



Welcome to

# Willunga Catholic Parish

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

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## PARISH OFFICE

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## PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

- Fr Dominick Okwadha (Parish Administrator - 8382 1717; in an emergency 0421 074 212; [okwadha@yahoo.com](mailto:okwadha@yahoo.com))
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- Fr Tom Gleeson (Resident Priest - 8557 1072, [tegleeson@bigpond.com](mailto:tegleeson@bigpond.com))
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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)

Do not let your hearts  
be troubled  
and do not be afraid.

~John 14:27~

## FIRST READING

*Acts 15:1-2, 22-29*

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we

have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*O God, let all the nations praise you!*

1. 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. <R>
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. <R>
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. <R>

## SECOND READING

*Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23*

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve

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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)

24 May	5.50pm, Aldinga, Fr Julius
25 May	8.30am, N/ville, Fr Tom 10.30am, Willunga, Fr Julius
31 May	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Dominick
01 June	8.30am, Willunga, Fr Dominick 10.30am, N/Ville, Fr Dominick

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Tuesday 3 June at 6.00pm at Mary of Galilee Church, Aldinga. Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will be in attendance.

All parishioners are most welcome to attend.

### WILLUNGA PARISH LADIES LUNCH

A small group of local women are starting a Ladies Lunch group for Willunga Parish women. If you are interested, you are warmly invited to join them for the first lunch on Friday, 6 June at 12.30pm at The Tin Shed in McLaren Vale. Thereafter they will gather once a month on the first Friday of each month, for a chat and a meal.

Please come along and catch up with old friends and make some new ones. For bookings and further information phone Barb Triffett (0497 876 551) or Vanda Farrall (0476 276 066).



### WILLUNGA IMMIGRATION DEPOT South Australia's History Festival 1 - 31 May 2025

The Willunga female immigrants' depot was created in 1855 in the recently completed Willunga Courthouse building.

Father Peter Hughes, the parish priest, was responsible for the women's spiritual welfare. The Chair of the Willunga District Council, Thomas Smith Kell, was overseer. Matron Ann Ennis and, later, Matilda Lewis, managed the cleaning, cooking and health care.

"Unfortunately, there were considerable clashes between Father Hughes and Thomas Smith Kell... Kell believed he had complete authority over the women but Father Hughes was a strenuous advocate for the Catholics, often taking action in secular affairs that affected them... According to Kell, Father Hughes believed that the women should not be compelled to accept wages of less than 4 shillings per week, while Kell believed that they could live on 2 shillings and 6 pence. Fr Hughes also wanted employers to enable the women to attend mass regularly. The Governor asked Bishop Murphy to control this 'interfering' Priest. There were 61 women sent down to the Willunga Depot, and despite the efforts of Kell to keep down wage expectations, most of those who found employment averaged 4 shillings with board and keep..."

...At Willunga [the women] became mutinous, apparently out of fear of the bush and snakes, refusing to travel the rough country tracks, complaining bitterly about the lack of letters from home, poor wages, and about being dispersed and thereby

isolated from their friends." The matron at Willunga defended the women against their critics, "I can assure you, Gentlemen, that what I state is nothing but the truth: three of the poor girls walked yesterday, barefooted, about sixteen miles, between the hours of ten and four, to get a situation. Mary Cain will leave today, at five shillings per week—and the other two expect to be sent for this week. Catherine Uninn was hired, yesterday, at two shillings and sixpence per week. My husband gave Mary Cain an old pair of boots to go to her situation (1)."

