



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.

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. 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!*

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BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES

Please contact the Parish Office

RECONCILIATION

- Aldinga: Saturday 5.00 - 5.20pm
 - Normanville: Second and fourth Sundays at 8.10am
 - Willunga: to be organised
- Reconciliation always available at St Luke's, Noarlunga every Saturday at 9.00am.

ROSARY

10.00am before 10.30am Masses at Normanville. 9.30am on Fridays in the Chapel at Galilee, Aldinga.

QUIET PRAYER

Each day at Willunga for 30 minutes at 7.00am and 5.00pm. All welcome.

REFLECTION GROUPS

Willunga Thursday Group meets weekly to reflect on Gospel for the following Sunday. Parish House, 7.00pm. Fr Tom (8557 1072)

FIRST FRIDAY MASSES

First Friday Mass: Willunga at 9.00am; Normanville at 6.00pm

FAMILY MASSES

Aldinga: 2nd Saturday - 5.30pm

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Galilee Learning Centre	8557 9000
St John the Apostle	8382 2064
All Saints Primary	8327 0020
Cardijn College	8392 9500
Marcellin Tech College	8186 9700

PLAYGROUP

Monday mornings 9.00am - 10.30am in Shared Space, Stage 1, Galilee School, Aldinga. Co-ordinator - Melanie Wilson (8557 9000)

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Meetings held twice monthly - every second Monday of month and the Monday, two weeks later, both at 9.30am. Meetings: Aldinga Community Centre, Stewart Road, Aldinga. Contact: Vinnies-Willunga@svdpsa.org.au

GALILEE HOUSEKEEPING TEAM

Feel free to contact any member of the committee about issues in the Aldinga community - Fr Josy (8382 1717), David Manders (8556 5667), Françoise and Ken Creevey (8557 6287), Mario Bacchin (8323 9909), Judi Driscoll (0428 310 548).

GALILEE OP SHOP

How Road, Aldinga. Open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8.15am - 3.00pm
Phone: 0474 107 694



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REGULAR WEEKDAY MASSES (or COMMUNION SERVICES)

Mon	No Masses in Willunga Parish 9.00am - Noarlunga
Tue	9.15am - Aldinga
Wed	9.00am - Willunga
Thur	9.00am - Willunga
Fri	9.00am - Willunga
1st Fri	Normanville: 5.30pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; 6.00pm - Mass (followed by shared meal)

CEMETERY FEES

The cemetery fees and charges for both St Joseph's at Willunga and St Peter's at Normanville will increase from 1 July. Unfortunately, these increases are necessary to cover the ever-increasing costs for both funerals and maintenance at our cemeteries.

If you, or someone in your family, would like to buy a cemetery plot before the prices increase, please contact David Manders or Tony Harding (St Joseph's) or Peter Bohnsack (St Peter's).

There are many advantages in buying a plot pre-need. These include not only the financial benefit and a better choice of available positions, but also a reduction in the significant burden both emotional and financial, to relatives when they are at their most vulnerable.

GALILEE SCHOOL

Galilee students will be joining parishioners at Tuesday morning Mass on 25 June (Yr 5 Bennet).

World Environment Day 2019

Weather permitting, the Galilee community will acknowledge World Environment Day on Wednesday 5 June. This year we aim to plant and re-establish our Galikz lee swale area, which leads to our wetland. We will be planting shrubs, grasses and plants to create habitats for butterflies, birds and small creatures and enhance this area.

If you would like to contribute to World Environment Day planting, you are invited to contact the School Office (8557 9000), or come along on the day to the Front Office. *Kerri Gould*

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

June 2 - 9

Join us for an Ecumenical Service on Friday 7 June at 11.00am at Seaford Christian Churches (SCC - formerly known as SEM), Cnr Grand Blvd and Main St, Seaford. Please book at the Café by Thursday June 6 if you would like to stay for a roast lunch.

VINNIES PANTRY

The local St Vincent de Paul pantry isn't able to keep up with an ever-increasing demand at the moment and emergency supplies are running out. Winter is always a particularly difficult time for many of the vulnerable families in our area.

There is an urgent need for non-perishable foods such as: UHT milk, tea, coffee, sugar, breakfast cereal, pasta sauce or similar, tinned fish, baby food, etc. Donations of toilet paper, toiletries, disposable nappies, etc would also be most welcome.

