



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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## 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)
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## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 56:1, 6-7*

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8*

*O God, let all the nations praise you!*

## SECOND READING

*Romans 11:13-15, 29-32*

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy

mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mt 4:23*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 15:21-28*

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.'

But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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# Bulletin Board

## PARISH MASSES

### 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

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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).

We are still required to:

- Continue physical distancing - only one person per two square metres
- Sign-on when entering the Church
- Continue using hand sanitiser
- Continue regularly wiping surfaces and cleaning our Churches
- Avoid physical greetings: hugs, kisses and handshakes.

## ST PETER'S PASTORAL TEAM

The AGM for St Peter's Pastoral Team was held last Sunday. Patricia Litvinsky is the new Chairperson and Mary Kennedy the Deputy Chairperson.

## WILLUNGA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fr Josy is seeking people interested in serving on the Parish Pastoral Council. The role of the Pastoral Council is to assist the Parish Priest in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ in our local community and helping bring the Kingdom of God to reality in our society.

The Vatican's Congregation of the Clergy describes the work of the Parish Pastoral Council this way: *It is the function of the Pastoral Council to investigate everything pertaining to pastoral activities, to weigh them carefully and to set forth practical conclusions concerning them so as to promote conformity of the life and actions of the People of God with the Gospel, in the awareness that, as Pope Francis recalled, the purpose of such a Council "should not be ecclesiastical organisation but rather the missionary aspiration of reaching everyone".*

If you would like to offer your gifts to this mission, please contact Fr Josy at [jponnambal@gmail.com](mailto:jponnambal@gmail.com) or phone 0452 524 169.

Please note that only those who are attending the parish Eucharist on Saturday or Sunday will be considered.  
*Peter Laffan*  
Chair, Parish Pastoral Council

## GALILEE TUESDAY MASS

Galilee School children will be attending Mass at Galilee Church on Tuesdays at 9.15am.

- 25 August - Years 3/4 and R/1
- 8 September - Years 4/5 and 1/2
- 22 September - Years 3/4 and Rec.

*Kerri Gould*

## COLUMBAN CALENDARS

If you would like to order a copy of the Columban Calendar for 2021 please let Sister Margaret Ann know. The price is still \$9.00. This year, you can view an interesting audio visual and written Art Guide at: [www.columban.org.au/2021artguide](http://www.columban.org.au/2021artguide).

## PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

We know that some people have decided to permanently do away with the envelopes for Planned Giving and donate directly through scheduled bank transfers. Please contact the Parish Office and leave a message, if you want to cancel your envelopes for the new liturgical year.

## REFLECTIONS ON 'ATTENDING' VIRTUAL MASS AROUND AUSTRALIA

*(with Tom Harris)*

During the Corona-19 stay at home (mainly) period I have been attending Mass 'virtually' on my television's screen and via streaming services over the internet connection on my desktop computer, firstly from Adelaide [Sunday at 10am (now 11am)] and occasionally from other places around Australia (Saturday vigils and Sunday mornings).

Usually the video has been very professional (varied from a simple one-camera view from a suitable fixed location to switching multi-camera multi-focussed, multi-angled presentations), always reverent and appropriate, but audio not always so. In most cities the congregation's size was quite restricted reflecting various local social-distancing laws. It was

# PROTECT YOURSELF AND THOSE AROUND YOU



STAY AT HOME IF YOU ARE UNWELL



AVOID TOUCHING YOUR FACE, NOSE AND MOUTH



STAY 1.5 METRES AWAY FROM PEOPLE



COVER COUGHS AND SNEEZES



WASH HANDS REGULARLY



certainly bizarre to realise at communion that there were often more celebrants participating around the altar, than were attending as the lay congregation in the body of the cathedral or church (even more so in the former!).

