



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)

Luke 13:1-9

Planted for a Purpose



FIRST READING

Exodus 3:1-8,13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' he answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said, 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you."' But if they ask me

what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11

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 does deeds of justice, gives judgment for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. <R>
4. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for 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)

March

22 Mar	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Tom
23 Mar	8.30am, N/ville, Fr Dominick 10.30am, Willunga, Fr Dominick
29 Mar	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Julius
30 Mar	8.30am, Willunga, Fr Julius 10.30am, N/ville, Fr Dominick

April

5 Apr	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Josy
6 Apr	8.30am, Willunga, Fr Dominick 10.30am, N/ville, Fr Josy
12 April	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Julius
13 April	8.30am, N/ville, Fr Julius 10.30am, Willunga, Fr Tom
<i>Easter Triduum</i>	
17 April	5.00pm, N/ville, Fr Dominick <i>(Lord's Supper)</i> 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Julius 7.30pm, Willunga, Fr Tom
18 April	3.00pm, Aldinga, Fr Julius <i>(Lord's Passion)</i> 3.00pm, Willunga, Fr Tom 5.15pm, N/ville, Fr Dominick
19 April	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Dominick <i>(V/Mass)</i> 7.30pm, Willunga, Fr Tom
20 Apr	8.30am, Willunga, Fr Tom <i>(Easter)</i> 10.30am, N/ville, Fr Julius
26 Apr	5.30pm, Aldinga
27 Apr	8.30am, N/ville, Fr Tom 10.30am, Willunga

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

CLERGY MOVES Easter 2025

Last week we received a letter from the Archbishop informing us of some clergy moves within the Archdiocese which will take effect on Thursday, 24 April, in time for the Second Sunday of Easter, Sunday, 27 April.

The moves which most concern Willunga Parish are:

- Fr Josy Sebastian MSFS from Parish Priest of Noarlunga-Seaford and Willunga Parishes to Parish Priest of Lefevre Catholic Community Parish.

- Fr Dominick Okwadha from Assistant Priest to Administrator of Noarlunga Seaford and Willunga Parishes.
- Fr Julius Nyandiga CP from Priest in the Cathedral Parish to Assistant Priest of Noarlunga Seaford and Willunga Parishes.

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

St Luke's Church, Noarlunga at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 8 April.



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)

LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKLETS

Free Lenten Reflection booklets are available from the foyer of the Church today. These are suitable for private reflection, or you might like to join with others for group reflection.



Sometimes you hear Indigenous people refer to Jesus as a person of 'Country'. What might this mean?

It is hard to imagine the Gospels

without the connection of Jesus to the sea, the river, the desert, the fields and the mountain. His teaching often featured seeds and birds and sheep and corn. In today's Gospel, we hear the parable of the fig tree. The impatient person wants to cut it down. A wiser person is prepared to work with nature by putting manure on the tree and looking after it. This is a story of growth. God is creative. God is patient with us. God gives us another chance. He journeys with us on our pilgrimage of hope.

This week, Project Compassion brings us the story of Lam, a young man from rural Vietnam. Lam's disability made his upbringing difficult. Sometimes people look at those with disability a little like the fig tree. They judge them and dismiss them.

Through the I-SHINE program, supported by Caritas Australia's partner in Vietnam, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Lam was able to pursue his dreams and become more independent. He enrolled in a six-month IT Technician training course in Da Nang that not only equipped him with professional skills but also rekindled his social connections and confidence. Lam's dedication during the training paid off as he launched a freelance graphic design business from his home. Today, he is a successful graphic designer, serving clients locally and internationally and earning a stable income every month. He has a creative life.

In today's reading, Moses is in the wilderness, a place of surprising possibilities. Like the Australian landscape, the wilderness in Scripture is subtle; it is a place of encounter with God. Moses thinks he is having a regular day in the family business,



looking after his father-in-law's sheep. But a voice comes from a bush that is blazing without being burnt up. The voice tells Moses to take off his shoes because 'the place on which you stand is holy ground.' This is the beginning of the freedom story of his people, the start of their journey out of captivity. May we **Unite Against Poverty** as we create a better world for all God's people that are teaching the world to see possibilities more than problems.



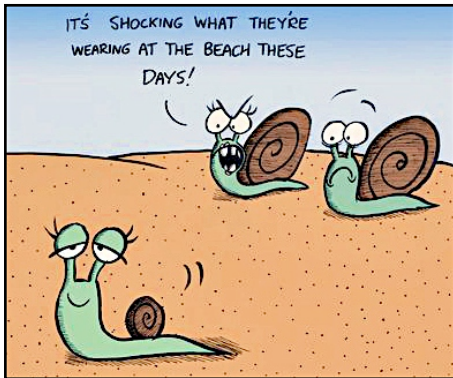
Project Compassion boxes/envelopes are available in Foyer.

CHRISM MASS

All are welcome to celebrate Mass of the Oils on Monday, April 14 at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 6pm. Please note NO onsite car parking will be available. If you would like more information regarding this event, please contact Community, Life and Worship on 8210 8130.

