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with you  
always.

Mt 28:20

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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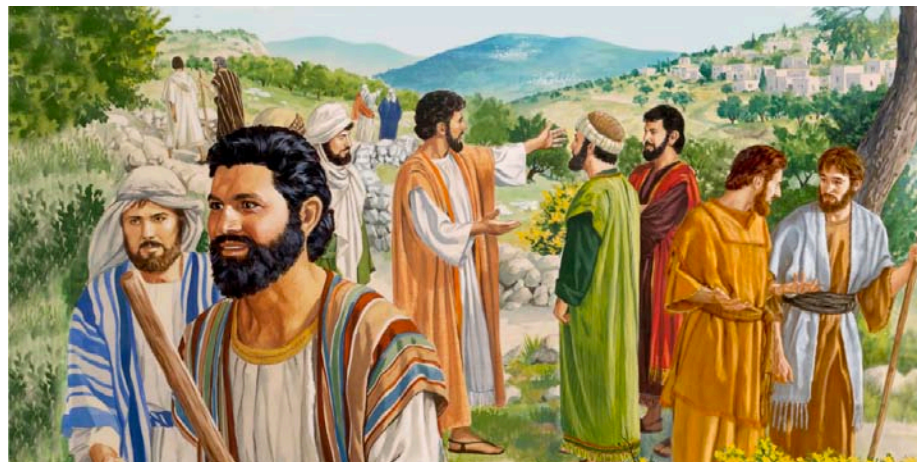
- Mary of Galilee, cnr Quinliven and How Roads, ALDINGA - Galilee
- St Peter's, Cape Jervis Road, NORMANVILLE
- St Joseph's, St Judes St, WILLUNGA

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

**THERE WILL BE NO MASSES OR PUBLIC LITURGIES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE SEE THE NEWSLETTER ON OUR WEBSITE.

[www.willungaparish.org.au/parish\\_newsletter.html](http://www.willungaparish.org.au/parish_newsletter.html)



## 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, 6-9*

*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

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## LOVE IS BIGGER



During Catholic Education Week, the Early Years students at Galilee School wanted to share what “Raising Hearts and Minds” means to them. Earlier this year the children made jam from the fruit in the secret garden to raise money for a charity and sand toys. Last week the children reflected on this and the latest developments in the world and community due to COVID-19, reconsidered their actions and have decided to donate the whole amount (\$500) from the sale of the jam, to St Vincent De Paul – Willunga Conference.

On a Wednesday morning the whole school community gathers for community prayer in the Church. Currently we are unable to gather together, but have been keeping the practice, routine and structure of community prayer each Wednesday morning and are experimenting with bringing it to the community through other ways such as power point presentation, live streaming and videos on Facebook. We hope you are able to join us where-ever you may be on a Wednesday morning! For last week’s community prayer, the Early Years students shared their thoughts that ‘Love is Bigger!’

- Benji - *We would like to give thanks for acts of kindness and love.*
- Vivi - *We listened to the bible verse from John when Jesus said, ‘This is my commandment love one another as I have loved you’.*
- Sam - *Love is bigger than the sun and planets.*
- Luella - *Love is bigger than trees.*
- Amahli - *Love is bigger than hearts and rainbows.*
- Max - *Love is bigger than everything.*
- Daley - *Love is bigger than lollies.*
- Buz - *Love is bigger than the footy oval.*
- James - *One small act of love and kindness can make a big difference to others!*

We continue to keep you all in our prayers. Wherever you are, remember - love is bigger!

*Kerri Gould*



## INSTALLATION OF ARCHBISHOP-DESIGNATE PATRICK O’REGAN



The installation will be held in St Francis Xavier’s Cathedral at 10.30am on Monday May 25 with only a small number of clergy and representatives of the Archdiocese in attendance due to the coronavirus restrictions.

The installation ceremony and Mass will be live streamed via the Archdiocesan website [www.adelaide.catholic.org.au](http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au) and on YouTube and Facebook. It will be replayed on Channel 44 the same day at 5.30pm.

