

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
Mt 5:3



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 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

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

Seek the Lord, all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord.

In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 145: 7-10

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it

was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: *if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad: your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he

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Bulletin Board

REGULAR MASS TIMES

(resumes beginning of December)

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
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WEEKEND MASSES

(Times on front page of this bulletin)

PRIEST ROSTER - WEEKENDS

(Often this roster changes

if something unforeseen crops up)

28 Jan	5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
29 Jan	8.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick 10.30am - N/Ville, Fr Tom

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

CONSIDERING A VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD?

A time of prayer, reflection and discussion for young men discerning a call to the priesthood.

Saturday February 4 at 10.00am in the Sacristy of the Cathedral of St Francis Xavier, Wakefield Street.

For further enquiries contact Fr Dean Marin, Director of Vocations on 82108122 or at

vocations@adelaide.catholic.org.au

"Leaving the boat and their father, they followed him" Matthew 4.22

LOVE ADELAIDE

Walk for Life

'Let them live'

Saturday 11 February
Pennington Gdns, Nth Adelaide
- opposite St Peters Cathedral

10.00am - 12.00 noon
Gates open at 9.00am

Free entry tickets available at
loveadelaide.org.au

"I write to encourage you attend the upcoming 'Walk for Life' on Saturday 11 February, 2023.

With the passing of legislation last year, abortion up to birth in some circumstances is now legal in South Australia. However, the witness to the value, and dignity of every human

life from the earliest stages in the mother's womb must be continued.

For us the wider context is the respect for life at all stages and in all situations. Respect for life is a "seamless garment" and covers end of life issues, the aged and disabled, domestic violence, the homeless and poor, acceptance of refugees and other areas of social justice. It's always from this perspective that we are pro-life.

It's also so important to challenge the popular thinking that abortion is a "health issue" or a "freedom of choice issue" and that legalization can remove the moral aspect of taking a human life. We are pro-life in terms of the life of mother and child and we love them both. Furthermore, for all who have been involved with abortion we offer, not , but the healing compassionate love and forgiveness of Christ." *Fr Dean Marin VG*

If anyone would be needing transport, please contact me. I will be attending the gathering in the park but not walking to Parliament House.

Chris McWilliams
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WILLUNGA CONFERENCE OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Temporary closure until after Easter

The Willunga Conference wish to inform parishioners that it is temporarily ceasing its activities from Tuesday 17 January, 2023 until after Easter in April.

Several conference members have health issues and some have family members who are gravely ill. Given the difficulty in trying to operate under these circumstances and, with the low number of volunteers, it has been decided to cease operations for three months to allow members a chance to refresh themselves.

No Poor Box collections will be taken during this three-month recess.

For those who wish to continue their weekly donations to the Society, donations can be made as follows: You can donate to the Society by using the [online donation facility](#) provided on this website or by calling the 13 18 12. Donations of \$2 and more to the Society are tax deductible. The conference extends a heartfelt

thanks to the parishioners for their generous support and ask for your prayers for our conference.

SYNODALITY AND MISSION

Sr Nathalie Becquart

February 1 2023

Sr Nathalie Becquart is the Undersecretary for the General Synod in the Vatican which is responsible for the organisation of the 2023-24 Global Synod on Synodality. Sr Nathalie will be in Adelaide on February 1 as part of a visit to Australia/Oceania.

This event is now at capacity, live stream available from 7pm at https://youtu.be/P_VQc-7hu04

FESTIVAL OF HYMNS

On Sunday February 19 at 1pm, James Lloyd, Cathedral Organist at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral will give a free concert featuring well-loved hymns played on the magnificent Cathedral Casavant Frères pipe organ to which you are warmly invited to both attend and join in singing. James is the regular organist at the Cathedral's 11am Sunday Solemn Mass and his vibrant and effusive style has pleased Mass-goers for many years.

This promises to be an afternoon of high entertainment and great delight for those who love music played on the magnificent Casavant Frère organ.

The concert is part of the 2023 Fringe Organ Recitals program at the Cathedral.

MASKS IN CHURCH

It would be very much appreciated if you could supply your own masks, rather than relying on us to supply disposable ones at the door.



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, on Thursday, February 2, is also the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. It's important for us to celebrate the lives of all the consecrated religious sisters and brothers in our Archdiocese, to pray in thanksgiving to God for them and to pray that God will call many more women and men to this vocation.

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA
PROJECT COMPASSION 2023**

(Commencing February 19)

“Each year, Project Compassion comes as a timely reminder of the importance of solidarity and how a single act of kindness – whether big or small, can make a life-changing impact in the lives of those who need it most.”

*Kirsty Robertson,
CEO, Caritas Australia*

**2023 LENTEN
REFLECTION BOOKS**

will be available again to all parishes across the Archdiocese. It is a prayerful resource that can be used in a group setting or at home, this Lenten season. The Psalm and Gospel readings for each Sunday in Lent are included in the booklet along with reflections written by clergy and lay people in our Archdiocese and small group questions that are suitable from secondary students to adults.

Hard copies will soon be available from Church foyers, or you can download an online version from the Office for Worship website.

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

The Church in Australia marks Word of God Sunday on the first Sunday in February, which will be February 5 this year.

