



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

AUSTRALIA DAY - 2025

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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

Isaiah 32:15-18

Once more there will be poured on us the spirit from above; then shall the wilderness be fertile land and fertile land become forest.

In the wilderness justice will come to live and integrity in the fertile land; integrity will bring peace, justice give lasting security.

My people will live in a peaceful home, in safe houses, in quiet dwellings.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:9-14

The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. <R>

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. <R>

3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. <R>

SECOND READING

Corinthians 12:4-11

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognizing spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 5:9

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:2-12

Jesus began to speak to the crowds, This is what he taught them:

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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)

25 Jan 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Julius
26 Jan 8.30am, N/Ville, Fr Julius
10.30am, Willunga, Fr Julius

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I will praise you, Lord, among the peoples, among the nations sing psalms to you, for your mercy reaches to the heavens, and your truth to the skies.

WALK FOR LIFE

The Vicar General Fr Dean Marin is encouraging everyone to attend the upcoming 'Walk for Life' which will be held on Saturday February 8 at Pennington Gardens, opposite St Peter's Cathedral, from 10am till 12 noon. This year's theme is "Love the Next Generation". Join us as we walk for life to bring an end to abortion.

\$5 Donation - Parking Free Tickets Adelaide Oval trybooking.com/CVHLE Enter from Pennington Tce, Gates Open 9am. Don't forget to bring a drink bottle and remember the sunscreen.

Please wear a white shirt. No megaphones or personal signs, Love Adelaide will provide official signs. Please follow the direction of the marshals and police and walk peacefully with love.
loveadelaide.org.au

THE SOUTHERN CROSS

There will be no January edition of "The Southern Cross". The first issue for 2025 will be available for distribution on the weekend of February 8/9.

JUBILEE YEAR – CELEBRATION OF CONSECRATED LIFE 2 February, 2025

Next Sunday (2 February), we celebrate and give thanks for the contribution the Religious men and women have made, and are still

making, to the life of the Archdiocese of Adelaide. There are also some lay women and men who are living a consecrated life. We also remember and celebrate their contribution.

Members of the Consecrated Life, as 'Pilgrims of Hope' on the path of peace have served the Church in South Australia as Founders and Leaders in education, health and aged care, services for the homeless and destitute, those with disabilities, and our Aboriginal Communities. Most of these roles are now assumed by lay people.

Education: Congregations contributed to a variety of schools in rural and metropolitan areas, including parochial schools, colleges, boarding schools, schools for children with disabilities, and First Nations people in their own lands.

Health: The Little Company of Mary established Calvary Hospital and a hospice for the dying. Other Orders, such as Little Sisters of the Poor, Sisters of St Joseph and the Franciscan Sisters contributed to Aged Care.

Social Services and Pastoral Care: Congregations founded and supported facilities for the homeless, for example, the Daughters of Charity in Hutt Street. St Joseph's Refuge was opened by St Mary Mackillop in Fullarton in 1900, to provide accommodation for unmarried mothers and destitute women. This outreach was continued by the Daughters of Charity.

There were Orphanages at Goodwood and Largs Bay run by the Sisters of Mercy and the Sisters of St Joseph.

There has been a continuous ministry of Priests and Religious who have accompanied their fellow countrymen and women as they migrated to Australia. Many priests, brothers and sisters also came as Missionaries. Religious in more recent times have contributed to the development of Parishes in roles such as Pastoral Associates.

We all owe a great debt to the Religious Communities for their contributions to the foundation of our Church in South Australia.

*Archbishop Patrick O'Regan DD
Sr Elizabeth Morris RSJ
(Vicar for Religious)*

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
»Pezzo Capriccioso« for Violoncello and String Orchestra

PAGANINI
»Capriccio« for Violin and Orchestra

CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE
(Germany)
Sergey Didorenko * Violin Dmitriy Gornowski * Violoncello

Tickets available at
Willunga Catholic Parish Centre, 12 St. Jude Street, Tel. 0447 / 421 948
Doors 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

