



Welcome to

# Willunga Catholic Parish

Mary of Galilee, Aldinga; St Peter's, Normanville; St Joseph's, Willunga  
(Part of the Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Cluster of Catholic Parishes)

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## PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

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## MASS CENTRES

- Mary of Galilee, cnr Quinliven and How Roads, ALDINGA - Galilee
- St Peter's, Cape Jervis Rd, 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

*Wisdom 6:12-16*

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 62:2-8*

*My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

## SECOND READING

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.*

*Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 25:1-13*

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom

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## Bulletin Board

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	No Masses - Willunga Parish 9.00am - Noarlunga
Tue	9.15am - Aldinga
Wed	9.00am - Willunga 12.00noon - Normanville
Thur	9.00am - Willunga
Fri	9.00am - Willunga

### WEEKEND MASSES

*Times on front page of this bulletin*

There is no need to book for Galilee or St Joseph's. BOOKINGS are STILL REQUIRED for St Peter's - please phone Dolek Thiele after 2.00pm (0419 844 693).

### GALILEE SPECIAL MASSES

Two special Masses have been organised for Galilee students during this last school term.

- Whole School Thanksgiving Mass - 9.15am - Tuesday 24 November.
- Sending Forth Mass - 6.30pm - Tuesday 8 December.

### NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCES

The month of November is traditionally the time when we pray for the dead.

Names of deceased people you would like to be prayed for during November, can be entered into the Book of Remembrance, which is available in the foyer of each of our three communities. These people will be remembered especially during our Parish Masses during November.

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Parishioners are invited to join the community at the Seaford Christian Churches (formerly known as SEM) for a CHRISTMAS LUNCH.

Friday, 27 November at 12.00 noon in the Town Square Cafe. Cost is \$12 and booking is essential. Please let Sr Margaret Ann know - 0488 287 552 - if you would like to attend

### NEW PARISH COUNCIL

Fr Josy is pleased to announce that a new Parish Council has been formed. The Chair is Peter Laffan (Aldinga), the Deputy Chair is Kerri Gould (Galilee School) and Secretary is Chris McWilliams (Aldinga), with Patricia Litvensky and John Smith representing Normanville, Alice

Dunlop and Megan Lewis Willunga, and Lorraine Ellis and Vivi Boucher Aldinga. Special thanks to the retiring members of the Parish Council, Bob Daly (Aldinga), Marie Cester and Wayne Best (Willunga) and Thia Van Kuyk (Normanville). Please feel free to approach any member if you have an issue for consideration of the Parish Council. *Peter Laffan*

### CLOSING OF GALILEE OP SHOP

After more than 10 years of service to the Parish and local community, Galilee Op Shop is closing its doors. Through the valiant efforts of a wide range of people from across the Parish and non-Catholics as well, the Op Shop has raised tens of thousands of dollars for the upkeep of the Parish, and provided great service to the needs and the needy, in our communities.

However, it has become harder to staff, and with the interruption of the pandemic, the Op Shop has had to cease operations this year.

A heartfelt thanks to all who have served in the Op Shop over the years, and those who have offered their goods for its use. It has been a wonderful example of outreach to our community and care for those in greatest need. *Peter Laffan*

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL *Help the many Australian at breaking point, who face spending this Christmas in poverty*

We appeal to Willunga parishioners to help our Conference assist families and needy individuals to put food on their tables this Christmas. Many face spending Christmas in poverty.

This year the conference will distribute 100 Christmas Hampers consisting of donated non-perishable food, Coles grocery gift cards and meat and bakery vouchers. Donated toys or purchased gift cards will be given to companions with children. Our expected financial outlay to provide the hampers including grocery gift cards, a \$20 meat voucher to the Seaford Butcher and \$10 bakery voucher to the Aldinga Bakery, will be close to \$11,000.

By helping the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal, parishioners can

assist our members to provide assistance directly to families and individuals at a local level.