## SUNDAY LITURGY FOR FAMILIES

As a response to the COVID-19 situation while Masses have been suspended, the Family and Parish-Based Catechesis Office has prepared liturgies with a focus on children. Families can use these at home to reflect on the Gospel each Sunday. This can be found at this link on the Archdiocesan website:

<http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/our-works-and-community/family-and-parish-based-catechesis/prayer-services>

## THRESHOLD: INSPIRE – 2020 PENTECOST VIGIL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ON FACEBOOK LIVE

This year’s Pentecost vigil for young people will take place online at [www.facebook.com/cathoyouthadelaide/](https://www.facebook.com/cathoyouthadelaide/) on Saturday May 30 from 7.30pm. Young people are not only encouraged to join the vigil, but they can also submit visual and performance art pieces to be included in a virtual gallery. For more information about artists submissions, follow this link: <https://tiny.cc/q2sznz>. Contact the Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults for more information on [www.cathoyouthadelaide.org.au](http://www.cathoyouthadelaide.org.au)

**COVID-19 PHONE COUNSELLING**  
*Now available by appointment*  
 Phone Centacare Catholic Family Services - 8215 6700.

## THRESHOLD @HOME

Music Performance Series

Facebook Live Tuesdays at 8pm

Check out performances from young Catholic musicians from across the Archdiocese of Adelaide every Tuesday night from 8pm at [www.facebook.com/cathoyouthadelaide/live](https://www.facebook.com/cathoyouthadelaide/live). Interested in being a performer on Threshold @Home? Contact Peter: [peter.bierer@cesa.catholic.edu.au](mailto:peter.bierer@cesa.catholic.edu.au)

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WEBINAR

David Mandel is one of the most influential trainers for those working in the domestic violence sector and has been frequently brought to Adelaide by Centacare Catholic Family Services. The following free webinar may of interest to faith workers and recognising domestic violence in their parish communities.

[“What Faith Leaders Need to Know about Domestic Violence.”](#) David

Mandel and Ruth Stearns will speak on how faith leaders can best be allies to those living with domestic violence, coercive control, and child abuse.

[Register here.](#) May, 28 at 12pm EDT/ 5pm BST.



## WHAT ARE YOU DOING DURING ISOLATION?

Bob Daly from the Galilee community has realised a life-long ambition and grown a beard past the itchy, scratchy stage! Unfortunately, none of us will get to see it (*other than in the photo above*). Bob and Cathy took Cathy's mum for a drive to Port Elliott where they had fish and chips overlooking the beach. Cathy took a photo of Bob and her mum eating their lunch and emailed it to the children. The beard came off soon after one of the children responded with, "Watch out, that homeless chap is going to pinch Grandma's chips!"

*(It's a pity Bob was so hasty because pretty soon there will be lots of beards - with no waxing allowed at hairdressing and beauty salons since March! ....Ed)*

## ST PETER'S CHURCH, NORMANVILLE



*Above: St Peter's Church, Normanville - photograph courtesy of Trish Bohnsack*

The early settlers of the district included a strong collection of Irish Catholic immigrants, who spread from Wattle Flat and Myponga Beach to Rapid Bay. Like other religious groups, they were keen to have their own Church. The then Bishop of Adelaide, Bishop Murphy, had come to the colony with a clear purpose of opening Churches. The first dedicated Catholic Church was built at Morphett Vale in 1846, preceding by only a few days, a Church in Adelaide.

By 1850 St Joseph's at Willunga had also opened. At this time the Yankalilla region was booming. Clearly the attention of the Bishop was drawn to the area and in 1856 he, and the other trustee priests Frs Ryan, Smyth and Fallon purchased from Richard Connor, 'two acres more or less' (being part of section 1007) for £5, which was then possibly market value for the land.

The site was well out of the town of Normanville on the road to Rapid Bay and what prompted the purchase of land in this location remains a mystery. Whether it was thought at the time that a church here would be part of the Willunga Parish or might become a new parish in its own right, is not known. However, the Church of St Peter at Normanville has always been within the Willunga Parish.

How much in the way of building funds the Bishop eventually provided is unknown, but it is evident that the local community had to bear a significant share of the burden and the building of the Church fell largely to local resources. John Clarke, who had become a significant land holder in Wattle Flat, gave stone and other building materials as well the use of his bullock wagon for cartage of materials in the course of the building process. In this task, as in many other ways, he was to be a key figure in the development of Church life. The Church was built by a Mr Michael Cook and was furnished by parishioner Mr Patrick Leonard, with some favour from Fr Hughes. Many of the parishioners also contributed time and effort to the project.