If you can help, donations would be very much appreciated. They may be left in the baskets in the foyers of our Churches.

PASSING ON THE BATON

We might compare the Ascension to the passing of a baton from one runner to another in a relay race.

On this day, just over 2000 years ago, Jesus passed the baton of his work to Peter, James, and John. They, in turn, passed it on to the people who came after them. They, in turn, passed it on to us. And now it is our turn to pass it on to others.

What does this mean? Does it mean going out and preaching about Jesus, as Peter, James, and John did? Does it mean mounting soapboxes in shopping centres and telling everyone about Jesus?

It could mean this for some of us, but for most of us it means something much more basic than this. It means something much more fundamental. It means living out Jesus' teaching in our own personal lives.

The way to begin preaching Jesus to the world is to begin preaching Jesus to ourselves. There's an old Chinese proverb that says:

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*If there is right in the soul, there will be beauty in the person.
If there is beauty in the person, there will be harmony in the home.
If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation.
If there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world.*

The way to begin preaching Jesus to the world is to begin living Jesus in our own lives. Once we begin to do this, the message of Jesus will begin to ripple out across the world. And if enough Christians do it, that ripple will turn into a tidal wave, and that tidal wave will change the face of the earth in a way we never dreamed possible. *GPBS eNews*

DON'T LOOK UP

Don't look up, the angels say. Look out. Look within! Don't get caught up in what is already past but see what's happening right now. Participate in the kingdom, which is coming in every new decision, in each word and action, in your relationships, in the choice of love, compassion, and forgiveness! The angelic advice is all about perspective. If we focus too much on heaven, over which we have no control - if we view religion as a

matter of "what goes up" - then we'll miss what's "going down" all around us. And that's something about which we have a lot of control, not to mention a lot of responsibility.

The Ascension tends to get lost in the "what goes up" phase of our imagination. We, too, look up until our necks ache, forgetting that the story we're being told is neither history nor biography, but gospel. The gospel is faith spoken to faith. The gospel speaks to believers about the meaning of what they believe. Once Jesus returns to the One who sent him, our business lies not with the realm we can't see but the busy, complicated, tangible world we are immersed in.

In the celebration of Jesus' Ascension, we recognise that we ascend, too, through the grasp of what binds us to our brokenness and sin. In all these ways, Jesus comes again, and we meet him, eye to eye, right where we live. *GPBS eNews*



PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Val Gater, Bernie Wilkie, Abbey McIver, Veronica Shortland, Marie Cester, Mary Moore, Muriel Smith, Rose Sulda

Recently deceased: Pauline Thiele

WHAT'S ON

- May 30 St Peter's Choir practice
- Jun 5 World Environment Day
- Jun 9 Propagation of Faith Appeal
- Jun 10 Queen's birthday holiday
- Jun 27 St Peter's Choir practice
- Jun 30 Holy Father' Appeal
- Jul 5 Last day School term 2
- Jul 7 NATSICC Appeal
- Jul 14 Apostleship of the Sea Appeal
- Jul 22 First day School term 3
- Jul 25 St Peter's Choir practice
- Aug 8 Solemnity, Mary of the Cross
- Aug 11 Appeal for Vocations
- Aug 15 Assumption Blessed Virgin Mary
- Aug 22 St Peter's Choir practice
- Sep 1 Father's Day
- Sep Catholic Charities Appeal
- Sep 19 St Peter's Choir practice
- Sep 27 Last day School term 3
- Oct 7 Labour Day public holiday
- Oct 14 First day School term 4
- Oct 24 St Peter's Choir practice
- Nov 21 St Peter's Choir practice
- Dec 12 St Peter's Choir practice
- Dec 13 Last day School term 4

COLLECTIONS

25/26 May 2019

First collection	\$548.00
Envelopes	\$418.00
Unpledged	\$265.00

Your support is much appreciated.



