

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 Rd, 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

Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19 The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable, nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 32:2-3, 17-19, 23 The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 5:19 Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else: 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am *(Continued page 4)*



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
1 st Fri	9.00am - Willunga
	11.30am - Normanville

WEEKEND MASSES

(*Times on front page of this bulletin*)

ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr Dominick will be in Kenya on Annual Leave from 20 October - 27 November. We wish him all the best for a restful break.

CHANGES TO MASS TIMES

Unfortunately, due to the shortage of priests (with Fr Dominick on leave) Mass at *St Peter's, Normanville* on *Sunday 30 October* will begin at 12.00noon - rather than the usual times.

Saturday Mass on *29 October* at *Mary of Galilee*, Aldinga will begin at 5.15pm - rather than the usual 5.30pm.

Please make a note of these changes in your calendars.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a Special Collection this weekend (22/23 October) for the World Mission Appeal. If you prefer to donate online please go to: <u>catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia</u> or scan the QR code on the envelope available from the Church Foyer.

Subsistence farming is the way of life for the vast majority of families in Ethiopia, but challenges such as persistent drought ruin crops, and cause basic food prices to rise, becoming more and more unreachable for those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

We invite you to partner with the community and Church in Ethiopia through Catholic Mission today to be part of their critical work in Emdibir, and many other life-giving mission programs in around the world.

LEAVING A BEQUEST

Have you ever considered making a bequest to the Church? You can help to carry on our many and varied good works such as hospital and prison chaplaincy, social justice and community welfare programs, vocations, life issues and care for our priests. Or you may want to contribute to your local parish. Fo more info contact the bequest office (8210 8223, bequestoffice@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new batch of Planned Giving envelopes are available from the back of the Church. If you have any enquiries about this program, including how to set up a regular Direct Debit, please contact Finance Officer Bob Daly (0416 156 213).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED -PARTNER WITH BIRTHLINE

Birthline Pregnancy Support is in urgent need of volunteers who have basic computer skills for data entry. We also need volunteers to help sort and allocate baby goods. If interested, please contact Grace (0413 380 833) or <u>birthline@birthline.org.au</u>.

MARY MACKILLOP MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

The gift shop at High St, Kensington, features the following: A range of books, including, the God's Word: Daily Reflections 2023, Bibles and Children's Missals

• Religious items, including medals

and rosary beads •Mary MacKillop biographies, stories, letters and other memorabilia •2023 Josephite Calendars •Beautiful gifts for special occasions and milestones •Special Christmas gift stall during December • Handcrafted cards for Christmas, birthdays, anniversaries, bereavements, sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, First Reconciliation and Communion, Marriage) Most of the above items are also available on online:

www.marymackillopadelaide.org.au.

GARDEN PARTY

To coincide with the 150 years of the St Joseph's Convent, Kensington, Mary MacKillop Precinct is holding a fundraising Spring Garden Party, on Sunday, November 6. This is an initiative of the Mary MacKillop Museum's volunteers. Cost \$30 (glass of champagne included) Tickets: vvailable from the Mary MacKillop Museum or by phoning Bridgette Barrett (0438 805 579).

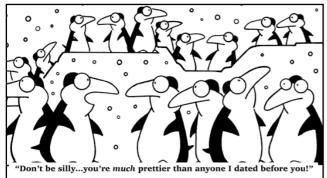
INFORMATION FROM SA HEALTH Advice for people who

test positive to COVID-19 From Friday 14 October, if you test positive to COVID-19 you will no longer be required to isolate but it's recommended you take steps to protect our community. To reduce the risk to others, you should:

- stay home until your acute symptoms have cleared (5 - 7 days)
- wear a mask when in indoor places or on public transport if you must leave your home
- advise your employer you have tested positive and discuss when you can return to work. For people working in a health, disability or aged care setting, a longer period away from your workplace is necessary to protect other staff, patients, residents and clients.
- avoid large gatherings and crowded indoor places
- not visit people at high risk of severe illness, or anyone in a hospital, aged care or disability care facility for at least 7 days.

If you test positive to COVID-19, you may be infectious for up to 10 days, but are most infectious in the two days before your symptoms start and while you have symptoms.

Advice for close contacts Requirements for close contacts have also been lifted, but there are



important things close contacts should do to protect others.

- Monitor for symptoms. If you get sick you should get tested and stay at home until you are well.
- Don't visit people at high risk of severe illness, or anyone in a hospital, aged care or disability care facility. If you have to visit, do a rapid antigen test before you go.
- Wear a mask when indoors and on public transport.
- Frequent rapid antigen testing may help identify the infection early. This is particularly important if you are in contact with people at high risk of severe illness. If you test positive using a rapid antigen test. you must report your result using the online form on the SA Health website.

Following this close contact advice for at least 7 days will help to protect our community, in particular people at risk or with health vulnerabilities, while you are potentially infectious.

More information on COVID-19 requirements and advice will be available on the SA Health website.

EXPLORING THE WORD

The purpose of today's parable is to shake the complacency of those who think that all they have to do is follow the rules to the letter of the law and that that is enough to guarantee them salvation, regardless of their attitudes towards others or the way they speak and act. There is a timelessness to this parable. It is as true today as it was in the time of Jesus. The Pharisee asks nothing of God. He is under the mistaken impression that he can fulfil all that is required of him by his own actions. He believes that as long as he adheres to the letter of the Law, that is all that is required.

The tax collector, on the other hand, is aware of his brokenness and opens himself to God, asking for God's mercy. He rightly recognises his own sinfulness and sees that God is the only one who can fill the void within him. Again, as is common in Luke's Gospel, it is the poor or the outcast who is on the right track and who will be exalted. The Pharisee, who should know better, will be the one who experiences God's dramatic reversal and will ultimately be humbled.



