



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

Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-9

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, So that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God

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Bulletin Board

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

(Times on front page of this bulletin)

PRIEST ROSTER WEEKENDS

(This roster may change

if something unforeseen crops up)

30 Sep 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
01 Oct 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick
10.30am - N/ville, Fr Tom
07 Sep 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Tom
08 Sep 8.30am - N/ville, Fr Dominick
10.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom
14 Oct 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Tom
15 Oct 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick
10.30am - N/ville, Fr Dominick
21 Oct 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy
22 Oct 8.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy
10.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom
28 Oct 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
29 Oct 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom
10.30am - N/ville, Fr Dominick

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to you name and deal with us according to the bounty of your great mercy,

PRELIMINARY NOTICE - PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE

St Joseph's on Sunday 28 January, 2024 - 3.00pm and 8.00pm. Put the date in your calendar now.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Place an order for your 2024 Columban Calendar now. This year they are \$10 each. Contact Sr Margaret Ann - orders close soon.

NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Envelopes for the next year are available from the Church foyer today. If you didn't receive any envelopes, but would like some, please get in touch with Gael Maloney (0447 421 948).

MELBOURNE CUP

Please be advised that the Galilee community will *NOT* be hosting a Melbourne Cup luncheon this year.

Chris McWilliams

AFTERNOON DEVONSHIRE TEA

(Scones, jam, cream, tea, coffee provided)

Sunday, 15th October
2.00pm - 4.00pm

Galilee Community Room

Table games provided for children

Gold coin donation please

Everyone welcome

SILENT RETREAT AT THE MONASTERY

Join us for some quiet, personal reflection on our silent retreat led by Fr Tony Edgar CP and Fr Pastor Mumburi CP.

The retreat will commence with dinner on Friday October 6 and conclude with breakfast on Thursday October 12. Contact The Monastery office on 8338 8700 or conference@themonastery.net.au

THE VOICE REFERENDUM

On October 14, Australian citizens will vote in the referendum on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament.

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan is encouraging Catholics to prayerfully reflect on the upcoming referendum and inform themselves from reliable sources such as:

www.indigenousvoice.church or www.catholic.au or www.voice.gov.au. Please [Click here](#) for correspondence from Archbishop Patrick O'Regan.

LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE

The City of Onkaparinga is about to start shaping its new 10-year community plan and we'd love your input via our annual community [survey](#). We want to know what matters to you, how connected you feel to your community, how you stay active, your thoughts on the local economy and more. The survey takes 10 minutes to complete and is open until Sunday 5 November.

During the community engagement period we're also asking the community what their vision for the region's future is. The questionnaire is available at council offices, libraries, community and youth centres, recreation centres, and selected events.

Responses from the survey and vision questionnaire will also be used to inform reviews of two other key strategic documents—the council's Long Term Financial Plan, which guides long-term financial sustainability; and Strategic Asset Management Plan, which helps ensure appropriate infrastructure is in place for current and future generations.

The three draft plans are scheduled to be released for community engagement in April 2024.

We're keen to involve residents of all ages in the survey and vision questionnaire. We'd appreciate if you can help spread the word to your family, friends, neighbours and networks. Take the survey [here](#).

*Your Say
Onkaparinga team*

SUPPORTING OUR PRIESTS AND DEACONS

8 October has been designated as Supporting our Priests and Deacons Sunday. Throughout the Archdiocese, we will be invited at Masses to thank God for their ministries and offer them our prayerful support. In particular, we will be asked to renew our commitment to the financial support of all our priests and deacons through our contribution to the First Collection.

EARTHQUAKE IN MOROCCO

Caritas agencies are responding to the 6.8 magnitude earthquake where more than 2600 lives have been lost and thousands have been injured.

The epicentre was near the rural town of Ighil, in the Al Haouz province.



Entire buildings have collapsed, and there are reports some remote villages have been destroyed, leaving people trapped or homeless. Many families are spending sleepless nights outdoors, fearing aftershocks. Search and rescue efforts are ongoing.