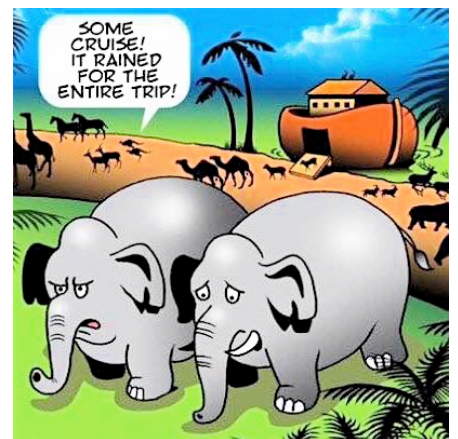
Parishioners are now able to book for the concerts on Saturday evening 8 March at 7pm and Sunday after-noon 9 March at 2pm.

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)



DID YOU KNOW?

... that after landing on the island of Vanuatu on the feast of Pentecost in 1606, Catholic Portuguese explorer Pedro Fernandez de Quiros declared that all land from Vanuatu to the South Pole was to be known as *Australia del Espiritu Santo* (southern land of the Holy Spirit)?

De Quiros never actually set foot on Australian soil, but his description of it as the “great south land of the Holy Spirit” has had a lasting impact on how Australia is seen by people of faith. Given the long presence of Aboriginal people in Australia and the deep spiritual understanding of the sacredness of the land, de Quiros’

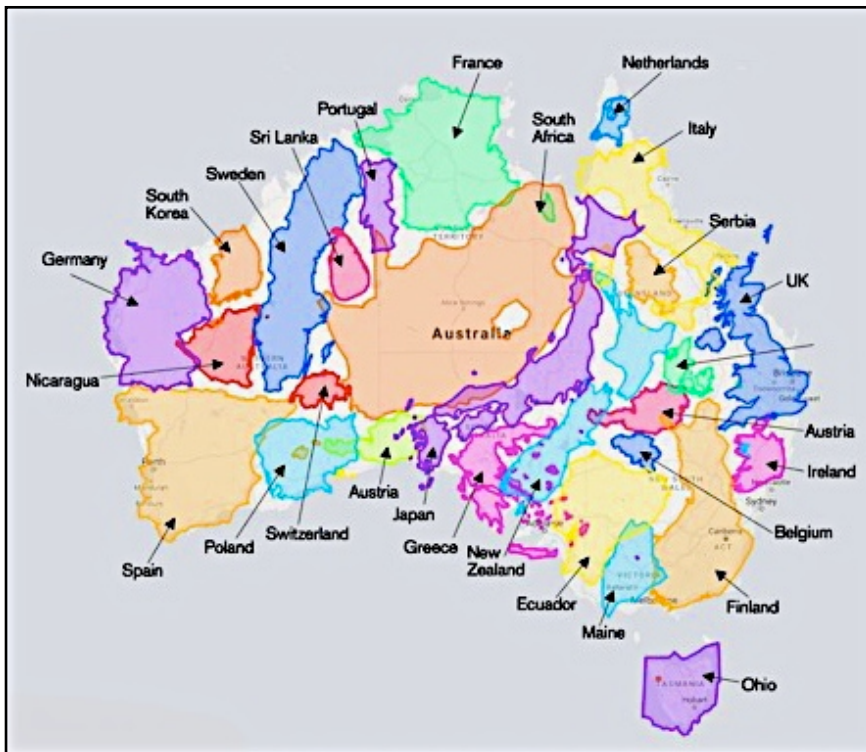
description of Australia as the land of the Spirit is unknowingly quite accurate.

PRAYER

Lord, God of all creation, we give you praise and thanks for the gift of our land Australia. Bless this land and all the people who live here, those who have been here for a long time and those who are newcomers.

