



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

- Fr Dominick Okwadha (Resident Pastor) - Fr Dominick on leave until 15 August. okwadna@yahoo.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)



FIRST READING

Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' the Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again

Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 137:1-3, 6-8

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. <R>
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. <R>

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Bulletin Board

the LORD MASS TIMES 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 6.00pm - Willunga

WEEKEND MASSES

(NB: This roster may be changed if something unforeseen crops up)

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

FR DOMINICK ON LEAVE

Fr Dominick is on leave until 15 August. Fr Julius will be filling in for him during that time.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

BLESSING OF MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday September 21, 2025

Celebrations of significant wedding anniversaries will be held in local Parish communities again this year.

All couples who are celebrating a significant year of marriage in 2025 (1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40 or 50 years or more), are invited to leave their details with Gael Maloney (0447 421 948) to receive a special acknowledgement from the Archbishop.



The first Message of Pope Leo XIV for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, whose fifth edition will be celebrated on Sunday, 27 July, was published recently. The theme of the Message is “Blessed are those who have not lost hope (Sir 14:2)” and fits into the context of the Jubilee of Hope 2025. In the Message, the Holy Father invites us to recognise

the elderly not only as recipients of pastoral care, but as witnesses of hope who are active protagonists in the life of the Church.

Old age can be a time of blessedness in which hope, tested in the fire of a long life, becomes a source of joy and renewed trust in the Lord. God “teaches us that, in his eyes, old age is a time of blessing and grace, and that the elderly are, for him, the first witnesses of hope.” states Pope Leo XIV in his [Message](#).

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

2/3 August - 9/10 August

The theme of the first weekend is that every baptised Christian has a vocation and is called to holiness of life and to participate in the life and mission of the Church. We acknowledge the calling to Marriage and Family Life, the Single Life and Lay Ministry in the Church.

It’s on the second weekend that we specify this baptismal call further and celebrate and pray for an increase in the vocations of the Priesthood, Diaconate and the Consecrated Life.

YOUTH MASS & GATHERING FOR JUBILEE OF YOUNG PEOPLE

*Thursday 31 July 4.00pm - 6.00pm
Mary of Galilee Church
Galilee School Hall*

Mass begins at 4.00pm and will be followed by activities, games and supper. Please arrive approximately 15 minutes beforehand. All youth of the Parish and schools are invited to attend. Cost is \$8 per person and pizza supper will be provided. This can be paid on the night or via the Galilee Qkr app prior to the day. RSVP via Forms <https://forms.office.com/r/XqmpZZXPjT>
Any questions can be forward to me at kim.calderbank@cardijn.catholic.edu.au
There will be a sign-in form on arrival for health and safety purposes.

Kim Calderbank (APRIM)

LADIES LUNCH

Willunga Parish women (and friends) are warmly invited to the next Ladies Lunch on Friday 1 August at 12.30pm at Oxenberry Farm, 26 Kangarilla Road, McLaren Vale. Please come along. For more information and bookings contact Barb Triffett (0497 876 551) or Vanda Farrall (0476 276 066). *Barb Triffett*



ASSUMPTION OF MARY

On 15 August we celebrate the Assumption of Mary.

The Assumption commemorates the belief that

when Mary died, rather than going through the natural process of physical decay on Earth, both her soul and body were taken to Heaven, to be with her Son, Jesus. It’s speculated that this could have been possible because she didn’t suffer from Original Sin, as stated in the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This can be further confirmed as there is no relic of Mary’s body in existence, and no one has ever claimed to have found one.

Willunga Parish Masses

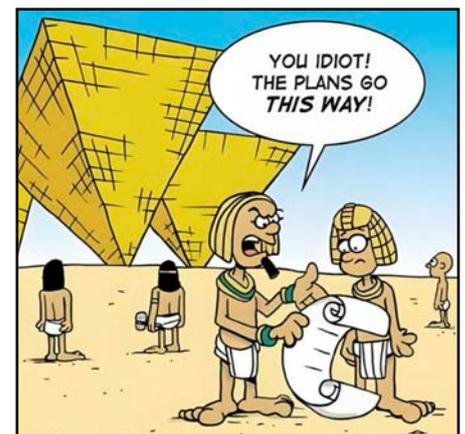
Mass will also be held at Mary of Galilee, Aldinga at 9.00am and at St Peter’s, Normanville at 12.00 noon. Mass at St Joseph’s, Willunga to be advised (please see next week’s bulletin). Parishioners are most welcome to join in Mass at any of our centres.

KIDS’ CORNER

*“When you pray, say: Father,
hallowed be your name ...
(Luke 11:2)”*

Sometimes we use words so often, we don’t even think about what they mean. Take “hallowed,” for example. It’s a word we use every time we pray the Our Father.

Hallowed means “holy.” And holy means “set apart.” Jesus tells us that when we pray, we begin by stating our belief that God is holy, set apart from everyone and everything else. God is



not just “one more thing” or “some nice idea.” God is above all and in all. God has created everything, yet God is more than anything or anyone we can imagine. When we say these words in the Our Father, we ask God for the grace to put God first in our hearts and in our lives. Our Father, hallowed be your name. Amen.

JUST ASK

Jason was sitting in his car outside the hospital, hands gripping the steering wheel, heart racing. His sister had just gone into emergency surgery. The doctors weren’t sure she’d make it. He had no idea what to do – except pray.

