



Welcome to

# Willunga Catholic Parish

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

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## PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

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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

*Genesis 18:1-10*

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah.' 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree. 'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent' he

replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalms 14:2-5*

*The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue. <R>
2. He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. <R>
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. <R>

## SECOND READING

*Colossians 1:24-28*

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for  
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# Bulletin Board

## the LORD MASS TIMES 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 6.00pm - Willunga

## WEEKEND MASSES

*(NB: This roster may be changed if something unforeseen crops up)*

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

## FR DOMINICK ON LEAVE

Fr Dominick is on leave until 15 August. Fr Julius will be filling in for him during that time.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

## BLESSING OF MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

**Sunday September 21, 2025**

Celebrations of significant wedding anniversaries will be held in local Parish communities again this year. All couples who are celebrating a



significant year of marriage in 2025 (1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40 or 50 years or more), are invited to leave their details with Gael Maloney (0447 421 948) to receive a special acknowledgement from the Archbishop.



The first Message of Pope Leo XIV for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, whose fifth edition will be celebrated on Sunday, 27 July, was published recently. The theme of the Message is "Blessed are those

who have not lost hope (Sir 14:2)" and fits into the context of the Jubilee of Hope 2025. In the Message, the Holy Father invites us to recognise the elderly not only as recipients of pastoral care, but as witnesses of hope who are active protagonists in the life of the Church.

Old age can be a time of blessedness in which hope, tested in the fire of a long life, becomes a source of joy and renewed trust in the Lord. God "teaches us that, in his eyes, old age is a time of blessing and grace, and that the elderly are, for him, the first witnesses of hope." states Pope Leo XIV in his [Message](#).

## Prayer for the Fifth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

*How beautiful are these words of yours, Lord!*

*Help us to continue our pilgrimage through time, animated by the hope that comes from You!*

*Help us in this divisive world, to bring the hope of communion.*

*Help us in this world, wounded by wars, to bring the hope of peace.*

*Help us in this world, which is dehumanising, to bring the beauty of an ancient smile.*

*Help us to be, for our grandchildren, for our loved ones and for everyone we meet, the memory of your tenderness.*

*Help us to bring, in a world distracted from You, the Hope of a new life that only You can give!*

*For in You, Lord, nothing is lost  
For in You, Lord, everything begins again!* Amen

## YOUTH MASS & GATHERING FOR JUBILEE OF YOUNG PEOPLE

**Thursday 31 July 4.00pm - 6.00pm**  
**Mary of Galilee Church**  
**Galilee School Hall**

Mass begins at 4.00pm and will be followed by activities, games and supper. Please arrive approximately 15 minutes beforehand. All youth of the Parish and schools are invited to attend. Cost is \$8 per person and pizza supper will be provided. This can be paid on the night or via the Galilee Qkr app prior to the day. RSVP via Forms <https://forms.office.com/r/XqmpZZXPjT>

Any questions can be forward to me at [kim.calderbank@cardijn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kim.calderbank@cardijn.catholic.edu.au)  
There will be a sign-in form on arrival for health and safety purposes.

*Kim Calderbank*  
*(APRIM)*

## ALDINGA ROSTERS

Thank you to the people who volunteer for the rosters at Mary of Galilee. Your assistance is very much appreciated. The new roster for the period until 20 September, is available today.

## LADIES LUNCH

A small group of local women have started a Ladies Lunch Group for all Willunga Parish women.

You are warmly invited to join them again on Friday 1 August at 12.30pm at Oxenberry Farm, 26 Kangarilla Road, McLaren Vale. Please come along.

For more information and bookings contact Barb Triffett (0497 876 551) or Vanda Farrall (0476 276 066).

*Barb Triffett*

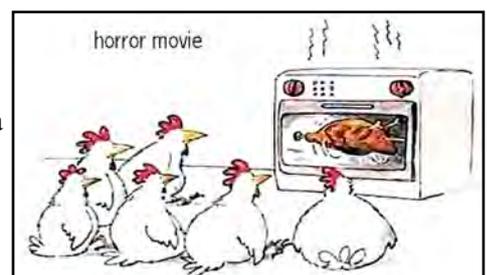
## WCCM SOUTH AUSTRALIA COMMUNITY DAY

**Saturday Aug 2, 11.00am – 3.00pm**  
**The Buddhist Monk who Loves Jesus**

Guest Speaker— Thầy Thông Pháp, Meditator in the Buddhist and Christian traditions - at Semaphore Uniting Church, 146 Semaphore Road, Exeter.