The foundation stone was laid and blessed on 4 June 1856 by Fr Peter Hughes, Parish Priest of Willunga, assisted by Fr J Snell CP of Morphett Vale, who delivered a 'discourse suitable to the occasion'. This foundation stone, unfortunately, cannot be located today and it is possible it was never actually engraved. Progress on the building must have been slow because it took another 18 months of work before the building was opened.

The opening of the Church was conducted by Fr Peter Hughes, on 1 January 1858. This duty fell to Fr Hughes because Bishop Murphy was gravely ill and died not long afterwards. It is not known who chose St Peter's as the name for the Church, but it was possibly Bishop Murphy.

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One account has it that the Church was consecrated by Bishop Murphy on 27 February 1858. The story of this event claims that on the final section of his journey along the track to the Church, he was welcomed by the men of the Parish on horseback, who accompanied him to his destination as a guard of honour. However, Bishop Murphy never visited the Yankalilla district and this account of the colourful welcome is probably drawn from the welcome afforded Bishop Shiel, on the occasion of his visit more than ten years later.

Reprinted from David Salkeld's book, "St Peter's Catholic Church Normanville 1858 - 2008" produced for the sesqui-centenary of the Church.

There are still some copies of David's book available. If you would like one, contact Mary Kennedy (0409 678 715).

- *I'm so old that I have dialled a rotary phone (that didn't have an answering machine", recorded a song that I love off a transistor radio onto a tape recorder; watched a black and white tv (with less than 10 channels) that had foil on the rabbit ear antennas, taken a long walk without counting steps and eaten food that I haven't taken photos of.*
- *I really don't mind getting older; but my body is taking it badly.*
- *My mind is like my internet browser - 19 tabs open (3 of them frozen) and I have no idea where the music is coming from.*
- *Turns out my top three hobbies are:*
  1. *eating at restaurants*
  2. *going to non-essential businesses*
  3. *touching my face.*
- *I miss the 90s when bread was still good for you, and no-one knew what kale was.*
- *The drop in petrol prices during the lockdown is like a bald man winning a hairbrush.*
- *Hormel Foods made their first batch of SPAM in 1937. The company has just announced that due to hoarding by consumers, they are going to have to make a second batch.*

**Stepped on my scale  
this morning and it  
said: Please use social  
distancing, one person  
at a time.**

## A SNIPPET OF MY LIFE (with Patricia Litvensky)



The earliest childhood memory I have is when I was 4 years old. We were a family of three, Mum, Dad and me. My father worked for a firm of wholesalers, driving around the countryside selling goods from the back of his van. He always came to my grandmother's (my mum's mum) house in the country. Quite often I was there while mum was at work; he would pull out the big wooden drawers and clear a small space for me to sit. He always gave me a sweet. I loved my daddy.

When I was 4 ½ my little brother arrived. He was a beautiful baby, but a mischievous toddler. When my brother was almost 12 months old the unexpected happened, my lovely daddy died. I don't recall much about that except my Aunt Mary (Dad's sister) brought me a new green coat, hat and muff to wear to the funeral but I wasn't taken to the funeral. Another tragedy happened just 4 months later when Mum's father died, he was a lovely man and I do remember some of that time. And so the dynamics of our family changed it became a different foursome, granny, mum, my brother and me. We spent a lot of time with my grandmother while mum adjusted to the loss of both husband and father.

We were a strong Catholic family attending Mass every Sunday in the chapel, Benediction every Friday night and celebrating many special feast days. We said the rosary every night although it was hard to concentrate sometimes when my little brother was making us laugh. My brother and I were both baptised, received first Holy Communion and Confirmed in our local Chapel, Our Lady of Lourdes, Ballymoney, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland.

Our lives moved on and settled into a routine of school, church, weekends with Granny and work for Mum as a single parent. Christmas was a wonderful time of the year for my brother and me. We spent every Christmas at Granny's house, went to Mass on Christmas Eve with the snow falling and the roads icy, it was magical, but growing up was hard in a country where Catholics and Protestants did not see eye to eye. Tough for Catholic children who were subject to taunts and even bashings because of the uniform we wore to school, you soon learned to take off your tie and jumper or blazer if you had to walk home. The "troubles" in NI really came to a head from 1967 onwards, I remember standing at the back door of Granny's house and seeing the smoke rise into the sky from the bombs, so close to home and very scary.

