



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

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MASS CENTRES

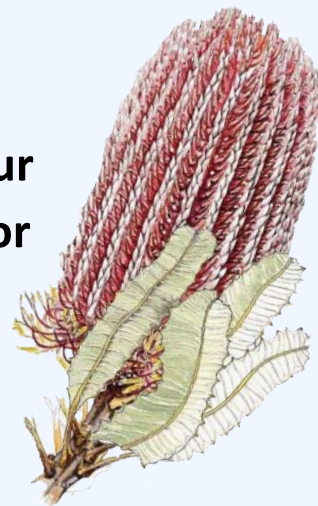
- Mary of Galilee, cnr Quinliven and How Roads, ALDINGA - Galilee
- St Peter's, Cape Jervis Road, NORMANVILLE
- St Joseph's, St Judes St, WILLUNGA

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)

O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.

MATTHEW 15:28



FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.'

He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's'

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Bulletin Board

REGULAR MASS TIMES

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)

19 Aug	5.30am - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
20 Aug	8.30am - Willunga, Fr Josy 10.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy
26 Aug	5.50am - Aldinga, Fr Josy
27 Aug	8.30am - N/ville, Fr Dominick 10.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Tuesday, 15 August

Mass will be celebrated at 9.00am at St Joseph's, Willunga with Fr Tom. Everyone is most welcome.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

BLESSING OF MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday September 17

Celebrations for milestone wedding anniversaries in the Archdiocese will again be held in local parish communities to recognise couples in their life-long commitment. If you, or someone you know, is celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60 years), we invite you to let Sr Margaret Ann (0488 287 552) or Gael Maloney (0447 421 948) know of the details so they may be acknowledged at the Anniversaries Mass on that weekend.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Fr Tom Gleeson will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination on Friday 1st September. You are invited to join with others to help him celebrate this significant event with an evening meal at "The Alma" Hotel, 15 Hill Street, Willunga - 6.00pm for 6.30pm

We need definite numbers (and payment) by Monday 28 August.

The three course meal will consist of:

- Starter
- Main - choice of Fish (gluten free if necessary) and chips, or Roast of the day, or Chicken schnitzel
- Dessert - choice of Cheesecake, or fruit and ice cream

Cost is \$35 per head, drinks extra - from the bar.

Please RSVP to:

- ALDINGA: Chris McWilliams (0451 144 776) or Lorraine Ellis (0420 408 228)
- NORMANVILLE: Rita Steller (0439 508 180)
- WILLUNGA: Marie Andrews (0423 302 746)

The most convenient method of payment is by Direct Credit to:

Acc Name: Marie Andrews

BSB: 065-188

Acc No: 100 622 69

Reference: Your surname

However, if you prefer to use cash, please pay your community contact (above). PLEASE NO CHEQUES!

PUTTING FOOD ON THE TABLE

An important survey for all Onkaparinga residents

We're asking everyone over the age of eighteen in Onkaparinga to take a few minutes to fill out an important, anonymous survey.

We're trying to better understand issues relating to putting food on your table at home. Even if you don't experience these issues, we would still love you to fill out the survey as that will also help us understand the bigger picture.

That's why we want to hear from you:

- Do you feel that you have enough food to eat on a regular basis?
- What impact does the rising cost of food have on you?
- What challenges do you face in accessing food, if any?

The survey responses will help us consider Council's role in this issue. Join the conversation and let's work together to ensure everyone in our community has access to healthy and affordable food options. Your input and ideas matter!

To take the survey and for more information, please visit the Your Say page [here](#). As the survey is anonymous, we'll also share the

outcomes via the Your Say page. Paper versions will be available at our Community Centres, Customer Service offices and Libraries by the end of this week.

This survey is a joint initiative of the [City of Onkaparinga](#) and [City of Marion](#) in collaboration with [The University of Adelaide](#). Consultation closes on Sunday 27 August 2023.

NEW GARDEN BEDS

Aldinga people may have noticed our three new round, raised garden beds near the entrance of Galilee. The purpose of the garden beds is to connect our Middle School Students, families and Parishioners and to grow, harvest and enjoy some delicious produce.

