



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

Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33:2-7

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. <R>
2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. <R>
3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. <R>

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and



he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

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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)

April

5 Apr 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Josy
6 Apr 8.30am, Willunga, Fr Josy
11.00am, N/ville, Fr Josy
12 April 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Julius
13 April 8.30am, N/ville, Fr Julius
10.30am, Willunga, Fr Tom
Easter Triduum
17 April 5.00pm, N/ville, Fr Dominick
(*Lord's Supper*) 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Julius
7.30pm, Willunga, Fr Tom
18 April 3.00pm, Aldinga, Fr Julius
(*Lord's Passion*) 3.00pm, Willunga, Fr Tom
5.15pm, N/ville, Fr Dominick
19 April 5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Dominick
(*V/Mass*) 7.30pm, Willunga, Fr Tom
20 Apr 8.30am, Willunga, Fr Tom
(*Easter*) 10.30am, N/ville, Fr Julius
26 Apr 5.30pm, Aldinga
27 Apr 8.30am, N/ville, Fr Tom
10.30am, Willunga

EASTER MASS TIMES

• Holy Thursday (17 April) •

St Peter's, Normanville 5.00pm
Mary of Galilee, Aldinga 5.30pm
St Joseph's, Willunga 7.30pm

• Good Friday (18 April) •

Mary of Galilee, Aldinga 3.00pm
St Joseph's, Willunga 3.00pm
St Peter's, Normanville 5.15pm

• Saturday Vigil (19 April) •

Mary of Galilee, Aldinga 5.30pm
St Joseph's, Willunga 7.30pm

• Easter Sunday (20 April) •

St Joseph's, Willunga 8.30am
St Peter's, Normanville 10.30am
(*Normanville Mass will be held at Club Fleurieu, 140-142 Main South Road, Yankalilla*)

SECOND RITE of RECONCILIATION

St Luke's Church, Noarlunga at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 8 April.

DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS NEXT SUNDAY

Turn your clocks back one hour.



JOIN US FOR A CUPPA AT ST JOSEPH'S

Everyone is welcome to share in a cuppa after every 8.30am Mass at St Joseph's, Willunga. Enjoy a delicious morning tea, interesting conversation and good fellowship.

We are trialling the extra days, beyond the traditional monthly event, over the next three months. If you need more information, please contact Barbara Triffett, Garry Triffett, Vanda Farrall, Andrew Beach or Michael Hynes.

CLERGY MOVES 2025

The clergy moves which take effect on 24 April and most concern Willunga Parish are:

- Fr Josy - Parish Priest of Lefevre Catholic Community Parish.
- Fr Dominick - Administrator of Noarlunga Seaford and Willunga Parishes.
- Fr Julius Nyandiga - Assistant Priest of Noarlunga Seaford and Willunga Parishes.

IRENE from DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO



Irene is a young single mother living in Kongolo, a rural area in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). She takes care of her two children, aged 3 and 7, while also supporting her mother and extended family. Her life has been full of challenges, especially since she became a mother at a young age.

Irene lives in the Kongolo region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Her father was killed during a war when Irene was young, leaving Irene to live with her mother and siblings on very meagre resources, often going hungry for extended periods of time.

Irene's life changed after she participated in the Youth Capacity Strengthening program, run by Caritas

Australia's partner, Caritas Kongolo. Irene's newfound skills not only provide financial stability to her family but have also enabled her to take on a mentoring role, training other young women to sew. Irene has been able to break out of a cycle of poverty. She can now send her son to school and support her extended family too.

Together, we can Unite Against Poverty this Lent by donating to Project Compassion, offering pathways out of poverty for people in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and beyond.

FAREWELLS FOR FR JOSY

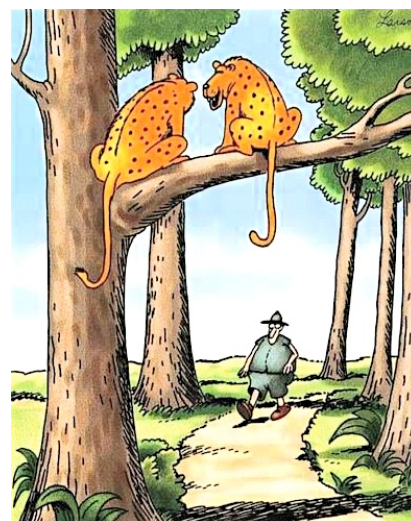
As you are no doubt aware, Fr Josy has been transferred to Levre Parish and is leaving Noarlunga/Seaford and Willunga Parishes on 24 April.

To recognise his time and leadership with us, there will be a farewell in each of our three communities following Mass next weekend - 5 and 6 April.

- Mary of Galilee, Aldinga - 5 April following 5.30pm Mass
- St Joseph's, Willunga - 6 April following 8.30am Mass
- St Peter's, Normanville - 6 April following 11.00am Mass

Parishioners are welcome to join in any of these celebrations. Please bring a plate to share.

ST PETER'S PARISHIONERS please note: Mass time at Normanville on 6 April has been changed to 11.00am.