Fast forward to 1969 when my uncle Joe (Mum's younger brother) came home for a holiday from Australia. Great joy as we hadn't seen him for 8 years, he had an Australian accent and he bought me my first portable typewriter. He told us lots of stories about Australia; he had worked on the Sydney Harbour Bridge and other great projects in different cities before finally settling in the middle of the country. During his visit Mum discussed with him the possibility of us emigrating to Australia. He supported the idea so Mum sat us down to discuss it further. Of course it sounded so exciting going to the other side of the world. And there was no doubt that granny would come as well, she was all for it. This posed a problem for her other two adult children, a son and daughter, but granny held firm and said she was going.

My uncle returned to Australia and so the wheels were set in motion for us to emigrate. This was an involved process with paperwork, doctor's appointments and interviews. We didn't have a phone in our house so we had to walk to the phone box up the road and Mum made me do all the talking! Things moved very fast after that and we were given a date to fly to Australia. And so on 7/7/70 we arrived in Darwin. I was 17 and my brother was 13. We took the "milk run" flight as it was known in those days in a Fokker Friendship stopping in Katherine, Tennant Creek and finally Alice Springs.

My first sighting of Alice Springs was not for several days as we weren't actually living there but at Amooinguna an Indigenous settlement approximately 25 kilometres out. Because my uncle owned a ute it was impossible to fit everyone in to get to Mass so he had to buy a new car and quickly. My family became part of the Parish life very quickly. Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, OLSH, was very vibrant in those days, great priests and community spirit. (Continued from page 5)

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Within a week I had a job with the Commonwealth Government, my Christian name had been shortened and I had witnessed a couple of fights between couples at the settlement..... what had I come to? Four months on I had friends, learned to drive, had my own car a gift from my uncle, and could drive from Amoonguna to town in 15 minutes.... my little Mini was fast!

We moved into Alice Springs in July 1971 to a lovely house in Warburton Street. My life was great, I had lots of friends, joined the jazz ballet club and was saving all my money to return home to NI for a visit after my obligatory 2 years in the country. To help fund my trip I took a second job at one of the local supermarkets, Egars, working 2 nights a week and weekends. This is where I met the man who would become my husband, we met when I was 18, married when I was 20 and have been together ever since.

This is only a snippet of my life. There have been many crosses to bear over the years but the one constant in my life is my faith, it has gotten me through some trying and heartbreaking times.



## ST JOSEPH'S GLEBE LAND

*(Researched and written by Michelle Cormack)*

Between 1847 and 1851, the South Australian Government provided aid to the various religious groups by granting glebe lands and funds to build places of worship and residences. This helped clergy to live and encouraged congregations to build. £50 per annum was granted to every minister of religion whose place of worship contained not less than 50 sittings rented and paid for by the members of the congregation.

In late May 1850, Bishop Murphy received £310 from the Colonial Government for various churches. £50 of this was for St Joseph's Church, which he had opened on May 5, 1850. Parish priest Thomas Caldwell recorded that, according to the number of seats taken up in his churches, he received £51/12/6 from his appointment to Willunga to February 14, 1851. (Southern Cross 14 April 1949: 8)

It is not clear how many people paid bench rents at St Josephs, but Fr Caldwell's diary of 1850-52 also indicates that the congregation was short of cash.

Many of the Bench rents for the first half of 1851 were paid in kind:

Feb Mr & Mrs Logan, eggs, Langkotter (Laufcotter), stores for their quarter's bench rent. Luke Hussey 1 load wood

April Mr Gorman: for Easter dues and 2 days work for bench rent 5-0. Bench rent, James Graham: flagging 5-0. Tim Cremin, Encounter Bay, fish and 2 ducks. From W. Clarke, Encounter Bay: 1 bag potatoes, pumpkin (Portion of the diary of Father Thomas Caldwell OSB. 1850- July 1852. With Caldwell letter of 24 January 1870)

The first South Australian Colonial elections were scheduled for February 1851 and it was expected that a new Government would cease assistance to religious bodies. So, in October of 1850, Bishop Murphy applied to the Colonial Government for glebe land at Willunga. Fr Caldwell and parishioner Richard Logan chose 20 acres, part section 307 Willunga (approximately 130 Gaffney Road), and Fr Caldwell 'rode to Adelaide and lodged a claim for it.' The claim had just been made in time. The trustees were Fr M. Ryan, Henry Johnson and Richard Counsel.

