

The last
will be first,
and the
first will
be last.

Mt 20:16



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)
- SECOND, FOURTH SUNDAYS
8.30am Normanville (St Peter's)
10.30am Willunga (St Joseph's)



FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

The Lord is near to all who call him.

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but

for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered.

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Bulletin Board

September is Catholic Charities month

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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• 8.30am Willunga (St Joseph's)
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• 8.30am Normanville (St Peter's)
• 10.30am Willunga (St Joseph's)

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).

COVID MARSHALS

COVID Marshal are required at all our Mass Centres, for all events and ceremonies. They count the number of people on site to ensure the Church capacity limit is not exceeded, ensure that parishioners sign on as they enter the Church and that hand sanitiser is readily available. They will also remind people, if necessary, to maintain 1.5 metres physical distance.

Our COVID Marshals will have name tags on lanyards and be easily recognisable.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Putting Compassion Into Action

Please support the Catholic Charities 2020 Appeal by making a donation. You may donate online at www.adelaide.catholic.org.au or via Catholic Charities Appeal, Reply Paid 912, Adelaide SA 5001.

Donations of more than \$2 are tax deductible.

SPECIAL COLLECTION BOWL

We know we have some parishioners who still like to donate to Special Collections with cash or cheque. For the next few weekends we will have an extra collection bowl near those for the First and Second Collections, for donations towards the Catholic Charities Appeal.

THANK YOU

Many parishioners at St Joseph's have commented on the facelift to the railing alongside the Church. It has been laboriously sanded, rust-treated and repainted in a Heritage-approved cream colour.

Special thanks to Josef Kunzelman for donating the considerable amount of time needed to complete this project. Josef also volunteered his time to prepare and paint the new safety railing near the Sacristy door. We very much appreciate his work, which has given this area a fresh new look.

GALILEE TUESDAY MASS

Galilee School Years 3 and 4 and Reception children will be attending Mass at Galilee Church on Tuesday 22 September at 9.15am.

Kerri Gould

STOP MODERN SLAVERY SA PETITION

To generate interest and support for the "Stop modern slavery SA" campaign, an online petition has been started. It is another way for people to add their support for the campaign. Click on link to view petition

www.megaphone.org.au/p/stopmodernslaverySA.

After you've signed the petition, please also take a moment to share it with others.

PRACTICAL FAITH WORKSHOPS



SEASON OF CREATION

How to make Beeswax Wraps

Inspired by Pope Francis' words in *Laudato Si'*, we are offering practical faith workshops that aim to tackle the "throwaway culture", beginning in this Season of Creation. The first of these workshops will be on making your own "beeswax wraps" – an alternative to using plastic wrap. Materials and an instruction sheet will be provided so you can do it again at home!

- 4.30pm Saturday 26 September in the Hall at Mary of Galilee.
- 11.30am Sunday 27 September in the shed at St Joseph's.

The workshops will be led by Holly Roberts from the Catholic Office of Youth and Young Adults, and Alice Dunlop from Little Earthies.

To register, please contact Peter Laffan (impe@internode.on.net or phone 0488 062 112). *Peter Laffan*

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY

A prayer and reflection group, based on Ignatian spirituality, meets at 3.30pm on the 2nd and 4th Mondays in the Chapel at Mary of Galilee. Learn to see how God is moving in your life, and to grow in "finding God in all things." For further info contact Peter Laffan (impe@internode.on.net or 0488 062 112). *Peter Laffan*

HEART FOR HIRE

RCIA Catholics often report that they feel somehow inferior to cradle Catholics. Having come to the church as adults, they don't share the parochial-school history and enculturated Catholic memories that veteran members of the church have. In the same way, younger people feel left out of the pre-Vatican II storehouse of comparisons that the post-conciliar crowd is always using as a reference point. Latecomers in any arena can feel that their presence

Young at Heart'

Art & Craft Exhibition

October 5th—10th 2020



Open 10am—4pm daily



Noarlunga Downs Primary School Gymnasium
Canterbury Cres. (off Liguria Cres) Noarlunga Downs
Bus Stop 70, Bus Route 747 or 745 Seaford Loop.

New Exhibitors Welcome
Entries close Sept. 24th 2020



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and commitment is less authentic. They don't have the battle scars to compete for acceptance.

Jesus doesn't hire by the years or the scars, happily, but by the heart. Having heard Mass in Latin doesn't make one more genuinely Catholic and wearing a plaid uniform for eight years in not a certificate of authentic faith. Punching the clock doesn't make us disciples, but rather answering the call. The vineyard needs labourers. The only labourers who count are the ones whose hearts are for hire, and not just their time.

How long have you been a member of the church?