Immediate needs include getting essentials like food, clean water, emergency shelter and medicine to families affected by the earthquake, while preparing for the long-term needs of people who no longer have homes to return to. Your support to help those affected by this catastrophe is invaluable.

www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/morocco-earthquake/

SEASON OF CREATION

Mercy Grove, Belair National Park

The Christian family unites in the Season of Creation – a worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home.

You are invited to join us at Mercy Grove, Belair National Park, on Sunday October 1 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm for a time of prayer and reflection amongst nature.



Hearts on Fire
FEET ON THE MOVE

catholic mission Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/timor

A JOSEPHITE CELEBRATION

Tales out of School

Saturday Oct 14, 2.00pm - 4.30pm
Mt Carmel College, 33 Newcastle St,
Rosewater, parking off Miles St

Open to all who have a connection to the Josephite story. Hosted by the 'Josephites are the Future' group.
RSVP by Friday October 6 to David:
david.cotton@mcc.catholic.edu.au or
0417 853 519

MASS FOR THE UNBORN CHILD

Brighton Catholic Parish will be celebrating a Mass for the Unborn Child this year. This Mass is for those suffering due to a loss of a child either through miscarriage, stillbirth or abortion.

We feel that sometimes we overlook these people, and this Mass is our way of letting them know that the Church has not forgotten them. We will also be praying for those children who have lost their lives to accidents or illness.

The Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's Catholic Church, 24 Strathmore Terrace, Brighton on Saturday October 14 at 10.00am.

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre Boyd, Jim Smith, Stephen Bostock, Janette McIver, David Scott, Anne Maloney, Richard and Margaret Gleeson

Recently deceased: Monsignor Rob Egar

Anniversary: Elio Bruschi

DATES

- 2 Oct Labour Day
- 3 Oct Creative Corner - Aldinga
- 13 Oct Coffee - Louis, Aldinga
- 16 Oct First day School term 4
- 17 Oct Creative Corner - Aldinga
- 22 Oct World Mission Day
- 27 Oct Coffee - Louis, Aldinga
- 31 Oct Creative Corner - Aldinga
- 10 Nov Coffee - Louis, Aldinga
- 12 Nov Vinnies Christmas Appeal
- 14 Nov Creative Corner - Aldinga
- 24 Nov Coffee - Louis, Aldinga
- 28 Nov Creative Corner - Aldinga
- 3 Dec St Peter's Christmas BBQ
- 8 Dec Coffee - Louis, Aldinga
- 15 Dec Last day School term 4
- 25 Dec Catholic Charities Appeal
- 14 Jan Women's Tour Down Under event - Willunga
- 20 Jan Men's Tour Down Under event - Willunga
- 28 Jan Philharmonia Cologne concerts 3.00pm and 8.00pm

COLLECTIONS

16/17 and 23/24 September

First collection	\$785.00
Second collection	\$494.00
Envelopes	\$971.00

(Direct debits not included)

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

this weekend for Catholic Charities.



Unfriending - the early years

ROSTERS

ALDINGA	Saturday 30 September	Saturday 07 October
Welcomer	A Woodhouse, N Ellis	Clarissa Kelly, Noah Ellis
Commentator	Michelle Cormack	David Manders
Readers	Cristina Tiedje Jill McHendrie	Rod Boucher Vivi Boucher
Eucharistic Minister	Lorraine Ellis	Brigid Grimwood
NORMANVILLE	Sunday, 01 October	Sunday, 08 October
Welcomer	Tim Fleming	Peter Lloyd
Commentator	Thia Van Kuyk	Michael Steller
Reader	Jan Plumb	Jim Fitzpatrick
Altar/Cleaning	Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery	Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery
WILLUNGA	Sunday, 01 October	Sunday, 08 October
Commentator	Marie Andrews	Wayne Best
Reader	Anna Rogers	Megan Chapman
Eucharistic Minister	Andrew Beach	Anna Rogers
Flowers	Vanda Farrall	Anna Rogers
Church Linen	Wayne Best	Margaret Guley