I have been able to hear sermons from our new bishop (Bishop O'Regan) here in Adelaide and from senior clergy in cathedral pulpits in St Patrick's, Melbourne (Archbishop Comensoli); Sacred Heart, Townsville (Bishop Harris), St Christopher's, Canberra (Archbishop Prowse) and St Mary's, Sydney (Archbishop Fisher). These are locations I have attended in person in the past. Most of the sites besides offering the live broadcasts, had information on current diocesan activities and to me, most interestingly, provided quite detailed history of the building and the people involved over time.

I also have electronically visited several Sydney suburban churches, which had excellent broadcasts (though one was unavailable for a month when the parish priest was on holiday; it had a split screen presentation so that the text of hymns, announcements, etc were in large legible text on the left-half of the screen one was watching). Many others had any text at the bottom of the screen, too small to be read easily or overlaid the video, spoiling it and not always very readable over the changing colours of the real-time altar action.

One Sunday when I 'went to' Sydney's St Mary's Cathedral where the chief celebrant was Archbishop Fisher, half-way through his sermon, a duplicate audio track from the beginning of the same service began interfering with the ongoing live

audio of what was seen on screen. I eventually turned off the sound and 'attended' a 'silent' Mass. I think on the same day I dropped by (electronically) on some other churches in Sydney, all with quite restricted size congregations and; one staffed by Jesuits had their regular main Sunday Mass as a Latin one.

### WHAT A MOTHER WILL DO

Necessity may be the mother of invention, but it is often mothers in need who are driven to be inventive for the sake of their children. Such was the story of Sephali Begum, a 26-year-old single mother from Bangladesh who, in concern for the future of her daughter, took the desperate step of offering to sell one of her own eyes. She intended to use the proceeds to buy land that would provide for her daughter after her own death. She was willing to sacrifice her very self to protect her daughter from a horrible future beset by the demons of shame, poverty, and abuse. Her courage in desperate straits attracted the world's attention, and individuals and groups responded to her and her daughter's plight, providing for the daughter's future with generosity.

The Canaanite woman in today's gospel was likewise in desperate straits because her daughter was beset by a demon. She took the inventive step of approaching someone, a man no less, of another ethnic group because she believed he could help her. And she showed fierce mother love when Jesus was about to dismiss her as unworthy of receiving the message he came to proclaim. The ferocity of her faith made Jesus reconsider not only his response to her, but also his entire role. She taught him that a mother's love knows no bounds - and neither should God's.

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### PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Val Gater, Abbey McIver, Veronica Shortland, Muriel Smith, Jeff Gray, Judy Hore, Vence Sulda, Kate Hall, Tilly Kirtland, Arthur Jones

**Recently deceased:** Betty Agnew (UK), Betty Wills (funeral: St Joseph's - Tuesday 18 August, 11.00am), Connie Weeks (funeral: St Joseph's - Thursday 20 August, 11.00am)

### DATES

Sep 6	Fathers' Day
Sep 26	School holidays begin
Oct 5	Labour Day holiday
Oct 12	School Term 4 begins
Nov 1	All Saints' Day
Nov 2	All Souls' Day
Nov 11	Remembrance Day
Nov 22	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Nov 29	First Sunday of Advent
Dec 6	Second Sunday of Advent
Dec 12	School holidays begin
Dec 13	Third Sunday of Advent
Dec 20	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Dec 25	Christmas Day

### COLLECTIONS

08/09 and 15/16 August 2020

First collection	\$713.00
Envelopes	\$835.00
Unpledged	\$437.00

Thank you for your support.

### Direct payments

If you would like to organise your Church donations via bank transfer, please contact Bob Daly (0416 156 213) for details.

- *As I watch the current generation try to rewrite history, there is one thing I'm sure of .... it will be misspelled and have no punctuation.*
- *A Mexican magician says he will disappear on the count of 3. He says "uno, dos..." poof. He disappeared without a tres.*



"FREE HAMMOCKS, all over town. It's like a miracle!"

