



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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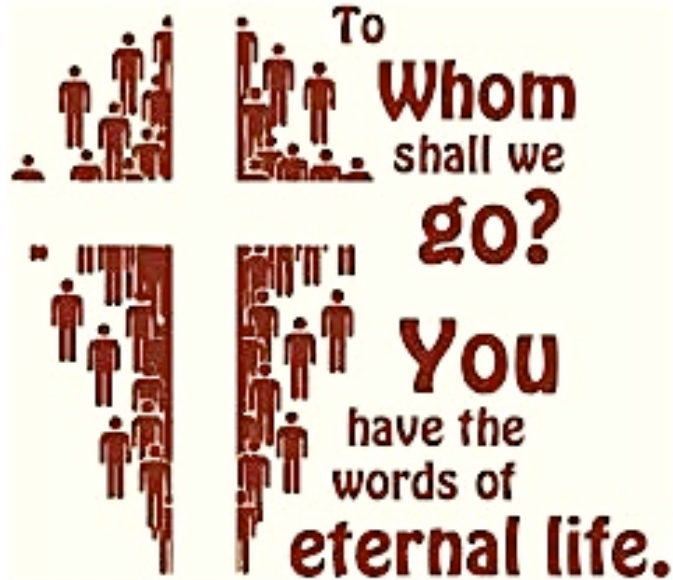
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MASS CENTRES

- 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

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the people through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33:2-3, 16-23

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of

the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts.

For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body.

This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 6:63, 38

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

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Bulletin Board

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon No Masses - Willunga
Parish 9.00am - Noarlunga
Tue 9.15am - Aldinga
Wed 9.00am - Willunga
12noon - Normanville (*not the week with a 1st Friday*)
Thur 9.00am - Willunga
Fri 9.00am - Willunga
1st Fri 9.00am - Willunga
11.30am - Normanville

WEEKEND MASSES

(Times on front page of this bulletin)

COVID-19

Please read the most up-to-date information on page 4 of this bulletin.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

COUNCIL FOR INTEGRAL ECOLOGY INVITATION

The Council for Integral Ecology invites those interested in ecology and social justice to join them in a meeting via Zoom to discuss the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement and planning for the Seasons of Creation Month in Sept.

Date: August 24 2021

Time: 7pm – 8.30pm

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89735125099?pwd=Y3JKckQ1S0lPNzcvZmxUclV0SW9lZz09> Click on [Council for Integral Ecology Invitation](#).

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR PANDEMIC

Parish communities are encouraged to participate in a National Day of Prayer in this time of pandemic on Sunday, August 22. It is an initiative of a broad range of Christian communities, including the National Council of Churches Australia. The theme is “Lord have mercy” and it calls people to be especially united in prayer, both individually and, where possible, in our liturgies. Find out more at: <http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/LordHaveMercy/>

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter invites couples for a virtual marriage encounter weekend to enrich and

revitalize your sacrament of service. What: Virtual weekend via Zoom When: September 10-12 Time: Commencing at 7pm on Friday September 10 – concluding 4pm Sunday September 12 Contact: Julie & Zyg Staszyc: (0437 388 513), email: sabookings@wwme.org.au. Visit: <https://www.wwme.org.au> for testimonies and update.

HARD SAYINGS

Many people walked away from Jesus after he spoke about being the Bread of Life. This passage is often called “the crisis” in John’s Gospel; Jesus loses a large portion of his followers back to the world after this. He turns to the Twelve, to test their willingness to remain. As usual, Peter represents the group with his fearless answer, “Lord, where would we go?”

Suppose you were to reject the life of faith today as being too demanding. The Church’s teachings aren’t contemporary enough. The leadership seems flawed. The liturgy needs work. The community is, for all its professions of faith, just a bunch of sinners. If you bundled all of your grievances against the Church into a handkerchief and tied it to a stick and got ready to walk, just where would you be going?

Most people who walk away in anger have only their anger for company. Most “retired Christians” I know still carry that handkerchief of outrage around with them, dangling from the stick. We can imagine that those who become disillusioned with Jesus muttered about it for years to come. “Some prophet he was, Some Saviour!” But those who stayed with him and his words of eternal life, got past the cross and all the way to Easter.

GPBS eNews

MASKS ARE MANDATORY



BEREAVEMENT DURING COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted every aspect of life, including how we die and how we grieve.

Each year, at least 44,000 Australians will develop chronic and debilitating mental health impairments following the death of a family member or a close friend.