These Government land grants could be used for glebes, cemeteries, houses, gardens and other purposes that supported the clergy. 2 The Willunga congregation partly cleared this land and sowed it with wheat for Fr Caldwell, which he says, 'helped considerably'. When the church was later partly unroofed, wheat grown on the glebe land was sold and the money spent for church repairs. (Southern Cross 14 April 1949: 8)

Of the little recorded about the glebe, a newspaper item in 1864 gives a glimpse of life there when Fr Hughes was parish priest. The land had been let to Thomas Dunn from 1860 and, in 1864 a fire occurred on the land, burning the house and barn to the ground. At the subsequent inquiry at the Bush Inn, Father Hughes appeared as a witness. He stated that Mr Dunn did not usually pay his rent when due and that he had brought Dunn to Court on one occasion, and had to put in an execution by the bailiff for rent due. When Hughes heard in March that the Dunns were planning to move to Brown's Flat (Dingabledinga), he went to the house to ask for 6 months rent due. Mrs Dunn was abusive and insulting on two occasions and he levied a distraint to seize their goods to pay the debts. In April, the family left during the night after taking all their possession except a plough, which Fr Hughes locked and sealed in the house. Mr Dunn then called at the Presbytery claiming they owed no rent until May. When Mrs Dunn came to retrieve the plough, Hughes response was that 'if he attempted to touch it I would send him to gaol. She threatened to summons me, and then the conversation dropped. The next I heard was that the place was burnt down.' Hughes called the police.

During the subsequent inquest at the Willunga Courthouse, witnesses provided disparate testimonies. Thomas Daverin declared, 'After a cup of tea I went to Father Hughes, but did not hurry myself. I was afraid of some one and did not go sooner; of no one in particular. I did not see any one near the house the night before nor on the morning of the fire.' John Ryan's testimony was more compromising: 'I saw Dunn on Thursday morning in his own house after breakfast. I assisted Dunn to remove from the glebe lands. On Thursday last I came down to the township with Dunn. We then first heard of the fire. I joked Dunn about the fire, and said he would be blamed for it.' John Sullivan stated that he had heard that the houses on the glebe lands were burned and suspected no one...' Dunn called at my house in the township the night before, between 7 and 8 o'clock pm on his way home. He had sundry groceries and a fish to carry home.'

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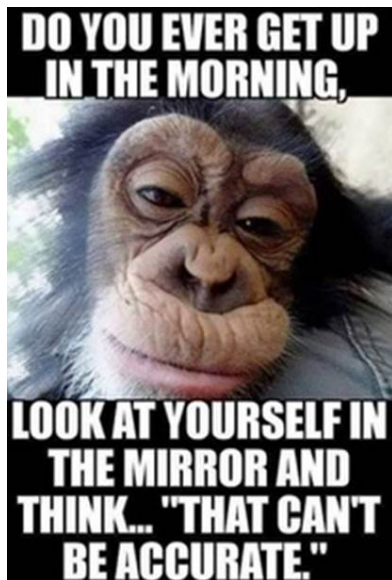


Above: Gaffney's House (SLSA 849173)

Fortunately for the Dunns, the verdict read: 'That the premises were set on fire by some person or persons unknown,' (South Australian Register 11 May 1864: 2)

An interesting sequel to the story is that, when Catherine Gaffney (nee Mulvey) and her labourer husband Thomas soon become the next tenants of the glebe. Gaffney family history suggests that Catherine came to South Australia from Ireland with Fr Peter Hughes and his sister Jane, but this has not been confirmed. Father Hughes certainly married them at St Josephs in 1864 with Jane as one of their witnesses. Perhaps Father Hughes, as incumbent of the church lands, decided after the events of the fire, that it was more secure to rent it to people he knew well. The Gaffneys rented the glebe land and lived there with 8 children in a cottage, which must have been built after the fire.