How much of that time have you been authentically invested in a life of faith?
GPBS eNews

OUTDOOR MASS - CELEBRATING THE SEASON OF CREATION

Join Archbishop Patrick O'Regan and the Catholic Council for Integral Ecology for an Outdoor Mass to celebrate the 'Jubilee of the Earth' in this Season of Creation. Set to take place in Mercy Grove, the Catholic Garden within the picturesque Belair National Park, the Mass will take place at 2pm on Thursday September 24. Bookings are essential to comply with National Park capacity limits. Go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BLLHO> to register your place.

For full details (including map) see attached [flyer](#). Please note: the Mass will take place in an off-road section of the park and terrain is not level or landscaped. There is some walking required to get to the location and flat, covered walking shoes are required. Further enquiries, please contact Sarah Moffatt at the Catholic Diocesan Centre (8210 8210).

HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH?

The judge was surprised when he read the complaints. Before him sat four people who were the adult children of a recently deceased millionaire. The older two siblings were contesting the will - a very generous will, I might add. What was their gripe?

"We were his children longer than these other two who didn't come along until 10 and 12 years later. We feel that since we were his children longer, we ought to get a higher percentage of his estate".

The judge sat and thought that one over for a few minutes. Then, shaking his head, he said, "What, are you goofy? Your father gave you everything that he had. It's a very generous settlement, with no strings attached and all taxes pre-paid. You all get equal shares of his great wealth and you come in here complaining because one of you happened to be born 10 years earlier than the other?"

God gives us everything: life itself, the ability to learn, grow and love, and eternal happiness in heaven. And yet we often find it easy to complain because of what we perceive we don't have, or that someone has more than us or should get less. To quote the judge, "What, are we goofy?"

GPBS eNews

- *A shop assistant fought off an armed robber with his labelling gun. Police are now looking for a man with a price on his head.*
- *Whoever called them 'dentures' really missed an opportunity to call them 'substitooths'.*
- *Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.*

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

DATES

Sep 26 School holidays begin
Sep 26 Workshop - Galilee 4.30pm
Sep 27 Workshop - Willunga 11.30am
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

POINTLESS SIGNS!



ROSTERS

ALDINGA	Saturday 19 September	Saturday 26 September
Commentator	David Manders	Chris McWilliams
Readers	Robert Daly	Christine Jones
	Brian Younie	Denis Jones
NORMANVILLE	Sunday, 20 September	Sunday, 27 September
	To be advised	To be advised
WILLUNGA	Sunday, 20 September	Sunday, 27 September
Commentator	Marie Andrews	Wayne Best
Reader	Norman Lee	Megan Chapman
Church Cleaning	Rebecca Pace	Christina Rasera
Church Linen	Anna Rogers	Margaret Guley

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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He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.

DID YOU KNOW?

- In the Greco-Roman world, casual labourers used to gather in the agora or town-square waiting for employers to hire them.
- In the early Church there was sometimes a jealousy between those who had believed in the risen Christ from the earliest days and thus suffered persecution for their faith and those, especially Gentiles, who came to belief later on.

EXPLORING THE WORD

This gospel offers yet another challenge to human ideas about what is just and reveals the generosity of God. The Master makes a point of having those who came last, paid first. One must imagine the queue, with the newly arrived workers at the head and those tired from a full day's labour watching as the late-comers are paid in full. In many ways, the audience is drawn into sharing their disappointment and indignation. If those employed early had been at the head of the queue, they would have gone off happy with their contracted wage.

The problem arises only when they see the late-comers reaping the same reward. This is an indication of a problem which has arisen in Matthew's community. Those Jewish Christians who have risked all and believed from the beginning, are now seeing the new-comers to faith being offered the same reward. Jesus' answer is simple: the kingdom is God's. God can do as he likes and what God chooses is to welcome all and offer reward to all who come to belief, no matter at what stage.

LIVING THE WORD

The 'vineyard' in the Hebrew Scriptures always referred to Israel, the people of God, while the 'master' was God himself. This parable would have been clearly understood to be about being gathered into God's people and who was welcomed into the kingdom. The unbounded generosity of God is highlighted.

- In what ways are we able to offer generosity to new-comers in our parish or local area?
- What welcoming ministries exist in our parish for those who move into the area or for new migrants?
- Who are the people in our society who are in need of generosity and welcome?

THIS WEEK'S READINGS (21 - 27 September)

- **Monday, 21:** St Matthew (Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13)
- **Tuesday, 22:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Prov 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21)
- **Wednesday, 23:** St Pius of Pietrelcina (Prov 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-06)
- **Thursday, 24:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9)
- **Friday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22)
- **Saturday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Eccl 11:9 - 12:8; Lk 9:43-35)
- **Sunday 27:** 26th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32)

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).