



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

SEVENTH 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)



What to do with enemies?

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt? David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off, No one saw, no one knew, no one work up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called

out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. <R>
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. <R>
3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. <R>
4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. <R>

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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)

22 Feb 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Tom
23 Feb 8.30am, N/ville, Fr Dominick
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 has been bountiful with me.

World Day of Prayer 2025 Cook Islands



Friday 7 March at 7.00pm

- McLaren Vale Uniting Church •
261 Main Road, McLaren Vale
and
 - Yankalilla Anglican Church •
132 Main South Road, Yankalilla
- Supper following. Everyone welcome

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

If you are interested in attending a regular Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament service (possibly on a Friday evening) at St Joseph's, Willunga, please contact Gael Maloney (0447 421 948) or Jacinta Best (0432 353 957). At this stage we are trying to gauge interest.

WHAT'S ON

at St Peter's, Normanville?



St Peter's parishioner Chris Symes is giving a talk on his tour of the Middle East, where he walked in the footsteps of St Paul.

Date: February, Tuesday 25
Location: Annie O'Connor Centre
Time: 10.00am

Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. Everyone most welcome.

MARY OF GALILEE, ALDINGA PANCAKE TUESDAY

4 March, 2025

Parishioners are invited to enjoy some delicious pancakes, offered by YCS students from the Galilee Campus before Mass on Shrove Tuesday.

Shrove Tuesday, also commonly referred to as Pancake Day, is a celebration that is observed the day before Ash Wednesday. The tradition of eating pancakes to welcome the beginning of Lent, has been observed in Britain since around the 16th century.

The Encyclopedia of Traditional British Rural Sport outlines that this occurred because the ingredients that make up pancakes – namely eggs, butter and fat – would typically be banned during Lent.

While pancake eating on Shrove Tuesday has been a custom for the past few centuries, the act of marking the beginning of Lent prior to Ash Wednesday, has been around for far longer.

According to the Anglo-Saxon *Ecclesiastical Institutes*, a text reportedly translated by writer Abbot Aelfric around 1000AD, in the week preceding Lent it was custom for Christians to confess their sins so that *"the confessor shall so shrive him as he then may hear by his deeds what he is to do (in the way of penance)."*

PFC MEETING - 25 February

The first Parish Pastoral Council meeting for 2025 will be on 25 February.

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

TCHAIKOVSKY
»Pezzo Capriccioso« for Violoncello and String 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
Doors open 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

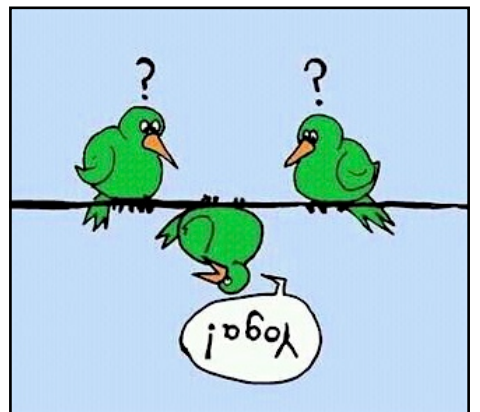
Parishioners are now able to book for the concerts on Saturday evening 8 March at 7pm and Sunday after-noon 9 March at 2pm.

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)



**ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH,
WILLUNGA**

We have had to rope off the very-back pews in the Church because pieces of mortar are falling from the wall. There are several reasons for this problem, but the primary one is the age of the building.

A stone mason, who is expert in heritage stone buildings, has been consulted and his report (and quote for repairs) has been discussed by the Parish Finance Council.

Our primary concern is for the safety of our parishioners, especially those who usually sit in the back pew.



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR

Father in heaven, may the faith You have given us in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of Your Kingdom.

May Your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, Your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee re-awaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,

a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To You our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

LOVE YOUR ENEMY WITHIN

"I hate myself," I heard my niece say. "I'm so stupid!" She was struggling with a school project, and it was not coming together as she had hoped. Maybe she got a late start by procrastinating on gathering some of the elements. Maybe the topic made sense to her inside but she was struggling to express it in the format that the project called for.

I wanted to ease the pain behind those words, to assure her she was wonderful and worthy of love. And I also knew I've aimed those same poisonous words at myself on more than one occasion. Love of others breaks down when we cannot love ourselves. In each of us there are things we do not appreciate and may actively abhor. In a crazy notion of false modesty, this self-loathing may even seem virtuous. But it's not virtuous; it's deadening to the spirit.

Family life offers a place where we can learn some valuable lessons about self-acceptance, despite our imperfections. If I can so readily love my nieces and nephews with all their foibles, how much more can God cherish them (and me) despite our sins? Love is like a river: Don't stop the flow of love in your life because you are worthy. Heck, we're all unworthy. The good news is that God sees that and loves us anyway! Should we do less? *GPBS eNews*

ROSTERS

ALDINGA

Welcomer
Commentator
Readers

Eucharistic Minister

Saturday 22 February

Andrew Woodhouse
David Manders
Cristina Tiedje
Ken Creevey
Kerri Gould

Saturday 01 March

Andrew Woodhouse
Cristina Tiedje
Michelle Cormack
Chris McWilliams
Maria Jarvis-Maack

NORMANVILLE

Welcomer
Commentator
Reader
Data Projector
Altar/Cleaning

Sunday, 23 February

Peter Bohnsack
Chris Symes
Anna Vnuk
Nigel Pile
Patsy and Jim Fitzpatrick

Sunday, 02 March

Rita Steller
Antoinette Fleming
Nigel Pile
Thia van Kuyk
Chris Symes, Anna Vnuk

WILLUNGA

Commentator
Reader
Eucharistic Minister
Flowers
Church Linen

Sunday, 23 February

Marie Andrews
Leo Reynolds
Andrew Beach
Vanda Farrall
Wayne Best

Sunday, 02 March

Vanda Farrall
Megan Chapman
Steve Maglieri
Vanda Farrall
Wayne Best

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Janet Burbidge, Michael Casey, Kathy Ralston

Recently deceased: Paul Cormack (*Michelle's brother*)

2025 DATES

- 5 Mar Ash Wednesday
- 5 Mar Project Compassion
- 7 Mar World Day of Prayer
- 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 Vacations Appeal
- 26 Sep Last day School term 3
- 6 Oct Labour day holiday

KIDS' CORNER

How can we love people who are mean or unkind to us? How can we love bullies? Remember, loving people doesn't mean letting them hurt you, bully you or treat you badly. You are created in God's image. God loves you and wants others to treat you with love and respect, just as you treat others. Loving your enemies can mean praying an Our Father for them. It can mean refusing to speak sharply or hurt others, even if they do this to you. Loving your enemies means asking God to help you with strength, peace, courage and love. And remember, if you are being bullied, talk to an adult you trust for help.



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

- **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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SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven.

As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

EXPLORING THE WORD

In last week's gospel, the disciples learned that to be a faithful follower of Jesus, they must be committed to a new order. This week's text tells them how they must live in that new order; in a sense it provides the practical details. What Jesus is suggesting should not be confused with passivity or simply inaction or resignation in the face of persecution and injustice. Quite the contrary! What Jesus is suggesting is radical action. It demands that we act towards others without being asked, that believers offer friendship and pardon constantly, without asking or hoping for anything in return.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(24 February - 2 March)

- **Monday, 24:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (Sirach 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29)
- **Tuesday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (Sirach 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37)
- **Wednesday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (Sirach 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40)
- **Thursday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (Sirach 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50)
- **Friday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (Sirach 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12)
- **Saturday, 01:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (Sirach 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16)
- **Sunday, 02:** 8th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45)

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.