St Vincent de Paul told his followers there are no people so rich that they have nothing to receive, and none so poor that they have nothing to give. Support for our Christmas Appeal is an endorsement of the concern and generosity of our Willunga Parish.

This weekend (7 and 8 November) envelopes will be distributed for our annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Please assist the conference by placing a donation in an envelope and returning it next weekend - (14 and 15 November).

If you would prefer to donate online, please go to: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-appeal>

In Advent, Christmas Giving Trees will be setup in St Joseph's and Mary of Galilee Churches for donations of toys and food.

Thank you for your continuing generous support to our Willunga Conference. *Mario Bacchin*

### THANK YOU

The Sulda family sincerely thanks everyone for their good wishes and prayers for Vence. He has made a wonderful recovery following his recent surgery.

### PRACTICAL FAITH PLANTING DAY



There will be a tree planting afternoon at Hart Road Wetlands on Saturday 21 November at 2pm. This is being organised by a Christian nature conservation group, 'A Rocha' (a Portuguese word for "rock"). Bring gloves and diggers, hat and water. It will be followed by afternoon tea at the Arts Eco Village. Meet at the carpark at the end of Rowley Rd. For further information - Peter Laffan (0488 062 112, [impe@internode.on.net](mailto:impe@internode.on.net))

*Peter Laffan*



**SEEKING WISDOM**

For a few years I worked in downtown San Francisco. It's a lovely city by every standard, but it has one major drawback that gives newcomers pause: it's located on an earthquake fault line. When you ask long-term residents how they cope with the idea that at any moment, without warning, their entire world could collapse under their feet, they look at you with the amusement of experience. "You get used to it," they tell you.

Most people who live on fault lines dismiss the odds. They don't have the emergency supplies on hand that local phone books recommend: enough bottled water for several days, flashlights, spare batteries, a transistor radio. To non-residents, this seems like madness. But consider all the things you may not be prepared for. How many people go through life without health insurance? Who prepares for divorce, disability, or even unemployment? In some ways, we all go about without oil in our lamps, like the five in this week's story, playing the odds that we won't come up short.

One way to be prepared for any eventuality is to ground our lives, not in fluctuating circumstances, but in Christ.



Though the earth shiver and crack open beneath us someday, we won't be lost if Christ is the bedrock upon which we stand.

What is the central truth upon which your life is grounded? Will that truth support you 'come hell or high water'?

Keep vigil for wisdom. Make time for spiritual reading regularly, as well as prayer, solitude, and worship. Get into the habit of discerning God's will as you make decisions regarding relationships and resources.

*GPBS eNews*

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRAINING IN ONKAPARINGA**  
*(sponsored by Onkaparinga Collaborative Approach)*

**Tuesday 17 November**

Part 1: 9.00am - 12.00noon  
Part 2: 1.00pm - 5.00pm

Responding with Men in Domestic Abuse and Family Violence: Taking an Ethical Position with Alan Jenkins

Further details and bookings available [here](#)

*My friend (pictured below in his back yard) celebrated his birthday this year by buying an all-terrain, 4WD.*



**PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Sick:** Val and George Gater, Abbey McIver, Veronica Shortland, Muriel Smith, Jeff Gray, Judy Hore, Kate Hall, Tilly Kirtland, Arthur Jones, Leonie Zeven, Amy Jasper, Violet Gilli, Colin and Roma Whitford, Helen Jarvis

**Recently deceased:** Angiolina Cassetta

**DATES**

- Nov 11 Remembrance Day
- Nov 22 Christ the King
- Nov 24 Whole School Mass - Galilee
- Nov 29 First Sunday of Advent
- Dec 6 Second Sunday of Advent
- Dec 8 Sending Forth Mass - Galilee
- Dec 12 School holidays begin
- Dec 13 Third Sunday of Advent
- Dec 18 Yankalilla Carols in your car
- Dec 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Dec 25 Christmas Day

**COLLECTIONS**

*For the last two weekends*

- First collection \$856.00
- Second collection \$1503.00
- Mission collection \$510.00

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.