**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

Anniversary: James Kelly

DATES

- 30 Jan First school day - 2023
- 3 Feb Coffee group - Louis
- 7 Feb Creative Corner
- 12 Feb St Peter's Pastoral Team meeting after Mass
- 17 Feb Coffee group - Louis
- 21 Feb Creative Corner
- 22 Feb Ash Wednesday
- 26 Feb First Sunday of Lent
- 3 Mar Coffee group - Louis
- 3 Mar World Day of Prayer
- 7 Mar Creative Corner
- 7 Mar Adelaide Cup Day
- 17 Mar Coffee group - Louis
- 21 Mar Creative Corner
- 31 Mar Coffee group - Louis
- 14 Apr Last day School term 1
- 4 Apr Creative Corner
- 6 Apr Thursday of Lord's Supper
- 7 Apr Good Friday
- 8 Apr Holy Saturday
- 9 Apr Easter Sunday
- 10 Apr Easter Monday
- 14 Apr Coffee group - Louis
- 16 Apr Divine Mercy Sunday
- 18 Apr Creative Corner
- 21 Apr Marian Procession
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day
- 28 Apr Coffee group - Louis
- 1 May First day School term 2
- 12 Jun King's birthday
- 7 Jul Last day School term 2
- 24 Jul First day School term 3
- 29 Sep Last day School term 3
- 2 Oct Labour Day
- 16 Oct First day School term 4
- 15 Dec Last day School term 4



Post Abortion Healing Weekend Retreat

*CONFIDENTIAL *NON-JUDGEMENTAL
*HOPE *PEACE *HEALING *FREEDOM

Friday 24th to Sunday 26th of February 2023

Contact us on: 0455 118 053 or
Email: us at emerge@genesisps.org.au
for a confidential chat to find out more

WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU & WALKING WITH YOU ON YOUR JOURNEY TO RECOVERY

ROSTERS

ALDINGA *Saturday 28 January*
 Welcomer Kate Manders
 Commentator Tricia Dundon
 Readers Heidi Davidson
 David Manders
 Eucharistic Minister Bob Daly

Saturday 04 February
 Rose Sulda
 David Manders
 Michelle Cormack
 Brian Younie
 Mario Bacchin

NORMANVILLE *Sunday, 29 January*
 Welcomer Peter Bohnsack
 Commentator Chris Symes
 Reader Ena Harvey
 Altar/Cleaning Mary K, Ann H

Sunday, 05 February
 Peter Lloyd
 Ann Henriksen
 Jan Plumb
 Trish Bohnsack, Rita Steller

WILLUNGA *Sunday, 29 January*
 Commentator John Tregeagle
 Reader Megan Chapman
 Eucharistic Minister Norman Lee
 Flowers Mary Moore
 Church Linen Viv Zagajewska

Sunday, 05 February
 Marie Andrews
 Marie Cester
 Steve Maglieri
 Marie Andrews
 Wayne Best



“Try to relax”

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 27/01/23)



- 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.
- 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?

- This collection of sayings is known as the Beatitudes, which means blessings.
- This text is also known as the Sermon on the Mount. Luke also has a version of this text, but it is set on a plain by the Sea of Galilee (Luke 6:20-26).
- Just as Moses received the Law on Mt Sinai, Matthew situates Jesus giving the new law on a mountain.
- There are a number of instances in his Gospel where Matthew parallels Jesus with Moses. Again, this may be to appeal to the largely Jewish audience of his own community.

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began to speak. This is what he taught them:

‘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.’

CLASSICS ANEW

Certain pieces of music have had an incredible impact on my life. The first time I heard Pachelbel’s “Canon in D Major,” I was brought to tears. I felt the same way when I heard Ralph Vaughn William’s “Adagio for Strings” and the Righteous Brothers’ “Unchained Melody”. These three pieces remain favourites of mine and still have a huge impact on me. But nothing can replace the very first time I heard them.

Our gospel this weekend is one of the most important passages in all of scripture. The Beatitudes are the sum total of the meaning of salvation that Jesus came to share with us. They were destined to become the guideposts of who we are, even more than what we do, as Christians. They are radical in their outlook, challenging those who hear them to look at the world and all they value in new and different ways.

Imagine the very first time the Beatitudes were heard by the crowd

and the disciples sitting on the side of the hill. Most probably fled, some in disgust, others laughing at Jesus’ naïveté, and some in fear of the power of his message. The disciples must have felt something stir within them that would be dormant until the Spirit anointed them on the first Pentecost.

We’ve heard these words at weddings, at funerals, at Sunday Mass, and at prayer services. So perhaps they have lost some of their impact. Can we try to hear them as though we’ve never heard them before? Maybe not. But let’s listen more closely the next time the words “Blessed are ...” are proclaimed to our ears and hearts.

The Commissioning:

Go from here to be God’s blessing. We will nurture our spiritual life. We will comfort those who suffer loss. We will affirm the humble. We will search diligently for the truth-tellers. We will find the compassionate way and live it. We will be light in the dark places. We will follow the peaceful way. We will be ready to pay the price for faithful living.

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(30 January - 5 February)

- **Monday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20)
- **Tuesday 31:** St John Bosco (Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43)
- **Wednesday 1:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6)
- **Thursday 2:** The Presentation of the Lord (Malachi 3:1-4; Lk 2:22-40)
- **Friday 3:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29)
- **Saturday 4:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34)
- **Sunday 5:** FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16)

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.