### ROSTERS

<b>ALDINGA</b>	<b>Saturday 15 August</b>	<b>Saturday 22 August</b>
Commentator	Chris McWilliams	Bob Daly
Readers	Michelle Cormack	Denis Jones
	Christina Tiedge	David Manders
<b>NORMANVILLE</b>	<b>Sunday, 16 August</b>	<b>Sunday, 23 August</b>
	To be advised	To be advised
<b>WILLUNGA</b>	<b>Sunday, 16 August</b>	<b>Sunday, 23 August</b>
Commentator	Gael Maloney	Wayne Best
Reader	Ian La Ronde	Vanda Farrall
Church Cleaning	Michael Hynes	Michael Hynes
Church Linen	Margaret Guley	Marie Cester

## 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.
- Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- No collection plates or hymn books are to be passed around.
- 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.
- Collection plates will not be passed around but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- Offertory procession will be omitted.
- 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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## DID YOU KNOW?

- The cities of Tyre and Sidon were the leading towns of ancient Phoenicia. Both cities were on the Mediterranean coast of what is now modern Lebanon. The Phoenicians were descendants of the even more ancient Canaanites who populated the area earlier.
- Israel despised the Canaanites. It loathed the Canaanite religion with its pagan gods and fertility cults and found many of their practices abominable.

## EXPLORING THE WORD

In this gospel, we find another example of the common device used by Matthew to denote the movement of Christianity from a Jewish to a Gentile setting. Jesus has left the Jewish region around the Sea of Galilee and travelled north-west to the Gentile territory of what was ancient Phoenicia in Syria.

Jesus' fame has obviously spread even here, but the focus of the passage is not the cure but the dialogue. The woman knows full well that Jesus is Jewish as she hails him as 'Son of David'. His silence in the face of her plea is explained in the next verse—he did not want to exceed his divine mission, which he saw as gathering all Israel into the kingdom. Jesus' response is harsh, but the woman is quick to seize on his imagery and twist it to her advantage, but with humility. She forces Jesus to confront a truth—God's salvation is available to all. He responds generously with both his praise and his healing power.

## SHARING THE TRADITION

In the centuries after the Emperor Constantine accepted Christianity and it ultimately became the State religion and he moved his capital from Rome to Constantinople, different cultural expressions of the same faith emerged. In the western half of the empire, Rome initially dominated religious practices and was gradually replaced by the Celtic Church after the fall of Rome. In the eastern half of the Roman Empire, Constantinople dominated and many eastern or Byzantine cultural expressions entered worship.

Different ways of worshipping developed. This situation still exists today within the Church. The Roman Rite is familiar to us and other Rites of the Catholic Church include the Maronite, Melkite and Ukrainian Rite. These groups are completely loyal to the Pope and the magisterium (teaching authority) of the Church. Such Rites are different from the Orthodox traditions which do not recognise the Pope as leader of the Church and sometimes hold slightly different beliefs from the Catholic traditions. The Orthodox traditions broke away from the Church at various times in the early centuries, usually over issues of doctrinal formulation, in much the same way as the Protestant traditions broke away or formed independently.

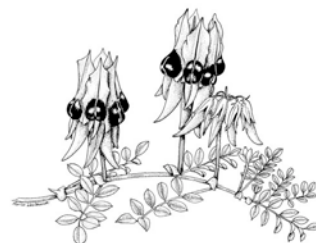
Since the Second Vatican Council, enormous moves forward have been made in entering into dialogue with other Christian churches and other faiths. Ecumenism and inter-religious dialogue was a goal which is very close to heart Pope Francis, and was also for his predecessors.



## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

*(17 - 23 August)*

- **Monday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22)
- **Tuesday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30)
- **Wednesday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16)
- **Thursday, 20:** St Bernard (Ezek 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14)
- **Friday, 21:** St Pius X (Ezek 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40)
- **Saturday, 22:** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Ezek 43:1-7; Mt 23:1-12)
- **Sunday 23:** 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20)



## 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).