"Now remember - roar just as you leap ... these things have some of the best expressions."

ST JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY

A small number of parishioners from Willunga, Aldinga and Normanville gathered at St Joseph's Church to celebrate the Feast of St Joseph on 19 March. Thank you to Fr Dominick for celebrating Mass and to Michael, Vanda, Andrew and the Willunga community for the lovely supper in the Hall after Mass. We enjoyed hearing about celebrations in the past which included a picnic and car rally. We hope to celebrate more events over the year when we can gather to celebrate each church in our Parish and celebrate being church together.



Kerri Gould

SOUTHERN VALES SCHOOLS' MINISTRY GROUP

Volunteer request

After 16+ years as our Willunga Catholic Parish Representative for Schools' Ministry in our region (Old Noarlunga, McLaren Vale PS, McLaren Flat PS, Willunga PS, Aldinga PS and Willunga HS), Anna Rogers is stepping aside from this role.

Over time, you may have heard from some our wonderful Pastoral Care Workers (Sue Camac - Willunga Primary and Marie Cester - McLaren Flat Primary) about the big difference PCWs can make to the school community.

Please seriously consider taking on the role of a support group member for our Parish. It is not an onerous job, you'll be mentored by Anna, and you'll find that being part of a multi-denominational

group is most worthwhile. If you'd like some inspiration, please come to the PCW celebration service on Sunday 6 April, 4.00pm at the Outpost Church UCA, 262 Main Road, McLaren Vale). Anna's contact number is 0414 266 528.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

St Joseph's parishioners please note
Restoration of some of the stone walls inside the Church is scheduled to begin in the week commencing 2 June. This date may change, but we will be notified asap.

This is a separate project to the roof restoration work carried out in 2024. Stones will be repointed and reinforced during the project. Scaffolding will be erected inside the Church. We have been promised that it will still be available for Sunday Masses, but weekday Masses will need to move to the Meeting Room.

ROSTERS

ALDINGA

Welcomer
Commentator
Readers

Eucharistic Minister

Saturday 29 March

André Woodhouse
Cristina Tiedje
Jill McHendrie
Ken Creevey
Judi Driscoll

Saturday 5 April

André Woodhouse
Michelle Cormack
David Manders
Chris McWilliams
Brigid Grimwood

NORMANVILLE

Welcomer
Commentator
Reader
Data Projector
Altar/Cleaning

Sunday, 30 March

Peter Bohnsack
Trish Bohnsack
Jim Fitzpatrick
Thia van Kuyk
Trish Bohnsack, Rita Steller

Sunday, 6 April

Leo Montgomery
Ann Henriksen
Nigel Pile
Jim Fitzpatrick
Trish Bohnsack, Rita Steller

WILLUNGA

Commentator
Reader
Eucharistic Minister
Flowers
Church Linen

Sunday, 30 March

Anna Rogers
Marie Cester
Norman Lee
No flowers - Lent
Viv Zagajewska

Sunday, 6 April

Garry Triffett
Jacinta Best
Michael Hynes
No flowers - Lent
Anna Rogers

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

Recently deceased: Janet Burbidge

2025 DATES

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
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

15/16 : 22/23 March

First collection	\$788.00
Envelopes	\$550.00
Unpledged	\$508.00

(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, 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

Please contact the Parish Office
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SACRAMENTS

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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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‘When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, ‘How many of my father’s paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.’ So he left the place and went back to his father.

‘While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

‘Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. ‘Your brother has come’ replied the servant ‘and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.’ He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, ‘Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.’

‘The father said, ‘My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.’”

CHRISTIANITY IS A RELIGION FOR LOSERS

A man of my acquaintance was disappointed to learn that I am a Christian. ‘But why?’ he demanded of me. ‘Christianity is a religion for losers!’

I laughed at his unsuspecting insight. ‘Yes, it is,’ I admitted. ‘But the difference between us is: You think that is an insult, and I think that is the good news.’ Losers, like the prodigal son, are grateful for the invention of Christianity. But he is not the only one. The sick, the blind, the lame, the crazy – all have a lot to be thankful for. So do the dead. So do the poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. Outsiders, women, the despised, those in same-sex relationships, those living on the margins ... when you begin to count them up, a lot of people fall into the category of those who have lost something and long for forgiveness, comfort or justice.

The prodigal son was not the only loser in the story. The father has lost his son, which was a crushing blow. And what the elder son suffered from was perhaps the most devastating of all: the ability to feel compassion for his own brother.

The Christian story promises to redress all these losses, whether from sin, suffering, or spiritual sickness. All we have to do is come to the feast.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(31 March - 06 April)

- **Monday, 28:** Monday, 4th week Lent (Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54)
- **Tuesday, 01:** Tuesday, 4th week Lent (Ezek 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-3, 5-16)
- **Wednesday, 02:** Wednesday, 4th week Lent (Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30)
- **Thursday, 03:** Thursday, 4th week Lent (Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47)
- **Friday, 04:** Friday, 4th week Lent (Wis 2:1, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30)
- **Saturday, 05:** Saturday 4th week Lent (Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-52)
- **Sunday, 06:** FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11)

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.