ALDINGA

Welcome
Commentator
Readers

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 1 June

Lorraine & Noah Ellis
Chris McWilliams
Leo Dundon
Brianna McIver
Judi Driscoll
Brigid Grimwood

Saturday 8 June

Ros Shoumack
Peter Laffan
Heidi Davidson
Christina Tiedge
Judy Seward
Mario Bacchin

NORMANVILLE

Welcome
Commentator/Prayers
Reader
Eucharistic Minister
Church Cleaning

Sunday, 2 June

Rachel
Ann Henriksen
Judy Millington
Trish Bohnsack
David & Jacqui Salkeld

Sunday, 9 June

Ann Henriksen
Walter Litvensky
Patricia Litvensky
Patricia Litvensky

WILLUNGA

Welcome
Commentary
First Reader
Second Reader
Eucharistic Ministers

Sunday, 2 June

Tony Harding
Gael Maloney
Liz Pitcher
Marie Andrews
Margaret Guley
Norman Lee
Michael Hynes
Margaret Guley
May Dunn

Sunday, 9 June

Zagajewski family
Marie Andrews
Izaak Bruschi
Francesca Zagajewska
Denny Ford
Michael Hynes
May Dunn, Tony Harding
Margaret Guley
May Dunn

**REGULAR MASS TIMES IN
OUR CLUSTER CHURCHES
ALDINGA**

*Mary of Galilee, the First Disciple
cnr Quinliven and How Roads*
Saturday 5.30pm
Tuesday 9.15am

GOOLWA

St John the Apostle, 10-14 Gardiner St
Sunday 9.00am
Wednesday 9.30am

KINGSCOTE

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
cnr Todd and Giles Streets*
Sunday 9.30am

NOARLUNGA

*St Luke, the Evangelist,
cnr Honeypot Rd and Goldsmith Dve*
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 9.00am
1st Sunday 11am (Spanish Mass)
2nd Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)
Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm
Monday 9.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Wednesday 7.30pm
Thursday 8.15am (St Luke's)
Thursday 9.15am (St John's - term time)
Friday 10.00am

NORMANVILLE

St Peter, Cape Jervis Road
1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 10.30am
2nd, 4th Sundays 8.30am
1st Friday 6.00pm

PARNDANA

2nd Sunday 2.30pm

PENNESHAW

*St Columba, North Terrace
(shared with Anglicans)*
1st Sunday 2.00pm

SEAFORD

*Seaford Ecumenical Mission,
Grand Bvd*
Sunday 10.45am
Wednesday 9.00am

VICTOR HARBOR

St Joan of Arc, 30 Seaview Road
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 11.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Thursday 9.00am
Friday 9.00am
1st Friday Benediction following Mass

WILLUNGA

St Joseph, 12 St Judes Street
1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 8.30am
2nd, 4th Sundays 10.30am
Wednesday 9.00am
Thursday 9.00am
Friday 9.00am

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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.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Gospel of Luke opens with Zechariah praying in the temple and closes with the disciples praying in the temple. The temple plays a critical role in Luke's account of the public life of Jesus.
- While the fact of Jesus' ascension to the Father is mentioned several times in the New Testament (Mark 16:19; John 6:62; John 20:17, Ephesians 4:8-10), only Luke describes the event itself, both in his gospel and in the Acts of the Apostles.
- Bethany is a small town not far from Jerusalem, just over the Mount of Olives. It was the home town of Mary, Martha and Lazarus.
- The nine days between the ascension and Pentecost that the disciples spent in praying together gave rise to the 'novena', a devotional practice of praying in a particularly focused way for a special intention over nine consecutive days.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

Luke's Gospel is sometimes known as 'the gospel of joy'. Joyfulness and rejoicing are constant motifs and familiar reactions to the revelation of

Jesus as the Christ. The extent to which we live in union with Christ allows us to participate already in the joy of heaven that is promised to us.

EXPLORING THE WORD

The reaction of the disciples to the absence of Jesus after his ascension is in stark contrast to the reaction they had to him leaving at his death. After his death on the cross, they shut themselves into the upper room in fear. Now they worship him and go joyfully rejoicing to the temple. Clearly now they have not lost the sense of his presence with them. Something has changed. His return to God opens the way to glory for all who believe, and this is the source of their joy. He is beyond their sight but truly with them, and he has repeated again his promise to send the help they will need to undertake their mission into the world. These final verses of Luke's Gospel introduce what will become the story of his second volume, the Acts of the Apostles: 'repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.' Acts tells the story of the Gospel being taken out to all the nations, a story that continues to this day.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(03 - 09 June)

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

PASTORAL CARE

If you (or someone you know) is house-bound, in hospital or in residential care and would appreciate a visit from a Priest or someone from the Parish, please let us know.
Contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).