During the planning stage in Term 1, our Year 9 students identified the need for a herb bed, indigenous planting bed and a flower bed. During this term we hope to involve members of our community in the planting process.

If you would like to help with watering, planting and/or can donate some seeds/seedlings/cuttings, please let the front office know.

We look forward to watching our new plants grow and sharing the produce!
Carmen Moyse (Galilee Campus)

SEPTEMBER IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES MONTH

Help make a difference to the lives of South Australians

In the month of September, we are promoting the Catholic Charities Appeal which supports the following agencies in South Australia: Hutt St



Centre, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Centacare Catholic Family Services, Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's Special Schools.

MULTICULTURAL REVIEW

For the first time, migrants can use their native tongue to warn government about the barriers they face after arriving in Australia.

Submissions for the federal government's Multicultural Framework Review have opened and, in a landmark move, the Home Affairs Department will accept input in all languages.

Immigration Minister Andrew Giles hopes the move will help government see barriers that are currently "not visible" to policymakers.

The review, the first of its kind in a generation, will explore the experience of migrants and potential improvements to the ways they are integrated into their new home. Giles compared the process to the [Indigenous Voice to Parliament](#),



which the government is pushing in a referendum at the end of the year. "[It's] about listening and understanding that, through listening to different perspectives, we get better policy outcomes," he said.

Home Affairs will also take the novel step of accepting submissions in video and audio format, along with the typical written submissions required by other reviews.

"We've got some very consistent feedback from younger people that they'd like to share their views, but they don't necessarily feel as comfortable expressing them by writing a document when they could [do it] directly to camera and send that in."

Information on the review will also be made available in 35 commonly-spoken languages. But after some health information was poorly translated during the COVID-19 pandemic, Giles insisted work was being done to ensure they were "both accurate in the literal sense and fully comprehensible".

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SCAM ALERT FROM ARCHDIOCESAN OFFICE

"It has come to our attention that parishioners have been receiving text messages and emails impersonating staff and/or priests asking for help in the form of money or gift cards.

DO NOT REPLY OR CLICK ON ANY LINKS AND BLOCK THE EMAIL OR PHONE NUMBER."

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre Boyd, Jim Smith

Recently deceased: Beth Thomas, Maura Lock

Anniversary: Domenic Di Fabio

DATES

- 1 Sep 50th Anniversary of Fr Tom's Ordination - Dinner "Alma"
- Sep Catholic Charities Month
- 3 Sep Fathers' Day
- 29 Sep Last day School term 3
- 2 Oct Labour Day
- 16 Oct First day School term 4
- 22 Oct World Mission Day
- 12 Nov Vinnies Christmas Appeal
- 15 Dec Last day School term 4
- 25 Dec Catholic Charities Appeal

COLLECTIONS

05/06 and 12/13 August

First collection	\$514.00
Second collection	\$626.00
Envelopes	\$384.00
Vocations Appeal	\$351.00
<i>(Direct debits not included)</i>	

CONCERN FOR OUR PRIESTS

Clergy workload, mental health and cultural challenges for overseas-born priests were some of the issues discussed at a recent national gathering of clergy life and ministry diocesan directors.

The June 26-29 conference in Sydney saw 30 diocesan directors gather for the first time since the last national meeting in 2019.

The conference serves as a way for clergy to build fraternity, develop support networks and reflect on shared joys and challenges.

"CathNews"

I woke up this morning, with a terrible hangover ... to the sound of my neighbour mowing his lawn. I was going to get up, then I thought, "Nah, he can mow around me!!"

ROSTERS

ALDINGA	<i>Saturday 19 August</i>	<i>Saturday 26 August</i>
Welcomer	Lorraine, Noah Ellis	Cristina Tiedje
Commentator	Chris McWilliams	Michelle Cormack
Readers	Rod Boucher	Chris McWilliams
	Vivi Boucher	Cristina Tiedje
Eucharistic Minister	David Manders	Lorraine Ellis
NORMANVILLE	<i>Sunday, 20 August</i>	<i>Sunday, 27 August</i>
Welcomer	Rita Steller	Michael Steller
Commentator	Thia van Kuyk	Ann Henriksen
Reader	Ena Harvey	Volunteer please
Altar/Cleaning	Trish Bohnsack, Rita Steller	Trish Bohnsack, Rita Steller
WILLUNGA	<i>Sunday, 20 August</i>	<i>Sunday, 27 August</i>
Commentator	Michael Hynes	Wayne Best
Reader	John Tregagle	Norman Lee
Eucharistic Minister	Viv Zagajewska	Andrew Beach
Flowers	Anna Rogers	Marie Andrews
Church Linen	Marie Cester	Anna Rogers

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 17/08/23)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- Procession of gifts has resumed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact

DID YOU KNOW?