While the Gaffneys died in Adelaide in the early 1900s and are buried together in West Terrace Cemetery, Gaffney Road remains to remind us of their presence on the Glebe. The Dunn and Sullivan families of Dingabledinga and Willunga are buried in St Joseph's cemetery.



*"To our loyal supporters,*

*I am pleased to advise that almost all of the \$1.8 million that was generously donated in SA has been disbursed directly to bushfire victims, with applications continuing to arrive and being processed. By the end of next month we expect to have distributed 100% of funds donated to the Vinnies SA Bushfire Appeal to bushfire victims located in the fire-affected regions in SA, including the Yorke Peninsula, Cudlee Creek and Kangaroo Island.*

*As valued supporters, I wanted to let you know how Vinnies has been faring during the Covid-19 pandemic, and how we have managed to maintain vital services at this critical time, with your ongoing support. We've had to totally re-think how we continue to support those who need it most, but our incredible band of volunteers and staff have risen to the challenge, just as they have for the past 135 years in SA.*

*Our Men's and Women's Crisis Centres, which together accommodated more than 1,100 men, women and children last year, are running at full or near-full capacity, and our Fred's Van meal service has continued to provide a hot meal, but in a take-away format. Vinnies Assistance Visits have necessarily changed to 'virtual' visits, with volunteers providing people in need with bill assistance over the phone, and delivering food parcels and vouchers while respecting social distancing recommendations. We have been able to maintain financial support for a core group of asylum seekers who have no other income.*

*None of this would be possible without the sustained and loyal support of compassionate people like you, who enable us to keep providing a hand up to people experiencing disadvantage and homelessness, or who have been impacted by unexpected events like COVID-19.*

*As we start to see the easing of restrictions over the coming weeks and months there is much to be optimistic about, but we know that there have been significant financial and emotional impacts as a result of businesses closing and job losses. Many families who were already struggling to pay the rent, maintain their health and buy warm clothes for their children have been brought to breaking point. Thanks to the kindness of supporters like you, we can alleviate some of this pressure by assisting with much-needed food vouchers or assistance with bills.*

*Thank you for supporting Vinnies to help those impacted by COVID-19. It has never been more important for all of us to stand together as a community and look after each other. I hope you and your loved ones stay safe and well.*

*Cathy Beaton (State President)"*

**DONATE NOW**

Donations can be made online at [www.vinnies.org.au/donate](http://www.vinnies.org.au/donate), by phoning 13 18 12 or by sending a cheque or money order to St Vincent de Paul Society, GPO Box 1804 Adelaide, SA, 5001

- *I debated a flat earther once. He got so mad that he stormed off saying that he would walk to the edge of the earth to prove me wrong. He'll come around.*
- *Two conspiracy theorists walk into a bar. Now you can't tell me that was a coincidence.*
- *Home schooling update: my child just said "I hope I don't have the same teacher next year!"*
- *Most people don't think I'm as old as I am, until they hear me stand up.*



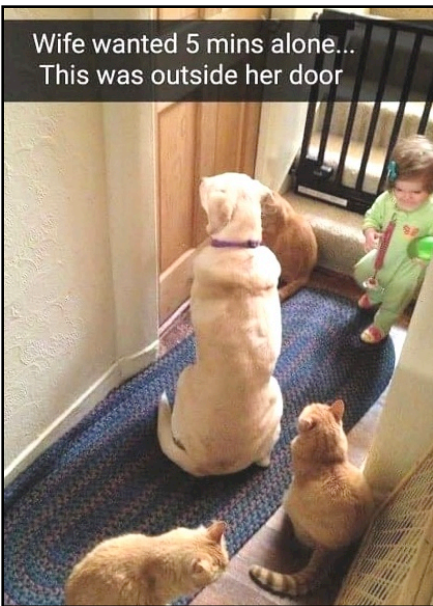
In December 2019, we invited you to participate in our community survey as part of the REALLY? campaign. The survey collected community perspectives on the vision for the city into the future, priorities for our budget allocations, values and wellbeing. You can read a summary of the REALLY campaign results on the Your Say webpage [here](#).