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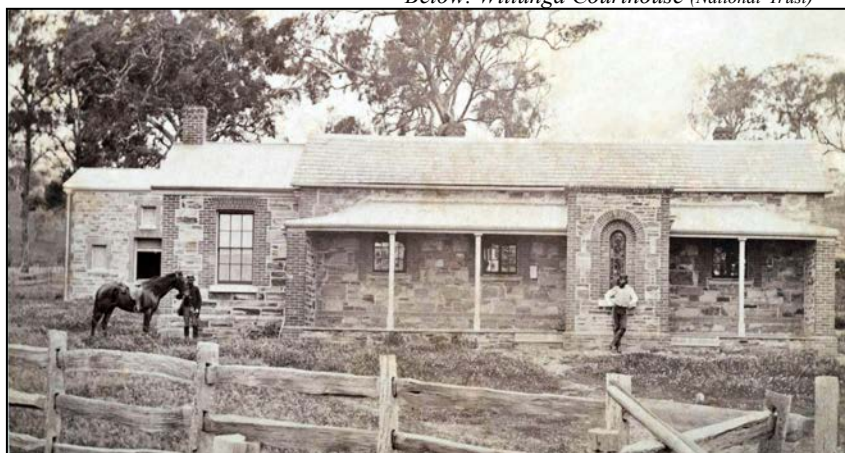
The Willunga Female Immigration Depot closed in January 1865 and the building, as originally intended, became the Willunga Courthouse and Police Station. Father Hughes remained as Parish Priest in Willunga until 1866 <https://earlgreysfamineorphans.wordpress.com/category/excessive-female-immigration-to-south-australia/> <https://sahistoryhub.history.sa.gov.au/subjects/irish-in-south-australia/> (1)(cited in Uphill all the way. A documentary history of women in Australia, compiled and introduced by Kay Daniels and Mary Murnane, University of Queensland Press, 1980).

Michelle Cormack



Above: Fr Peter Hughes (right) (SLSA B11338)

Below: Willunga Courthouse (National Trust)





## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is being offered on Fridays from 5.00pm - 6.00pm at St Joseph's Church, Willunga. Mass from 6.00pm - 7.00pm follows. Everyone welcome.

## ANCHORED IN CHRIST

The YMG Men's Conference 2025, themed 'Anchored in Christ', is set to inspire men aged 18 and above with a day of spiritual growth and fellowship. The conference will be held on Saturday June 14 from 8.00am to 7.30pm at Cardijn College, Marian Campus, Noarlunga Downs. For more details and registration - [ymgadelaide@gmail.com](mailto:ymgadelaide@gmail.com)

## BIRTHLINE PREGNANCY SUPPORT

Do you have the passion and commitment to assisting women navigating crisis during pregnancy or coping with pregnancy loss? At Birthline, we're searching for caring, empathetic volunteers to join our team of telephone counsellors. Whether you have prior experience or are completely new to counselling, our free 10-week Telephone Counselling Course will equip you with the skills and confidence needed to support those in need.

If counselling or a commitment to weekly training isn't the right fit for you, there are other volunteer opportunities available. For enquiries email [tcc@birthline.org.au](mailto:tcc@birthline.org.au), phone 0413 380 883 or check the website: [birthline.org.au](http://birthline.org.au)



### Sunday, June 8

To celebrate community and friendship within our Parish, we invite parishioners and friends, from all three Mass centres, to a shared lunch in St Joseph's Hall after 10.30am Mass on Pentecost Sunday, June 8.

Some salad and salumi platters, casseroles and rice, tea and coffee will be provided, but please bring a plate to share and BYO drinks to add to the festivities.

If you know you will be attending ahead of the time, please RSVP to Vanda Farrall (0476 276 066) or Barb Triffett (0497 876 551), otherwise just come as you are and enjoy.

## CAN YOU HELP?

We've had an enquiry from a 62 year old young-at-heart lady who has recently returned to Normanville and is struggling to secure affordable accommodation for herself and a small, well-trained and behaved dog. She has good references and a regular income - disability pension and part-time work. If you, or someone you know, can help her out, please phone Sue (0411 163 859).

## ROSTERS

### ALDINGA

Welcomer  
Commentator  
Readers

Eucharistic Minister

### Saturday 24 May

André Woodhouse  
Michelle Cormack  
Jill McHendrie  
Cristina Tiedje  
Maria Jarvis-Maack

### Saturday 31 May

André Woodhouse  
Chris McWilliams  
Carla Thomas  
Brigid Grimwood  
Judi Driscoll

### NORMANVILLE

Welcomer  
Commentator  
Reader  
Data Projector  
Altar/Cleaning

### Sunday, 25 May

Peter Bohnsack  
Trish Bohnsack  
Thia van Kuyk  
Nigel Pile  
T Bohnsack, P Fitzpatrick