Make us grateful for the beauty and bounty of our great south land where your Holy Spirit dwells, and help us always to be aware of our duty to take care of this land which you created. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

AUSTRALIA IS A BIG PLACE



ROSTERS

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| ALDINGA | <i>Saturday 25 January</i> | <i>Saturday 01 February</i> |
| Welcomer | Andre Woodhouse | Andre Woodhouse |
| Commentator | David Manders | Cristina Tiedje |
| Readers | Chris McWilliams | Michelle Cormack |
| | Brigid Grimwood | David Manders |
| Eucharistic Minister | Mario Bacchin | Judi Driscoll |
| NORMANVILLE | <i>Sunday, 26 January</i> | <i>Sunday, 02 February</i> |
| Welcomer | Rita Steller | Leo Montgomery |
| Commentator | Antoinette Fleming | Jim Fitzpatrick |
| Reader | Michael Steller | Trish Bohnsack |
| Data Projector | Nigel Pile | Thia an Kuyk |
| Altar/Cleaning | Trish Bohnsack, Rita Steller | Antoinette F, Ann H |
| WILLUNGA | <i>Sunday, 26 January</i> | <i>Sunday, 02 February</i> |
| Commentator | Garry Triffett | Anna Rogers |
| Reader | Michael Hynes | Marie Andrews |
| Eucharistic Minister | Norman Lee | Marie Cester |
| Flowers | Tony Harding | Tony Harding |
| Church Linen | Viv Zagajewska | Viv Zagajewska |

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre Boyd, Janette McIver, Michael Casey, Paul Hancock, Paul Cormack, John Tregeagle, Kathy Ralston

2025 DATES

- 26 Jan Australia Day
- 27 Jan Australia Day holiday
- 28 Jan First day, School term 1
- 29 Jan Lunar New Year (Wood Snake)
- 31 Jan Morning coffee - Louie's
- 9 Feb Day of Unborn Child Appeal
- 14 Feb Morning coffee - Louie's
- 28 Feb Morning coffee - Louie's
- 5 Mar Ash Wednesday
- 5 Mar Project Compassion
- 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 Vocations Appeal
- 26 Sep Last day School term 3
- 6 Oct Labour day holiday
- 13 Oct First day School term 4



"Aaaaaa! There goes another batch of eggs, Frank no wonder this nest was such a good deal!"

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

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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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How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage;

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted;

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied;

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them; Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God;

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God;

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

THE REAL TRAGEDY OF SIN

There's an axiom within certain schools of psychology which submits that every abuser was first abused.

Our spontaneous judgment on the perpetrator of a mass shooting or terrorist bombing most naturally expresses itself this way: "I hope he fries in hell!" What's wrong with that reaction is its failure to understand that this person was already frying in some private hell and this terrible acting out is an attempt to get out of hell or at least to take as many people as he can to hell with him.

Perpetrators of violence mostly want to ruin heaven for others since they themselves feel unfairly deprived of it. This isn't everywhere true of course since mental illness and the mystery of human freedom also play in, but it's true enough to challenge us towards a better understanding of why some people have bitter, sadistic hearts while others have gracious, loving ones.

Sin wounds others and shields us from having to own what's sick inside us because we have now inflicted our sickness onto someone else where it works at making that person ill.

Blessing does opposite. It relieves others of the sickness that was unfairly inflicted on them, helps turn their bitterness into graciousness, and soothes the very root of their wounds.

This is all still colored by the mystery of human freedom. Some people do come from abusive backgrounds, and some do suffer cruelty and bullying as a child and yet became one-in-million wounded healers, turning the very sin against them into a powerful healing grace. Unfortunately, they're the exception and their greatness lie in that exact achievement.

There are many challenges for us in this: First, we must not let our emotions sway us into making the kind of judgements where we would like to see someone "fry in hell". Second, we should be much less smug and arrogant about those whom we label as "losers".

We also need to learn that perhaps the ultimate human and spiritual challenge is to not let what we suffer from the sins and failings of others turn us bitter so that we in turn begin to inflict that same sin onto others.

Finally, and not least, understanding more deeply what's undeserved in our lives should lead us to a deeper gratitude towards God and towards all who have so, undeservedly, loved and gifted us. *Ronald Rolheiser*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(27 January - 02 February)

- **Monday, 27:** Weekday, Ord Time 3 (Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30)
- **Tuesday, 28:** St Thomas Aquinas (Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35)
- **Wednesday, 29:** Weekday, Ord Time 3 (Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20)
- **Thursday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 3 (Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25)
- **Friday, 31:** St John Bosco (Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34)
- **Saturday, 01:** Saturday, Ord Time 3 (Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41)
- **Sunday, 02:** The PRESENTATION of the LORD (Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40)

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.