Based on the survey results and input from our elected members, we have developed our draft Community Plan 2030 and we are now seeking your feedback on it. Please follow the link below to the Your Say webpage where you will find a short 5 minute survey seeking your views. The survey is open until Monday 8 June.

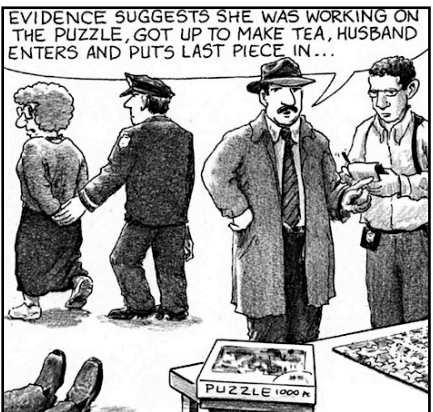
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If you have any questions please contact us on 8384 0666.

*The Your Say team  
(Onkaparinga Council)*



Wife wanted 5 mins alone...  
This was outside her door



EVIDENCE SUGGESTS SHE WAS WORKING ON THE PUZZLE, GOT UP TO MAKE TEA, HUSBAND ENTERS AND PUTS LAST PIECE IN...

# Thank you!

*My family and I thank all the people for their love and prayers, cards, phone calls and offers of help on the passing of Tony. Special thanks to Fr Tom for the wonderful service. I am very fortunate to live in such a caring community.*

*Judy Hore*

## DON'T JUST STAND THERE: DO SOMETHING

The Ascension is an event recorded three times in the New Testament: at the end of Luke, the beginning of Acts, and here, in what's called the longer ending of Mark. (Early manuscripts recorded several different endings to his gospel.) In each version of the Ascension story, Jesus has different final instructions for the disciples - the ones in 'longer Mark' being the most colourful. But in every account we have, Jesus tells the disciples to go and be witnesses of the gospel they have received. On this point, all three speak in one voice. It would seem this mission is non-negotiable.

How we do this is up to us. If you want to knock on doors or preach in the park, suit yourself. If you feel drawn to the foreign missions, the prayer of the church will support you. Maybe the least missioned corner of the world is right where you are. Do you have good news to share?

When you show up, is it 'good news' for those around you? How do you demonstrate the gift of faith that's been given to you? Allow someone's testimony of faith to speak into your life: read a biography of a holy person. Allow your testimony to speak to someone else. Practice the virtues of faith, hope, and charity until they become the 'new normal' for you.

*GPBS eNews*

## LIVE STREAMING AND TV BROADCASTING OF MASSES

The Archdiocese is continuing to live stream daily Mass at midday and on Sundays at 10am from St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. These Masses can be viewed live and on demand on the home page of

[www.adelaide.catholic.org.au](http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au).

## POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY - FOR DEACONS

International Diaconate Centre has been asked to draw to your attention Pope Francis' request that there be prayers for deacons this month. Details are at <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-05/pope-francis-prayer-intention-may-2020-permanent-deacons.html>

## PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Val Gater, Bernie Wilkie, Abbey McIver, Veronica Shortland, Muriel Smith, Jeff Gray, Judy Hore, Vence Sulda

**Recently deceased:** Sienna Walker-Brown (who died very suddenly - great granddaughter of Rose Sulda - our love and prayers are with all the family)

## DATES

- May 24 The Ascension of the Lord
- May 25 Installation - new Archbishop
- May 31 Pentecost Sunday
- Jun 7 The Most Holy Trinity
- Jun 8 Queen's birthday holiday
- Jun 14 Corpus Christi
- Jul 4 Winter School holidays begin
- Jul 20 Term 3 begins
- Aug 15 Assumption of Virgin Mary
- Sep 6 Fathers' Day
- Sep 26 Spring School holidays begin
- Oct 5 Labour Day holiday
- Oct 12 Term 4 begins
- Nov 11 Remembrance Day
- Dec 12 Summer School holidays begin
- Dec 25 Christmas Day

## COLLECTIONS

### Direct payments

If you would like to organise your Church donations via bank transfer there are several ways you can go about this.