- The cities of Tyre and Sidon were the leading towns of ancient Phoenicia. Both cities were on the coast of what is now modern Lebanon. The Phoenicians were descendants of the even more ancient Canaanites who populated the area earlier.
- Israel despised the Canaanites. It loathed the Canaanite religion with its pagan gods and fertility cults and found many of their practices abominable.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

All the readings for this week speak of foreigners who have accepted faith in the one God. The gospel tells of a great learning moment for Jesus. He ignores the pleas of the Gentile woman but, ultimately, she forces him to recognise that salvation is available to all people who have faith. This would have been a salient message for those in Matthew's community who struggled to come to terms with Gentiles entering their community.

PRAYER AT HOME

*O God let all the nations praise you!
O God, be gracious and bless us and
let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon
earth and all nations learn your
saving help.
O God, let all nations praise you.*

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table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

BUILDING A BIGGER HOUSE (Matthew 15: 21 - 28)

Even dogs have hope! This is what the woman says to Jesus, when she asks him to heal her tormented daughter. She classifies her family with dogs, knowing the average Israelite would describe a Canaanite that way. Jesus is astounded by her faith and gives her the desire of her heart.

Some scholars claim Jesus was testing the woman by not responding to her request right away. Others say Jesus learned from her that his mission was larger than Israel. This seems strange to those of us who were taught that Jesus had the mind of God from the time Mary first laid him in the straw. But if Jesus is also fully human, he'd have to grow in wisdom and grace, as Luke says Jesus did.

This woman summoned up the courage to tell Jesus how to run his own ministry! The best of the prophets and saints showed this kind of spirit, sparring with God over matters of importance to them. Who knows what could happen if more people prayed with such confidence? Who knows how many of us could wrestle with God like Abraham, Jacob, Hannah, and the Canaanite woman - and win?

Do you think God's mind can be changed? Do you think there are things about which "God's mind is made up"?

ALL ARE WELCOME

My father told me the story about his being an immigrant teenager desperately looking for work with his two brothers. Employment office after employment office had signs that said, "Italians need not apply" or "No Italians wanted". To find work, they had to go inland and take the dangerous job of working in the coal mines, work that nobody else wanted.

Perhaps that is why when he opened his grocery store, he was tolerant of all who wanted to work for him or shop there. He always said that the

money people spend was green, not black or white or brown. He was pragmatic, if anything.

So, too, the church is welcoming, or should be, of all who choose to believe its message. Paul makes that clear as he brought the Gentiles into the church. Isaiah states that God's house "is called a house of prayer for all people".

So, we gather, all of us, with our differences, but united in one faith and ask for God's help in all that we do. It is that faith and our need for God's help that joins us together. All are wanted and welcome.

KIDS' CORNER

... for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples (Isaiah 56: 7)

Every three years, about a million Catholic young people from all over the world gather at an event called World Youth Day. This year's World Youth Day was in Lisbon, Portugal. It is a time for young Catholics to go to Mass together, share stories, learn about other cultures and languages and become friends. Pope Francis once said about World Youth Day: "We celebrate the fact that coming from different cultures, we have come together to pray. Let our best word be our unity in prayer".

THIS WEEK'S READINGS (21 - 27 August)

- **Monday, 21:** St Pius X (Judges 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22)
- **Tuesday, 22:** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Judges 6:11-24; Mt 19:23-30)
- **Wednesday, 23:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Judges 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16)
- **Thursday, 24:** St Bartholomew (Apoc 21:9-14; Jun 1:45-51)
- **Friday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40)
- **Saturday, 26:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 20 (Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12)
- **Sunday 27:** 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20)

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.