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY AND UNITY

Australia is fortunate enough to have a rich cultural diversity, with nearly



30 per cent of Australians born overseas and more than 7.5 million migrants making Australia home in the past 70 years. Almost half of Australians are either born overseas or have a parent who was, identifying with around 300 different ancestries. As a community, we honour shared values of respect, equality and freedom, while reflecting on the importance of peace and solidarity, especially for those affected by war. In Catholic communities, we have an opportunity to foster environments where cultural diversity is and should be celebrated. It is important that every individual feels safe, valued and respected. Church communities provide great opportunities to appreciate, connect and learn from others, enriching our vibrant Church community. - Integrity and Safeguarding Department.

INDULGE RESPONSIBLY THIS EASTER

Chocolate is a delicious treat and popular gift. Each year, Australians will spend millions of dollars buying hundreds of kilograms to enjoy over Easter season. But as delicious and quintessential as it has become, much of it has been tainted with slavery. As consumers we can play a part in combating slavery in chocolate supply chains. We can do this by purchasing chocolate that has the Rainforest Alliance, Cocoa Horizons or Fairtrade certification logos. This means that these companies are working to eliminate slavery in the cocoa industry. You can also double-check Be Slavery Free's chocolate scorecard (chocolatescorecard.com).

ROSTERS

ALDINGA Saturday 22 March
 Welcomer André Woodhouse
 Commentator David Manders
 Readers Michelle Cormack
 Cristina Tiedje
 Eucharistic Minister Mario Bacchin

Saturday 29 March
 André Woodhouse
 Cristina Tiedje
 Jill McHendrie
 Ken Creevey
 Judi Driscoll

NORMANVILLE Sunday, 23 March
 Welcomer Tim Fleming
 Commentator Michael Steller
 Reader Chris Symes
 Data Projector Nigel Pile
 Altar/Cleaning Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery

Sunday, 30 March
 Peter Bohnsack
 Trish Bohnsack
 Jim Fitzpatrick
 Thia van Kuyk
 Trish Bohnsack, Rita Steller

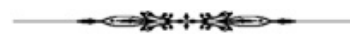
WILLUNGA Sunday, 23 March
 Commentator Ian La Ronde
 Reader Andrew Beach
 Eucharistic Minister Norman Lee
 Flowers No flowers - Lent
 Church Linen Viv Zagajewska

Sunday, 30 March
 Anna Rogers
 Marie Cester
 Norman Lee
 No flowers - Lent
 Viv Zagajewska

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

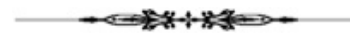
Healing list: Michael Casey, Kathy Ralston, Rainer Maack, John Tregeagle, Karoline Hermann

Recently deceased: Janet Burbidge



2025 DATES

- 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



HOMESHARE

A solution to the rental crisis for older women in SA

Homelessness among older women in Australia is increasing, making them one of the fastest-growing groups at risk of housing insecurity. The Homeshare program offers an innovative solution that fosters shared living based on mutual support and reciprocity—a model that has been successfully running around the world for years. A partnership between St Vincent de Paul Society SA, Westside Housing and Shelter SA, the [Homeshare Pilot Program](#) is a fee free service that carefully matches female householders aged 55+ living on their own that have a spare bedroom, with female home sharers that need affordable accommodation from a similar age group that can offer some help around the house. Unlike a traditional flatmate arrangement, the matching process is rigorous: both parties undergo interviews, reference checks and police clearances to ensure a safe and reliable match.

If you're interested in learning more about becoming a householder or home sharer, please visit: [Homeshare](#).

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

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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 10:1-6, 10-12

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 4:17

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to

look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

MINDFUL OF OUR POSTURE

If you have a little plot of ground, so much as a flower pot to call your own, you can sympathise with the vineyard owner. With a little bit of earth in which to encourage things to grow, there is no room for the barren vine, the fruitless tree. Tear it up; plant something that will bloom!

But in Luke's merciful gospel, we always get a second chance. Unlike the fig tree stories elsewhere that end in Jesus cursing the tree and withering it, Luke forms a parable in which a compassionate gardener speaks for the tree. "Let me give it the extra care it may be lacking. Let me give it every chance to come around."

Lent is the season of extra care our hearts may need to soften up and receive the seed of the Gospel. We take this time to allow the Gardener to loosen our roots, water us generously, and fertilise us vigorously in the hope that any barren ground within us will begin at least to respond.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(24 - 30 March)

- **Monday, 24:** Monday, 3rd week Lent (2 Kg 5:1-15; Lk 4:24-30)
- **Tuesday, 25:** The Annunciation of the Lord (Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Wednesday, 26:** Wednesday, 3rd week Lent (Deut 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19)
- **Thursday, 27:** Thursday, 3rd week Lent (Jer 7:23-32; Lk 11:14-23)
- **Friday, 28:** Friday, 3rd week Lent (Hosea 14:2-10; MK 12:28-34)
- **Saturday, 29:** Saturday, 3rd week Lent (Hosea 5:15-6:6; Lk 18:9-14)
- **Sunday, 30:** FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32)

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.