But it had been years. Jason had drifted from church after university. Life got busy, questions piled up, and prayer started to feel ... pointless. He’d said prayers before – rote ones, tired ones, foxhole ones – but today he couldn’t find the words. Until, almost instinctively, he whispered: “Our Father, who art in heaven ...”



That was it. Just that line. He couldn’t remember the rest. But in that moment, something cracked open. He wasn’t praying perfectly – but he was praying honestly. And that’s where it started.

Over the next few days, between ICU visits and bad coffee, Jason found himself praying more – not with polished words, but real ones. He asked boldly. He cried. He questioned. And every time, he ended with, “Your will, not mine.”

One day, while scrolling on his phone in the hospital waiting room, Jason came across a quote that stopped him cold: “Sometimes you are the answer to someone else’s prayer.”

He thought about the guy he passed every morning on the bench outside the ER – quiet, tired, alone. So the next morning, Jason brought two coffees. No big conversation. Just presence. A small act, but one that made something shift.

That moment became a rhythm. Prayer became not just words, but action. Listening. Showing up. Trusting even when there were no answers.

Jason’s sister recovered. Slowly. Miraculously. But Jason changed too – not because everything turned out perfect, but because he stayed in the conversation with God. He learned that prayer isn’t magic. It’s relationship. It’s trust. And it’s movement – from the heart to the world. *GPBS eNews*

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS
Healing list: Michael Casey, Kathy Ralston, John Tregeagle, Karoline Hermann, Marie Cester, Laura Curtis

Recently deceased: Michael Hynes (father of St Joseph’s parishioner Michael), Mia Szydowski (Christina Rasera’s aunt)

2025 DATES

- 27 Jul World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly
- 10 Aug Vocations Appeal
- Sep Catholic Charities Month
- Oct World Mission Month
- 19 Oct Mission Day Appeal
- 26 Sep Last day School term 3
- 6 Oct Labour day holiday
- 13 Oct First day School term 4
- 9 Nov Supporting our Clergy Campaign
- 16 Nov St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal
- 12 Dec Last day School term 4
- 25 Dec Catholic Charities Appeal

ROSTERS

ALDINGA
 Welcomer
 Commentator
 Readers
 Eucharistic Minister

Saturday 26 July
 Volunteer
 Chris McWilliams
 David Manders
 Jill McHendrie
 Judi Driscoll

Saturday 02 August
 Volunteer
 David Manders
 Michelle Cormack
 Carla Thomas
 Lorraine Thomas

NORMANVILLE
 Welcomer
 Commentator
 Reader
 Data Projector
 Altar/Cleaning

Sunday, 27 July
 Leo Montgomery
 Antoinette Fleming
 Anna Vnuk
 Jim Fitzpatrick
 Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery

Sunday, 03 August
 Peter Lloyd
 Jim Fitzpatrick
 Michael Steller
 Rita Steller
 Trish Bohnsack, Rita Steller

WILLUNGA
 Commentator
 Reader
 Eucharistic Minister
 Flowers
 Church Linen

Sunday, 27 July
 Garry Triffett
 Michael Hynes
 Norman Lee
 Tony Harding
 Volunteer please

Sunday, 03 August
 Anna Rogers
 Marie Andrews
 Denny Ford
 Tony Harding
 Volunteer please



Celebrate an Australian tradition with rhythm, community and heart. Drive away the chill of winter, warm your spirits and welcome spring with music, fun, laughter and boot-stomping, while raising funds for important refugee projects like Women for Change.

Where: Yankalilla Showgrounds Pavilion, corner Jervis Road and Main South Road, Yankalilla.

When: Saturday, 30 August - 6pm - 10pm, gates open at 5pm

Tickets: Adults \$15, Children under 5 free/ under 16 \$5, Family (2 adults, 2 children 5-16) \$35.

BYO plate to share, bar facilities and hot beverages available for purchase, free camping, camp fire.

Bookings: Fleurieu Coast Vision Centre in person, phone (08) 8558 0240, or online visitfleurieucoast.com.au

WILLUNGA PARISH

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

*Willunga Catholic Parish is a
welcoming and hope-filled
community led by the Spirit
to love and serve all in faith.*

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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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.

Willunga Parish contact - Michael Hynes *or* Child Protection Unit (8210 8159).

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3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. <R>
4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

SECOND READING

Colossians 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised:

he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Rm 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

*You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him

get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'



THE COURAGE TO PRAY

Prayer requires courage. Imagine the flutter in Abraham's heart when he asked God to consider the innocent who would suffer with the guilty in the destruction of evil cities! Who is Abraham to tell God what is just? Yet our every prayer of petition is roughly the same. With hearts fluttering, we ask God to act according to our perception. It's a bold thing to do.

Jesus encourages his disciples to pray with daring. He tells us to ask for God to reveal divinity to us! That's a big request. Jesus also teaches us to ask for more immediate and practical concerns like food, forgiveness, and to be spared the tug of sin on our hearts. Jesus says we can ask for anything in prayer, big or small, trusting the One who loves us desires our welfare more than we do. With confidence, then, let us pray.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(28 - 31 July)

- *Monday, 28:* Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35)
- *Tuesday, 29:* Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus (1 Jn 4:7-16; Jn 11:19-27)
- *Wednesday, 30:* Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46)
- *Thursday, 31:* St Ignatius of Loyola (Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53)
- *Friday, 01:* St Alphonsus Liguori (Lev 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34-37; Mt 13:54-58)
- *Saturday, 02:* Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Lev 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12)
- *Sunday 03:* 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21)

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 Julius (0455 878 907).