



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - 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)



FIRST READING

Acts 5:12-16

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:2-4, 22-27

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' <R>
2. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was

made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. <R>

3. O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord grant success. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light. <R>

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

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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)

26 Apr 5.30pm, Aldinga
27 Apr 8.30am, N/ville, Fr Tom
10.30am, Willunga

MARIAN PROCESSION

The 76th Marian Procession will be held on Sunday, May 18 beginning at Victoria Park and processing up Wakefield Street into Victoria Square. The Procession will commence at 2.00pm and all are invited to attend.

For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events (8210 8220).



FUND-RAISER FOR REFUGEES SATURDAY MAY 31

We are gearing up for an exciting fundraising event at the Yankalilla Agricultural Hall on Saturday, May 31. Buy a ticket to support the event or some raffle tickets, if unable to attend.

There will be a great lineup of musicians who have volunteered their time to support the cause, including: Wendy McPhee, Margie Russell and the Russell Sisters, violinist Christine Stokes and family, guitarist Hugo, Carrickalinga band 'Ambiguous Folk', Kym Mitchell, Paul Motiekaitis and Karen Pater.

Local businesses and individuals have donated generously to the prizes for the raffle to be drawn on the night (including Seagrass Villas 2 nights accommodation, welcome bottle of wine and breakfast provisions, 43 Jetty Road 1 night accommodation, Little Norma (1 night accommodation), a case of Allusion wine, handmade quilt donated by the Threads Sewing Group, a Huon Pine Sculpture valued at around \$1000 donated by Geoff Bromilow, and more to come...

Door Prize: Grass Tree Gully (1 night accommodation) and for the kids there will be a free lucky dip.

Gates open at 5.00pm. Adults \$15, Children under 5 free, Family entry (2 adults, 2 children 5-16) \$35. Bookings phone 08 8558 0240.

See notice board in the Church foyer for more details. *Fleurieu Refugee Support Group*

DEATH OF POPE FRANCIS

Eternal rest
grant unto
him, O Lord.
And let
perpetual
light shine
upon him.
May he rest in
peace.

Jorge Mario Bergoglio
17 December 1936 - 21 April 2025



With profound sorrow, the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide joins the universal Church in mourning the passing of His Holiness, Pope Francis. A shepherd of deep faith, compassion and humility, Pope Francis dedicated his life to serving God's people and advocating for the poor, the marginalised and the dignity of all human life.

Pope Francis was a tireless witness to the Gospel, always reminding us of God's mercy and calling us to a life of love and service. His leadership and pastoral heart have left an indelible mark on the Church and the world.

As the Church enters a time of mourning, the faithful of the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide are invited to join in prayer and reflection, entrusting him to the loving embrace of our Lord. May Pope Francis rest in peace, and may his legacy of love, justice, and peace continue to inspire the faithful around the world.

A Memorial Mass for Pope Francis will be celebrated at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Sunday, April 27 at 11.00am. A Memorial Mass for Pope Francis will be celebrated at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Sunday, April 27 at 11.00am.

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at St Luke's, Noarlunga Downs this weekend (27 April) starting at 4.30pm. There will be three Priests available for confession from 4.30pm. All parishioners are most welcome. *Dolek Thiele*

A STONE'S THROW AWAY FROM EVERYBODY

In Luke's Gospel, we are told that on the night before his death Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane with his disciples. There he invited them to pray with him as he struggled to find strength to face his death; but, as Luke cryptically adds, while he sweated blood, he was "a stone's throw away" from them.



How far is a stone's throw? It's distance enough to leave you in a place where no one can reach you. Jesus faced his death knowing that he was loved by others but also knowing that in the face of death he was entering a place where he was deeply and utterly alone.

This emphasis on aloneness is in fact one of the major points within the Passion narratives. In describing Jesus' death, perhaps more than anything else, the Gospels want us to focus in on his aloneness, his abandonment, his being a stone's throw away from everyone.

The Gospels deliberately understate what Jesus had to endure physically because they want us to focus on something else, namely, his moral and emotional suffering, particularly his sense of abandonment, his aloneness, the absence at the most crucial time in his life of any deep human support, intensified by the seeming absence of God.

It is within that utter aloneness that Jesus gives himself over in trust,



love, forgiveness, and faith. It's easy to believe in love when we feel loved; to forgive others when they are gracious towards us; and to believe in God when we feel strongly God's presence.

The difficulty, the "test", comes when human love and divine consolation collapse, when we find ourselves surrounded by misunderstanding, abandonment, distrust, hatred, and doubt. How do we respond then?

