joseph's this weekend. Everyone is most welcome.

ROSTERS

ALDINGA
Welcomer
Commentator
Readers
Eucharistic Minister

Saturday 19 April
André Woodhouse
Chris McWilliams
See special Easter Vigil Roster
Kerri Gould, Mario Bacchin

Saturday 26 April
André Woodhouse
David Manders
Michelle Cormack
Cristina Tiedje
Judi Driscoll

NORMANVILLE
Welcomer
Commentator
Reader
Data Projector
Altar/Cleaning

Sunday, 20 April
Tim Fleming
Jim Fitzpatrick
Chris Symes
Thia van Kuyk
Team effort

Sunday, 27 April
Peter Bohnsack
Antoinette Fleming
Nigel Pile
Jim Fitzpatrick
Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery

WILLUNGA
Commentator
Reader
Eucharistic Minister
Flowers
Church Linen

Sunday, 20 April
Michael Hynes
Megan Chapman
Andrew Beach
Anna Rogers + helpers
Wayne Best

Sunday, 27 April
Michael Hynes
Marie Andrews
Andrew Beach
Anna Rogers
Wayne Best

**PLEASE KEEP THESE
PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Healing list: Michael Casey, Kathy Ralston, Rainer Maack, John Tregeagle, Karoline Hermann

Recently deceased: Jo-Anne Milen

2025 DATES

- 19 Apr Holy Saturday
- 20 Apr Easter Sunday
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day
- 27 Apr Divine Mercy Sunday
- 28 Apr First day School term
- 18 May St Vincent de Paul Appeal
- 2 Jun Stonework restoration - St J's
- 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

EMERGENCY EVACUATION

In the event of an emergency please follow the directions of the Commentator, who will act as the Warden and take control of the situation.

When directed to evacuate the building:

- Move quickly and orderly to the nearest safe exit, do not run;
- If required, provide assistance to disabled persons and the elderly;
- Alert the Warden if someone is unable or unwilling to evacuate;
- Proceed to the designated assembly area and await further instructions from the Warden or emergency services;
- Do not re-enter any buildings until advised by the Warden or emergency services.

GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

The annual collection for the support of the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, parishes, and orphanages.

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) or
Tony Harding (0488 330 748)
- **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:

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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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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

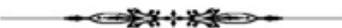
GOSPEL

John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved.

'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.



LET FAITH EGG YOU ON

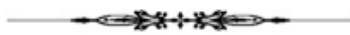
One Easter, when we were children, my sister decided to play a trick on the family, one I suggest that no one choose to imitate. She took a raw egg from the fridge, coloured it, and put it in the basket along with all the hard-boiled eggs. Then she waited with great anticipation to see who would select that egg. One by one people grabbed an egg and cracked the shell. The raw egg never appeared. I don't remember it breaking, but I still shudder at the thought of my father doing it. Maybe mum saw what my sister did and took away the raw egg, or maybe she panicked and threw it out herself. Now that over a quarter of a century has passed, I'll never know what happened to the raw Easter egg.

Two thousand years have passed since the events of the first Easter. To this

day what happened remains a mystery. Some want to believe that we were all tricked into thinking that Jesus was raised from the dead. Others are so uncertain that they cannot or choose not to believe that it happened. Others agree strongly that because they cannot know for sure, they cannot believe.

But faith is not certainty. So today, we who call ourselves Christians put our faith in Jesus who was raised from the dead. We have no proof of this Easter Resurrection beyond the faith of all who have gone before us, from Mary of Magdala to Peter and to Paul. We join our act of faith with theirs. We believe as they believed. And in doing so we become an Easter people.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(21 - 27 April)

- **Monday, 18:** Monday within the Octave of Easter (Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15)
- **Tuesday, 19:** Tuesday within the Octave of Easter (Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18)
- **Wednesday, 20:** Wednesday within the Octave of Easter (Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35)
- **Thursday, 21:** Thursday within the Octave of Easter (Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48)
- **Friday, 22:** Friday within the Octave of Easter (Acts 4:1.12; Jn 21:1-14)
- **Saturday, 23:** Saturday within the Octave of Easter (Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15)
- **Sunday 24:** SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER (Acts 5:12-16; Rev 1:9-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31)



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.