ROSTERS

ALDINGA

Welcomer Commentator Readers

Saturday 22 October Rose Sulda David Manders Michelle Cormack Brianna McIvor

Welcomer Commentator Reader Altar/Cleaning

WILLUNGA

Commentator Reader Eucharistic Minister Norman Lee Flowers Church Linen

Eucharistic Minister Bob Daly

NORMANVILLE Sunday, 23 October John Smith Trish Bohnsack Chris Symes Patsy and Jim Fitzpatrick

Sunday, 23 October Anna Rogers Megan Chapman Anna Rogers Anna Roger

Saturday 29 October Lorraine Ellis Christina Tiedge Bob Daly Chris McWilliams Kerri Gould

Sunday, 30 October Peter Bohnsack Michael Steller Jan Plumb Trish Bohnsack, Rita Steller

Sunday, 30 October John Tregeagle Ian La Ronde Marie Cester Marie Andrews Margaret Oomens

PLEASE KEEP THESE **PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Sick: Veronica Shortland, Muriel Smith, Janet Burbidge, Arthur and Carol Jones, Bill and Janet McIver, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Tony Grimwood, Heidi Kunzelman

Recently deceased: Tom O'Brien (Tom's funeral will be held at 11.00am on Wednesday 26 Oct at St Joseph's)



- 18 Dec Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 25 Dec Christmas Day
- 25 Dec Aboriginal Catholic
 - Ministry Appeal

COLLECTIONS

(For the last fortnight)			
First collection	\$945.00		
Second collection	\$574.00		
Envelopes	\$594.00		
Direct debits	\$540.00		

Thank you for your support

QUOTE

"When you wake up at 6.00am, you close your eyes for five minutes and it's already 6.45am. When you're at work and it's 2.30pm, you close your eyes for five minutes and it's 2.31pm."



COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS (Current from 19/10/22)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please follow the instructions as per SA Health in terms of contact tracing and isolating yourself as per government health protocols. Please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- The density requirement has been updated to full capacity in all churches and also includes funerals and weddings.
- Wearing of face-masks in Church is strongly recommended.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home and not attend services.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- Procession of gifts has resumed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact



DID YOU KNOW?

• It is always important to look at who the characters are in the parables of Jesus.

• Pharisees were deeply religious laymen who observed the law very closely and met together regularly for prayer and table fellowship.

• Tax collectors were despised because their job gave them opportunity to cheat and defraud the people and also because they cooperated with the Roman oppressors. Their contact with the gentiles made them ritually unclean. No wonder this tax collector 'stood some distance away'. The Pharisees would have believed he had no right to be in the temple at all. *(Continued from page 1)* not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted."

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SILENCE YOUR CRITICS The critic who lives in my brain gives me very little peace. He sits in constant judgment of the people and situations I encounter each day. When I am rested and spiritually restored, I can quiet the drone of commentary, but the more stressed and exhausted I am, the more I find myself with little patience or kindness for anyone who crosses my path: "Could this shop assistant be any slower?" ... "If that guy brags once more about how smart he is, I'm going to slap him" ... "Why doesn't that woman get her finances in order instead of sponging off her friends"... "I would never let my child act like such a brat". And the list of awful thoughts goes on and on until I finally end up despising myself and the world around me.

Then I go to church and see humanity in all its glory and frailty spread out before me, and I feel ashamed. I know there are self-righteous jerks sitting in the pew next to truly kind and forgiving people, but the problem is no one really knows who is who, so we all end up shaking hands and wishing one another peace.

I wish I didn't need to be called back to the table each week to be reminded of my unworthiness, but I take comfort in knowing that I am not alone in my sinfulness nor my piety, my arrogance nor my humility. And at the end of the day, the best we can do is say, "Peace" to one another and ask our critics to be quiet.

The Commissioning: Go from here with humility. We seek to serve quietly. We seek to question carefully. We seek to meet suffering compassionately. We seek to sustain

our environment persistently. We seek to encourage gently. We seek to pray unceasingly. We seek to follow the way of Jesus faithfully. God goes with you. God will never leave you.

POCKET PRAYERS

The Jesus Prayer has its origin in this parable. The text of the prayer is simple: "Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me a sinner". Although prayed since the sixth century, the modern technique associated with this prayer - controlled breathing and mantra-like repetitions – probably didn't come into use until the fourteenth century. Like any prayer, the point isn't to perfect the technique but to find the right spirit.

The tax collector in the parable had the right spirit, even if he couldn't imagine the technique that history would form around his prayer. He simply bowed his head, acknowledged his sins, and counted on God's mercy. The Pharisee, who had more style and undoubtedly greater technique, gave himself over to self-celebration, reporting his good deeds in the event God might have missed them. In the process, he missed the heart of prayer, which is humility.

The lesson on prayer is simple. Pray however you want, but be sure of two things: that you DO pray, and that your heart is invested in your prayer.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(24 - 30 October)

- *Monday, 24:* Weekday, Ord Time 30 (Eph 4:32 5:8; Lk 13:10-17)
- *Tuesday, 25:* Weekday, Ord Time 30 (Eph 5:21-33:; Lk 13:18-21)
- *Wednesday, 26:* Weekday, Ord Time 30 (Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30)
- *Thursday, 27:* Weekday, Ord Time 30 (Eph 6:10-20; Lk 13:31-35)
- *Friday, 28:* Sts Simon and Jude (Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-19)
- *Saturday, 29:* Weekday, Ord Time 30 (Phil 1:18-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11)
- *Sunday 30:* 31st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Wis 11:22 -12:2; 2 Thess 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10)

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.