Thầy will give an account of his spiritual journey beginning as a Methodist, to a monastic in the Anglican tradition, then, losing his faith and ending up as a Buddhist Monk who loves Jesus.

Please bring a plate of vegetarian lunch (for sharing), your own cup and water bottle. Suggested Donation \$15. To find out more information or register at [chr.med.southaust@gmail.com](mailto:chr.med.southaust@gmail.com)



## THE BETTER PART

(Luke 10:38-42)

“Tell her to lend me a hand.”

In a world that never stops spinning, we live in a culture obsessed with busyness. We measure success by productivity, value our output and worth by how much we can juggle at once. It's no wonder many of us feel like Martha – always doing, always rushing, always anxious about the next thing.

But then there's Mary. Sitting. Listening. Present.

In Luke 10:38-42, Jesus gently reminds Martha – and us – that while the hustle may seem urgent, the heart of life is found in presence. Mary chose “what is better,” not because work is bad, but because worship is essential. She prioritised connection over chaos. Being with Jesus over doing for him.

This isn't a call to abandon responsibilities, but to reorder our priorities. To ask: What if the most radical thing we could do in our fast-



Why science teachers should not be given playground duty.

paced lives is slow down? What is being present, truly present – with God, with ourselves, with others – is the secret to the peace we're all chasing?

Here's the challenge: This week, carve out intentional times just to be. Not to check something off a list, but to sit, breathe, and listen. Maybe it's five minutes in silence. Maybe it's a walk without your phone. Maybe it's reading Scripture without rushing to apply it. Whatever it looks like for you – choose the better part.

And here's the good news: Jesus isn't scolding Martha. He's inviting her – and us – into a life that isn't ruled by anxiety but anchored in love.

Let's not just do more. Let's be more. Start today. *GPBS eNews*

## BABY RECESSION DEEPENS IN BIGGEST CITIES AMID COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS

Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane each saw declines in the number of children born per woman from 2023 to 2024, barely offset by increases in Perth and in regional Australia. Overall, the country's fertility rate, or children born per woman, was 1.51 in 2024, statistically similar to the 1.5 observed in 2023 and well below the rate of 1.8 observed a decade beforehand.

Young families continued to delay or give up on having children in the face of elevated living costs over the year. There's a feeling they need to have secure housing before starting a family, and that the extreme housing crisis that's being faced in all parts of Australia is related to that declining fertility rate.

*Excerpt from article - cathnews.com*

## PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Healing list:** Michael Casey, Kathy Ralston, John Tregeagle, Karoline Hermann, Marie Cester, Laura Curtis

### 2025 DATES

21 Jul	First day School term 3
10 Aug	Vocations Appeal
Sep	Catholic Charities Month
Oct	World Mission Month
19 Oct	Mission Day Appeal
26 Sep	Last day School term 3
6 Oct	Labour day holiday
13 Oct	First day School term 4
9 Nov	Supporting our Clergy Campaign
16 Nov	St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal
12 Dec	Last day School term 4
25 Dec	Catholic Charities Appeal

### COLLECTIONS

05/06 : 12/13 July

First collection	\$875.00
Second collection	\$608.00
Envelopes	\$370.00
Stella Maris Appeal	\$367.50
NATSICC Appeal	\$367.50

(Not including direct credits)

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.



Celebrate an Australian tradition with rhythm, community and heart. Drive away the chill of winter, warm your spirits and welcome spring with music, fun, laughter and boot-stomping, while raising funds for important refugee projects like Women for Change.

Where: Yankalilla Showgrounds Pavilion, corner Jervois Rd and Main South Rd, Yankalilla  
 When: Saturday, 30 August - 6pm - 10pm, gates open at 5pm  
 Tickets: Adults \$15, Children under 5 free/under 16 \$5, Family (2adults, 2 children 5-16) \$35.

