



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

Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom of Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still

staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 46:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. <R>
2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. <R>
3. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. <R>

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. (Continued page 4)



Bulletin Board

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)

31 May	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Tom
01 Jun	8.30am, Willunga, Fr Dominick 10.30am, N/ville, Fr Dominick
07 Jun	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Julius
08 Jun	8.30am, N/ville, Fr Julius 10.30am, Willunga, Fr Tom
14 Jun	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Dominick
15 Jun	8.30am, Willunga, Fr Dominick 10.30am, N/ville, Fr Tom
21 Jun	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Julius
22 Jun	8.30am, N/ville, Fr Julius 10.30am, Willunga, Fr Tom
28 Jun	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Dominick
29 Jun	8.30am, Willunga, Fr Dominick 10.30am, N/ville, Fr Dominick

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is being offered on Fridays from 5.00pm - 6.00pm at St Joseph's Church, Willunga. Mass from 6.00pm - 7.00pm follows. Everyone welcome.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; praise the Lord, who ascends above the highest heavens; his majesty and might are in the skies, alleluia.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated this Tuesday (3 June) at 6.00pm at Mary of Galilee Church, Aldinga. Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will be in attendance.

All parishioners are most welcome to attend.

WILLUNGA PARISH LADIES LUNCH

A small group of local women are starting a Ladies Lunch group for Willunga Parish women. If you are interested, you are warmly invited to join them for the first lunch next Friday (6 June) at 12.30pm at The Tin Shed in McLaren Vale. Thereafter they will gather once a month on the

first Friday of each month, for a chat and a meal.

Please come along and catch up with old friends and make some new ones. For bookings and further information phone Barb Triffett (0497 876 551) or Vanda Farrall (0476 276 066).

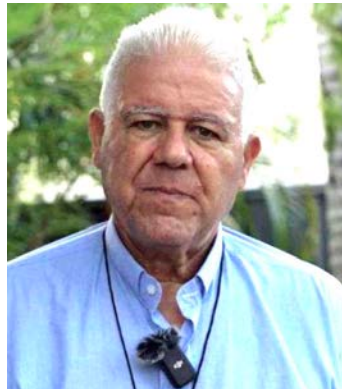
THANK YOU

Special thanks to Michelle Cormack for putting together the History Month articles for our Sunday Bulletins for the last few weeks.

ANCHORED IN CHRIST

The YMG Men's Conference 2025, themed 'Anchored in Christ', is set to inspire men aged 18 and above with a day of spiritual growth and fellowship. The conference will be held on Saturday June 14 from 8.00am to 7.30pm at Cardijn College, Marian Campus, Noarlunga Downs. For more details and registration - ymgadelaide@gmail.com

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025



As Australia observes National Reconciliation Week 2025, Bishop Charles Gauci, Bishop of Darwin, has delivered a powerful message highlighting reconciliation as a sacred responsibility for all Christians and people of goodwill.

Speaking from the heart, Bishop Gauci acknowledged the profound importance of recognising and learning from the past — its mistakes, pain, and injustices — while also embracing the strengths and hopes that continue to shape the future. "Reconciliation," he said, "requires us to be honest. It is not easy, because it calls us to admit what has been wrong. But it also asks us to be resilient — to work together for justice and for the dignity of every human being."

Drawing on core values of Christian

faith, Bishop Gauci emphasised that respect, compassion, and the pursuit of the common good are not only ethical imperatives but integral to the Church's mission.

"At the heart of being Christian is the call to respect everyone," he stated.

"To be true to who we are means we must work for justice. This is not just a good idea — it's a vocation."

The Bishop acknowledged the complexities and challenges surrounding reconciliation, especially in light of Australia's history with its First Nations peoples. However, he urged listeners not to shy away from the task simply because it is difficult.

"There are many complex realities involved," he said, "but we cannot step back just because it is not easy. With the grace of God, and by working in unity, we can move forward in love, respect, and hope." Bishop Gauci concluded his message with a call to action — to continue walking together in solidarity so that every person may flourish and live in the fullness of their identity as sons and daughters of God.

"Let us work together for the betterment of all, so that each person can truly flourish," he said. National Reconciliation Week runs from 27 May to 3 June each year, commemorating two significant milestones in Australia's reconciliation journey: the 1967 referendum and the 1992 High Court Mabo decision. The week is an opportunity for all Australians to reflect, learn, and engage in meaningful steps towards healing and unity.

For Bishop Gauci and the Diocese of Darwin, reconciliation remains not just a national priority, but a Gospel imperative. *Reprinted from CathNews*



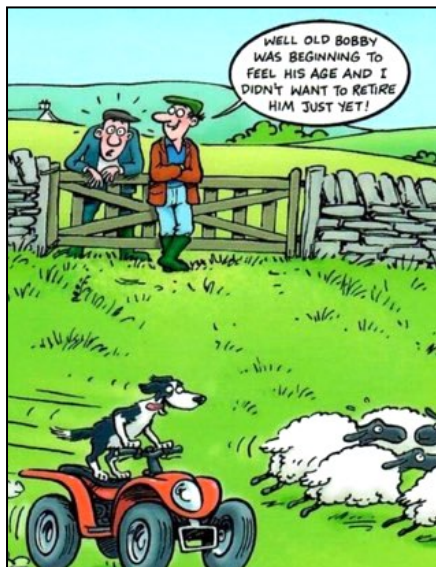
WHAT IS LOVE ASKING OF US NOW?

"You can safely assume you've created God in your own image when it turns out that God hates all the same people you do." (Anne Lamott)

We live in a time of bitter division. From our government offices down to our kitchen tables there are tensions and divisions about politics, religion, and versions of truth that seem irreparable.