### Sunday, 01 June

Leo Montgomery  
Ann Henriksen  
Anna Vnuik  
Jim Fitzpatrick  
Trish Bohnsack, Rita Steller

### WILLUNGA

Commentator  
Reader  
Eucharistic Minister  
Flowers  
Church Linen

### Sunday, 25 May

Anna Rogers  
Marie Cester  
Viv Zagajewska  
Vanda Farrall  
Margaret Guley

### Sunday, 01 June

Garry Triffett  
Vanda Farrall  
Norman Lee  
Anna Rogers  
Marie Cester

## PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Healing list:** Michael Casey, Kathy Ralston, John Tregeagle, Karoline Hermann, Mike Harwood, Karen Van Vliet.

**Anniversaries:** Marie (Mary) O'Brien, Patricia Harwood, Dick Harwood

## 2025 DATES

2 Jun	Stonework restoration - St J's
3 Jun	Confirmation - Mary of Galilee
8 Jun	Pentecost Mass and lunch
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

### May dates

- Sunday May 25 Pope Leo takes possession of his Cathedral in Rome.
- Sunday May 25 - 5th anniversary of Archbishop Patrick O'Regan being installed as Archbishop in Adelaide.
- Monday May 26 - Sorry Day (a day of healing) - to commemorate and lament the Stolen Generations of Indigenous children forcibly removed from their families over many decades in the 20th century.
- Tuesday May 27 begins National Reconciliation Week in Australia.

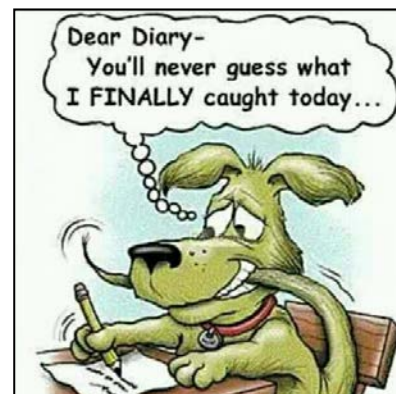
## COLLECTIONS

### 10/11 : 17/18 May

First collection	\$968.00
Envelopes	\$395.00
Unpledged	\$513.00

(Not including direct credits)

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.



## **WILLUNGA PARISH**

(Aldinga, Normanville, Willunga)  
NGARRINDJERI, RAMINDJERI,  
PERAMANGK, KAURNA land

### **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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8556 2132, 0447 421 948  
or
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[08] 8550 2200

### **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.

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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gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Jn 14:23*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!*

### **GOSPEL**

*John 14:23-29*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

### **THE LAUGH'S ON US**

My sister's friend Natalie was the richest girl in our town, mainly

because most of her father's property was owned by trusts in her name. She and her mother even had streets named after them. Rose Avenue and Natalie Lane. Once a week in summer, Natalie's mum invited the nuns who taught us years ago in primary school to come for a swim in the built-in pool in the backyard. Natalie, my sister, and I would sit up in Natalie's bedroom and spy on the sisters as they relaxed in the pool. "Sister Cordelia has red hair!" my sister exclaimed the first time we saw our year five teacher without her veil. "And look," Natalie added, "she's laughing!"

We had never before considered these women in any other light than strict disciplinarians and educators whose sole purpose was to drill the fundamentals of English and math into our tiny pates and remind us that we were put on earth to know, love, and serve God so that we might be happy with God in heaven.

The idea that happiness and laughter could be expressed here and now by serious followers of Christ like the Sisters of Mercy was a true revelation.

It is easy to forget that Jesus, too, felt joy and peace despite his very serious mission. And joy and peace is what he offers to all who love and serve him.

*GPBS eNews*

### **THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

(26 May - 1 June)

- *Monday, 26:* Sr Philip Neri (Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 - 16:4)
- *Tuesday, 27:* Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 16:22-34; Lk 16:5-11)
- *Wednesday, 28:* Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:1; Jn 16:12-15)
- *Thursday, 29:* Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20)
- *Friday, 30:* Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23)
- *Saturday, 31:* The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Zeph 3:14-18; Lk 1:39-56)
- *Sunday 01:* The ASCENSION of the LORD (Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53)

### **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 Dominick (0452 524 169) or Fr Julius (0455 878 907).