It wasn't the capacity to physically endure scourging and nails that was the real test inside of Jesus' passion. The question for him was rather how he would die. Could he continue to surrender himself to a God and to a truth he had previously known when this now seemed to be belied by everything around him? Could he continue to trust? What kind of spirit would he hand over at the end? Would it be gracious or bitter? Forgiving or vengeful? Loving or hate-filled? Trusting or paranoid? Hope-filled or despairing?

That too will be our test in the end.

Ronald Rolheiser

PILGRIMAGE & MASS with Archbishop O'Regan

Archbishop O'Regan will be making a pilgrimage to the Jubilee Pilgrimage Site of St Aloysius Church in Sevenhill on Saturday June 28, where he will celebrate Mass at 12.30pm. If you wish to attend this Mass, please register at the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/DASOD>. Reconciliation will be offered from 11.00am, and tea and coffee will follow the Mass. All are welcome!

ROSTERS

ALDINGA

Welcomer
Commentator
Readers

Eucharistic Minister

Saturday 26 April

André Woodhouse
David Manders
Michelle Cormack
Cristina Tiedje
Judi Driscoll

Saturday 03 May

André Woodhouse
Cristina Tiedje
Brigid Grimwood
Ken Creevey
Maria Jarvis-Maack

NORMANVILLE

Welcomer
Commentator
Reader
Data Projector
Altar/Cleaning

Sunday, 27 April

Peter Bohnsack
Antoinette Fleming
Nigel Pile
Jim Fitzpatrick
Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery

Sunday, 04 May

Leo Montgomery
Thia van Kuyk
Ann Henriksen
Nigel Pile
Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery

WILLUNGA

Commentator
Reader
Eucharistic Minister
Flowers
Church Linen

Sunday, 27 April

Michael Hynes
Marie Andrews
Andrew Beach
Anna Rogers
Wayne Best

Sunday, 04 May

Gael Maloney
Marie Andrews
Andrew Beach
Mary Moore
Wayne Best

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

Anniversary: Kevin Chapman

2025 DATES

27 Apr	Divine Mercy Sunday
28 Apr	First day School term
18 May	St Vincent de Paul Appeal
2 Jun	Stonework restoration - St J's
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

COLLECTIONS

2/13 April, 2025

First collection	\$589.00
Envelopes	\$150.00
Unpledged	\$328.00

(Not including direct credits)

Thank you for your support -
it is much appreciated

QUESTIONS OF DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE

Interdiocesan Tribunal of Adelaide

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote "charity and mercy demand that the Church, like a good mother, be near her children who feel themselves estranged from her."

The Interdiocesan Tribunal of Adelaide is a service of the Church to assist with the pastoral care of Catholics and non-Catholics who are civilly divorced, and who are seeking to remarry or who want clarification of their standing in the Church.

The Tribunal also assists remarried persons seeking to have their current marriage recognised in the Church, as well as remarried persons wishing to be baptised or received in the Catholic Church.

Any divorced person, or a divorced and remarried person is welcome to contact the Adelaide office of the Tribunal to obtain further information, or to have their status within the Church clarified.

The office is open Monday to Friday, and you are welcome to contact the Tribunal on 8210 8225 or tribunal@adelaide.catholic.org.au

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) 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:

- Parish Office
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or
- Kim Calderbank
(kim.calderbank@cardijn.catholic.edu.au : [08] 8550 2200)

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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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

BREATHE EASY

Perhaps my earliest memory is being carried from our family's car and into

our new house by my father when I was about 3 years old. We had been out late visiting my grandparents, and it was dark and cold outside. My father wrapped me in his overcoat and held me close to his chest. I could feel his breath on my neck as he extracted me from the car and walked toward the house. I felt safe.

I felt his breath on my neck again when I was about to board a plane for Rome. I was leaving to spend some time in the "Eternal City" and walk the Camino in Spain for the first time. I was afraid and uncertain when my dad held me close to him and wished me farewell. I felt his blessing.

There were other times as well when I felt his breath. In the embrace before going on holidays, when I left to go overseas to study, when he came to visit me when I was living away, when he was in hospital recuperating from serious surgery and I leaned in to greet him with a kiss. Always I felt reassurance in his presence.

The apostles were confused and frightened even before the risen Jesus appeared in their midst. But as he often did, he told them, "Be not afraid," and then he breathed on them. Imagine yourself in that scene, and likely you will feel safe, you feel his blessing, and you will be reassured of his presence. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(28 April - 04 May)

- **Monday, 28:** St Peter Chanel Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8)
- **Tuesday, 29:** St Catherine of Siena (Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7-15)
- **Wednesday, 30:** Wed, 2nd week Easter (Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21)
- **Thursday, 01:** Thu, 2nd week Easter (Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36)
- **Friday, 02:** St Athanasius (Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15)
- **Saturday, 03:** Sts Philip and James (1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14)
- **Sunday 04:** THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER (Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Apoc 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19)

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.