Sadly, these divisions have brought out the worst in all of us. Common civility has broken down and brought with it widespread lack of common courtesy, disrespect, demonisation and hatred of each other. All of us now smugly assume that God hates all the same people we do.

What does it mean to love in a time when people can no longer agree on what is true? How do we remain civil



and respectful when it feels impossible to respect those who disagree with us?

Fyodor Dostoevsky famously wrote that love is a harsh and fearful thing, and our first response should be to accept that. Love is a harsh thing and that harshness is not just the discomfort we feel when we confront others or find ourselves confronted by them. Love's harshness is felt most acutely in the self-righteousness we have to swallow in order to rise to a higher level of maturity where we can accept that God loves those we hate just as much as God loves us – and those we hate are just as precious and important in God's eyes as we are.

Once we accept this, then we can speak for truth and justice. Then truth can speak to power, to "alternative truth", and to the denial of truth. Lies must be exposed, and this needs to occur inside our political debates, inside our churches, and at our dinner tables. That struggle will sometimes call us beyond niceness, which can be its own mammoth struggle. However, while we cannot always be nice, we can always be civil and respectful.

No matter our anger, love still has some non-negotiables: civility and respect. How we will respond to the times remains a deeply personal thing. Not all of us are called to do the same thing. God has given each of us unique gifts and a unique calling.

However, we are all called to ask ourselves the same question: given what is happening, what is love asking of me now? *Ronald Rolheiser*

ROSTERS

ALDINGA

Welcomer
Commentator
Readers

Eucharistic Minister

Saturday 31 May

André Woodhouse
Chris McWilliams
Charla Thomas
Brigid Grimwood
Judi Driscoll

Saturday 07 June

André Woodhouse
David Manders
Michelle Cormack
Chris McWilliams
Kerri Gould

NORMANVILLE

Welcomer
Commentator
Reader
Data Projector
Altar/Cleaning

Sunday, 01 June

Leo Montgomery
Ann Henriksen
Chris Symes
Thia van Kuyk
T Bohnsack, P Fitzpatrick

Sunday, 08 June

Tim Fleming
Antoinette Fleming
Anna Vnuik
Jim Fitzpatrick
A Fleming, A Henriksen

WILLUNGA

Commentator
Reader
Eucharistic Minister
Flowers
Church Linen

Sunday, 01 June

Garry Triffett
Vanda Farrall
Norman Lee
Anna Rogers
Marie Cester

Sunday, 08 June

Jacinta Best
Megan Chapman
Marie Cester
Anna Rogers
Marie Cester

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Michael Casey, Kathy Ralston, John Tregeagle, Karoline Hermann, Mike Harwood, Karen Van Vliet.

2025 DATES

3 Jun	Confirmation - Mary of Galilee
8 Jun	Pentecost Mass and lunch
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

KIDS' CORNER

On the feast of the Ascension, we celebrate the moment that the Risen Jesus was raised up to heaven to be with his Father. But we can also celebrate all the moments after that because Jesus did not leave us alone. He said, "I am sending the promise of my Father upon you" (Luke 24: 49). As we'll see on the feast of Pentecost, Jesus will send the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, the Holy Spirit, to Mary and the Apostles. The Holy Spirit is still with us today. Through the Holy Spirit, we have the fullness of Jesus' presence with us today and always! That's something to celebrate!

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sunday, June 8
To celebrate community and friendship within our Parish, we invite parishioners and friends, from all three Mass



centres, to a shared lunch in St Joseph's Hall after 10.30am Mass next Sunday (June 8).

Some salad and salumi platters, casseroles and rice, tea and coffee will be provided, but please bring a plate to share and BYO drinks to add to the festivities.

If you know you will be attending ahead of the time, please RSVP to Vanda Farrall (0476 276 066) or Barb Triffett (0497 876 551), otherwise just come as you are and enjoy.

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)

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- **St Peter's, Normanville** - Please contact Willunga Parish Office (08) 8556 2132 or 0447 421 948

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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.

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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May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 28:19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples, 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.'

Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

SENDING DOWN THE PROMISE

(Luke 24: 46 - 53)

Then he led them out of the city over to Bethany. Raising his hands he blessed them, and while blessing them, took his leave, being carried up to heaven. And they were on their knees, worshipping him. They spent

all their time in the Temple praising God. (Luke 24: 50 - 53)

Jesus tells his disciples: Stay right here! God has ordered you a new suit. God is going to clothe you with power from on high. Me, I would run for the hills, most likely. How long would it take to ride a donkey from Jerusalem back to Galilee? After all, look where all that power got Jesus. Raised from the dead, sure; but before that, it looked pretty bad. Being clothed with power, make no mistake, also means being charged with a commission to wield it.

But the disciples remain in Jerusalem in the now-famous upper room, perhaps because they were never really a very imaginative bunch. Or perhaps it is because they had no place left to go, fearful of returning to their homes and families with all the uproar in the streets since the crucifixion. And Jesus is true to his word, sending down God's promise like wind and fire. The passion of language will overtake them, and they will be transformed beyond recognition. But that is another story. For the purposes of this feast, it is enough to reflect on the promise of the power to come. Are you ready to welcome the power? *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(02 - 08 June)

- **Monday, 02:** Monday, 7th week of Easter (Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33)
- **Tuesday, 03:** Charles Lwanga (Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11)
- **Wednesday, 04:** Wednesday, 7th week of Easter (Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11-19)
- **Thursday, 05:** St Boniface (Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26)
- **Friday, 06:** Friday, 7th week of Easter (Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19)
- **Saturday, 07:** Saturday, 7th week of Easter (Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25)
- **Sunday 08:** PENTECOST SUNDAY (Acts 2:1-11; Rom 8:8-17; Jn 14:15-16, 23-26)

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 Dominick (0421 074 212) or Fr Julius (0455 878 907).