1. Go to [www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/donation](http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/donation) and follow the prompts. If you wish to donate to both the first and second collections, you will need to do this twice. For the first collection select *First Collection* and for the second collection, select *General*.
2. If you bank online, you can set up periodic, direct payments yourself. Again, you will need to do this twice - once for the first collection and again for second.  
Acc: Willunga Catholic Parish  
BSB: 085-005  
Acc No: 489 786 511  
Ref: Your surname, initials and *First* or *General*
3. Periodic regular payments may also be organised with your bank. Take the account details (above) with you and bank staff can set it up for you.

If you have envelopes at home, please contact Sue Summers (0438 894 887) to organise collection.

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE



### THERE WILL BE NO MASSES OR PUBLIC LITURGIES IN ANY OF OUR CLUSTER CHURCHES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
PLEASE SEE THE NEWSLETTER  
ON YOUR PARISH WEBSITE

#### KANGAROO ISLAND PARISH

([www.kicatholic.org.au](http://www.kicatholic.org.au))

##### KINGSCOTE

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

##### PENNESHAW

*St Columba, North Terrace*



#### NOARLUNGA/SEAFORD PARISH

([www.noarlunga-seafordparish.org.au](http://www.noarlunga-seafordparish.org.au))

##### NOARLUNGA

*St Luke, the Evangelist,  
cnr Honeypot Rd and Goldsmith Dve*

##### SEAFORD

*Seaford Ecumenical Mission,  
Grand Bvd*



#### VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA PARISH

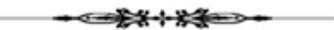
([www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au](http://www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au))

##### VICTOR HARBOR

*St Joan of Arc, 30 Seaview Road*

##### GOOLWA

*St John the Apostle, 10-14 Gardiner St*



#### WILLUNGA PARISH

([www.willungaparish.org.au](http://www.willungaparish.org.au))

##### ALDINGA

*Mary of Galilee, the First Disciple  
cnr Quinliven and How Roads*

##### NORMANVILLE

*St Peter, Cape Jervis Road*

##### WILLUNGA

*St Joseph, 12 St Judes Street*

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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

*Matthew 28:16-20*

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'



### THE SPIRIT THAT MOVES US

A few months ago I started looking for a box of old letters and ended up cleaning out my entire rolltop desk. It took me the better part of a day and I had a bag of rubbish and a collection of keepsake letters to show for my work. One of the letters I found that day was from my great aunt, Josephine McNulty, the youngest sister of my maternal grandfather. Aunt Jo was a career woman who worked for a number of big companies. Jo was maybe five feet tall with blue eyes that twinkled behind rimless glasses. She was a letter writer, the family archivist, and generous to a fault.

The letter I found that day was dated 1 February, 1976. It read in part:

'When I see young nuns with short dresses and nothing to show for their vocations, it saddens me, but I do not condemn or criticise. Only the young people can carry on the work of the church and if changes are in order, I will change with them ... I know basically their faith is probably greater

than mine'.

I had just begun my work in the church when I read that letter. I recognised her words for what they were ... a mission statement from God's Holy Spirit written in Aunt Jo's hand: Go do the work to which you are called.

In these difficult days, when many unfamiliar changes have been forced upon us, we know the work and the church go on with our help. God's Holy Spirit remains with us. Trust that.

*GPBS eNews*

### DID YOU NOW?

- Pentecost was originally a Jewish harvest festival that was celebrated fifty days after the Passover. It was one of the great 'pilgrimage' festivals, which meant that people came to celebrate this feast at the temple. It was for this festival that so many pilgrims were present in Jerusalem on the day when the Spirit was manifested in the lives of the disciples.
- The Christian feast of Pentecost is fifty days after Easter and is the culmination of the Lent-Easter-Pentecost cycle.
- The church teaches that the Holy Spirit brings both gifts and fruits to the faithful



### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(25 - 31 May)

- **Monday, 25:** OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS (Sirach 4:11-18; 1 Cor 1:18-25; Jn 19:25-27)
- **Tuesday, 26:** St Philip Neri (Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11)
- **Wednesday, 27:** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11-19)
- **Thursday, 28:** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26)
- **Friday, 29:** Friday 7<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19)
- **Saturday, 30:** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25)
- **Sunday 31:** PENTECOST SUNDAY (Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23)

### 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).