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 28/09/23)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- Procession of gifts has resumed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact

LIVING THE WORD

- Words are one thing but deeds are another. In the long run it is deeds which count more. 'Actions speak louder than words'. More importantly, this little story tells us that change is possible, even after a negative decision. We have the ability to have second thoughts and respond generously; we can decide to do the right thing. At times, it is those who are not expected to do the right thing that surprise us!
- Who are the people in your life who inspire you because of the consistency of their vision and action?
- Sometimes it is the simple people who inspire us the most. How might you emulate their approach? Are there ways you can be an inspiration for others? Are there ways you can publicly witness to saying 'yes' or acting for justice this week?

DID YOU KNOW?

- The 'chief priests and elders' are the leaders of the Jewish religious community. They were the ones with training and were learned in the Scriptures. They should have known and recognised what is from God but they are like the son who says 'yes' and fails to carry out God's will.
- Prostitutes and tax collectors are often bracketed together because both were considered 'sinners': prostitutes for their sexual behaviour and tax collectors because they cooperated with the Roman authorities and cheated their own people.

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before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

IS GOD FAIR?

(Matthew 21: 28 - 32)

I have a work colleague/employee who drives me crazy. He does nothing I ask him to do, is always late, leaves early, takes endless breaks, follows my directions only when it suits him. Most of the time he does just what he wants to do and is completely ungovernable.

Why don't I fire this guy? Because, although he does nothing I ask him to do, he does everything well. He does what needs to be done, and sometimes more than I would ever expect from anyone. Though I tear my hair out about his blatant disregard for my wishes, I have to admit he's the best I've ever seen. He's like the first son in the parable: he says "No" but does "Yes".

Lots of people say No but do Yes in the reign of God. They don't go to church, baptise their babies, or live by the Book in the way we would like. They don't seem to worship the same God we do, or any God at all. Yet God has a different abacus than ours, and the tally may come out better for them than for faithful churchgoers who live by the Book but have no love in their hearts. Is this fair? Not while we are pushing the beads, perhaps. But God doesn't stoop so low as fairness, and all kinds of unlikely people are making their way toward the Kingdom. *GPBS eNews*

THE BIG GAME

The season was winding down. One more win and our eighth grade under 15's basketball team would be in the championship game against arch-rival Saint Sebastian. I played point guard, which was considered a good position to get in our team. So, it was no surprise, but it still stung me hard when I was told by the coach that I was being benched and my spot taken by a new classmate, Frank, who just arrived at our school and was quickly determined to be a better athlete than the rest of us. I sat on the bench hurt

and upset but trying not to show it.

Frank proved to be the difference, he knew the game and played like no one else. Each time I patted him on the back and congratulated him while the word "Unfair!" screamed in my head. In the last moments of the game, Frank turned his ankle making a great pass to save the game. We won. But Frank's foot would be in a cast for the big game. I was back in, vindicated. I felt bad, kinda, for him. But God knew I deserved to play! I didn't get much action in the game. But then again, most of us didn't. At least I passed one ball that helped along the way.

We lost. I was surprised that no one seemed that upset. At least we could say we made it to the championship game. We all felt good, including our new friend Frank. I had an early lesson in what Saint Paul calls "being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing".

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(2 - 8 October)

- **Monday, 2:** The Holy Guardian Angles (Ex 23:20-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10)
- **Tuesday, 3:** Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Zech 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56)
- **Wednesday, 4:** St Francis of Assisi (Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62)
- **Thursday, 5:** Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Neh 8:1-12; Lk 10:1-12)
- **Friday, 6:** Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Baruch 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16)
- **Saturday, 7:** Our Lady of the Rosary (Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24)
- **Sunday 8:** 27th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43)



OCTOBER IS MISSION MONTH

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.