BYO plate to share, bar facilities and hot beverages available for purchase, free camping, camp fire.  
 Bookings: Fleurieu Coast Vision Centre in person, phone (08) 8558 0240, or online [visitfleurieucoast.com.au](http://visitfleurieucoast.com.au)  
 Enquiries: For early entries and more information call Janet (0438 298 819)

## ROSTERS

### ALDINGA

Welcomer  
 Commentator  
 Readers  
 Eucharistic Minister

### Saturday 19 July

André Woodhouse  
 Michelle Cormack  
 Rod Boucher  
 Vivi Boucher  
 Maria Jarvis-Maack

### Saturday 26 July

André Woodhouse  
 Chris McWilliams  
 David Manders  
 Jill McHendrie  
 Judi Driscoll

### NORMANVILLE

Welcomer  
 Commentator  
 Reader  
 Data Projector  
 Altar/Cleaning

### Sunday, 20 July

Rita Steller  
 Chris Symes  
 Ann Henriksen  
 Thia van Kuyk  
 Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery

### Sunday, 27 July

Leo Montgomery  
 Antoinette Fleming  
 Anna Vnuk  
 Jim Fitzpatrick  
 Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery

### WILLUNGA

Commentator  
 Reader  
 Eucharistic Minister  
 Flowers  
 Church Linen

### Sunday, 20 July

Ian La Ronde  
 Marie Andrews  
 Viv Zagajewska  
 Anna Rogers  
 Margaret Guley

### Sunday, 27 July

Garry Triffett  
 Michael Hynes  
 Norman Lee  
 Tony Harding  
 Marie Cester

**WILLUNGA PARISH**  
(Aldinga, Normanville, Willunga)  
NGARRINDJERI, RAMINDJERI,  
PERAMANGK, KAURNA land

*Willunga Catholic Parish is a welcoming and hope-filled community led by the Spirit to love and serve all in faith.*

**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 (8556 2132 or 0447 421 948)

**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.

Willunga Parish contact - Michael Hynes or Child Protection Unit (8210 8159).

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the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans.

The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Lk 8:15**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.*  
*Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL**

**Luke 10:38-42**

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

**THE DINNER PARTY**

It was a perfect Saturday. Maya had been planning the dinner for weeks. She had the playlist queued, the sourdough rising, candles ready, floors mopped, and her phone on "Do Not Disturb." Jesus was coming over. Well – Josh, technically. But to Maya and her friends, he was the real deal. A barista-theologian-poet kind of guy who didn't just talk about God – he radiated God.

Maya's apartment smelled like garlic and rosemary. She moved with purpose, sliding trays into the oven, refilling drinks, adjusting throw pillows no one noticed. She was proud of the space she'd made. It mattered. She wanted to honour him.

Meanwhile, her younger sister, Zoe, had been the first to greet Josh at the door. But instead of helping Maya finish up, Zoe plopped down on the couch next to Josh – barefoot, crisscross-applesauce – and just listened. She asked deep questions. She laughed. She sat with long silences and soaked up the wisdom like it was rain in a drought.

Maya kept catching glimpse of them from the kitchen. Every time she passed the doorway, a little more irritation flared in her chest. She was sweating. Zoe wasn't even holding a coaster. Finally, she snapped.

"Zoe, seriously? Can you please help me? I've been doing everything while you just sit there!" Josh turned gently toward her, his tone calm but firm. "Maya, you're amazing. You care so much. But you're anxious about all the extras. Only one thing really matters right now. And Zoe's chosen it."

He smiled, not to shame her – but to invite her. Maya froze. She realised: the music was already perfect. The bread would be fine. And real feast wasn't on the table – it was on the couch. She grabbed two mugs of tea and joined them.

We live in a world that celebrates Maya's mindset – achieve, impress, produce. But Jesus still calls us to choose the Zoe way – to be present, to listen, to slow down. Sometimes the most radical thing you can do in a hyper-efficient world is to stop and just be with the One who made you.

*GPBS eNews*

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

*(21- 28 July)*

- **Monday, 21:** Weekday, Ord Time 16 (Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42)
- **Tuesday, 22:** St Mary Magdalene (Song 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18)
- **Wednesday, 23:** Weekday, Ord Time 16 (Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9)
- **Thursday, 24:** Weekday, Ord Time 16 (Ex 19:1-2,9-11,16-20; Mt 13:10-17)
- **Friday, 25:** St James (2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28)
- **Saturday, 26:** Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary (Ex 24:3-8; Mt 13:24-30)
- **Sunday 27:** 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Gen 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13)

**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 Julius (0455 878 907).