- *FOR SALE: Parachute. Only used once, never opened, small stain.*
- *Always go to other people's funerals, otherwise they won't come to yours.*  
*Yogi Berra*
- *A person with a sharp tongue will eventually cut themselves.*  
*J. Robson Koenig*



*Suggestion for new standard issue masks for our Parish Covid Marshals*

**ROSTERS**

**ALDINGA**  
Commentator  
Readers

**Saturday 7 November**  
Tricia Dundon  
Peter Laffan  
Christina Tiedge

**Saturday 14 November**  
Rachel Bishop  
Angela Trembath  
Robert Daly

**NORMANVILLE**

**Sunday, 8 November**  
To be advised

**Sunday, 15 November**  
To be advised

**WILLUNGA**  
Commentator  
Reader  
Church Cleaning  
Church Linen

**Sunday, 8 November**  
Anna Rogers  
Megan Chapman  
Rebecca Pace  
Marie Cester

**Sunday, 15 November**  
John Hounslow  
Marie Andrews  
Rebecca Pace  
Anna Rogers

## COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

*(The following conditions apply for the time being)*

- Attendance for mass is dependent on the 1 in 2 sq.m rule restriction. This number also applies for funerals and weddings.
- Except for families and household groups, people should socially distance. There should be no physical contact outside one's family or household group.
- There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- Every gathering must record contact details. Logs are located at the entrance to the Church.
- Hand sanitizer is to be available at church entrances.
- Singing as a congregation is to be avoided at this time.
- Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Collection plates will not be passed around but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- Offertory procession will be omitted.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- All surfaces should be cleaned at least daily, with special attention given to frequently touched surfaces.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people should be encouraged not to attend.
- Care should be taking at the dismissal and on leaving the church to minimise social contact.
- The obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage.

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was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

### DID YOU KNOW?

- A solemn procession from the house of the bride's father to the house of the bridegroom was an important part of the Jewish wedding ceremony. These bridesmaids are a 'guard of honour' to greet the groom on his return with his bride. Sometimes problems with the marriage contract or the unhurried exchange of gifts between families lead to long delays in their return.
- Jesus referred to himself as a bridegroom (Mk 2:19-20) and the Church is sometimes referred to as the bride of Christ.

### EXPLORING THE WORD

As the public ministry of Jesus draws to a close, Matthew introduces the themes of delay and the need to be ready for the second coming of Christ. Matthew's community were living in the 'in-between' times. Christ's victory over death through his resurrection had begun a new phase in history but it was not yet complete. Completion would only come with his return in glory. We again hear the familiar imagery of the messianic banquet or wedding

feast to which all are invited. But only those who live with an attitude of openness and readiness will come into the great hall. Today's parable speaks strongly of the need to live in the present with an eye to the future. We cannot live only for the 'now' with no thought for our ultimate goal, nor can we ignore the sufferings and responsibilities of the present and set our hearts only on heaven.

### MAKING CONNECTIONS

- The lamp oil represents those resources we have to meet the challenge of being ready: our actions, our faith, our service to others, our prayer, how much we have loved. It is not that the sensible virgins are being selfish; it is simply that this kind of oil—the way we live our lives—cannot be exchanged. We have to rely on our own resources to be ready.
- Think about the priorities in your own life. What are the activities that take up your time and energy? Are they the kinds of activities that prepare you to meet the bridegroom?

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

*(09 - 15 November)*

- **Monday, 09:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9,12; Jn 2:13-22)
- **Tuesday, 10:** St Leo the Great (Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10)
- **Wednesday, 11:** St Martin of Tours (Titus 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19)
- **Thursday, 12:** St Josaphat (Philemon 7-20; Lk 17:20-25)
- **Friday, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 32 (2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37)
- **Saturday, 14:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 32 (3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8)
- **Sunday 19:** 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, Ordinary Time (Prov 31:10-13, 19-20m 30-31; 1 Thess 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30)

### PASTORAL CARE

If you need a Priest for anointing of the sick or last rites contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).