Bereavement during the COVID-19 pandemic, whether attributable to the virus or not, presents additional significant risk factors for poor mental health due to public health measures such as physical distancing, travel restrictions, visitor limitations and reduced physical contact. Currently, little is known about the mental health effects and support needs of people bereaved during and following global crises, such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

To address this significant gap, researchers at the University of Technology Sydney are undertaking a National COVID-19 Bereavement Project, funded by the Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF). This research will track the mental health outcomes and service needs of over 2,000 Australians bereaved from any cause during 2020/2021.

If you had someone in your life who has died during the COVID-19 pandemic from any cause, we would like to hear about your experience. Please click on the link below to participate in the survey.

www.lossandgriefduringcovid19.com



SCOTTISH VARIANT
At least you can hear it coming

“MEET ME IN THE MIDDLE”
Jamberoo Abbey online retreat
available 5 September

This retreat is based on Charles Peguy's Little Girl Hope from the book: "The Portal of the Mystery of Hope." Hope is both a virtue and a mystery. It is desirable yet elusive. Many dismiss it, misunderstand it, shrug it off and turn their backs on it, extolling faith and charity instead. Whilst faith and charity are absolutely critical in these times of

uncertainty and fear in society, there is now a need for hope as never before since World War II.

More details and/or to register go to: www.jamberooabbey.org.au/online-retreats

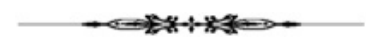
The longest drum solo ever was 10 hours and 26 minutes and was performed by the child sitting behind me on the flight from Los Angeles to Tokyo.

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Abbey McIver, Veronica Shortland, Muriel Smith, Jeff Gray, Violet Gilli, Colin and Roma Whitford, Rachel Palin, Arthur Jones, Rose Sulda

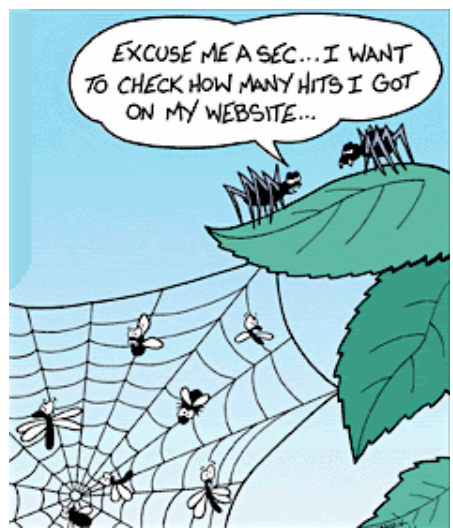
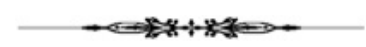
Recently deceased: Guido Valente, Lorna Buckley


Please pray for all our faithful departed and may all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ.



DATES

- 24 Aug Creative Corner 11am - 2pm
- Sep 1-30 Catholic Charities Month
- 7 Sep Creative Corner 11am - 2pm
- 21 Sep Creative Corner 11am - 2pm
- 24 Sep Last day School Term 3
- 4 Oct Labour Day holiday
- 11 Oct First day School Term 4
- 17 Oct World Mission Day Appeal
- 1 Nov All Saints' Day
- 2 Nov All Souls' Day
- 14 Nov Vinnies Christmas Appeal
- 21 Nov Christ the King
- 28 Nov First Sunday of Advent
- 5 Dec Second Sunday of Advent
- 10 Dec Last day School Term 4
- 12 Dec Third Sunday of Advent






Sisters of the Good Samaritan

Study and Mentoring Program

Applications are now invited for 2022



Selection Criteria for the Good Samaritan Study and Mentoring (SAM) Program:

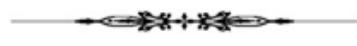
- Catholic women 30 years and over
- an interest in the academic, spiritual and mentoring components of the program
- identification of current study being undertaken or a proposed course at a recognised theological institution
- evidence of leadership exercised in any context. Leadership experience in a not-for-profit organisation or at a faith-based institution will be highly regarded
- special consideration will be given to women who are experiencing financial hardship or who live in isolated communities

Applications for 2022 close on 30 September 2021
 For further information or to request an application pack, please contact:
samleadership@goodsams.org.au

Since our foundation and throughout our 164 year history the Sisters of the Good Samaritan have been committed to the flourishing of women. We have educated girls and women from pre-school to tertiary levels, and have also been engaged in adult education and adult faith formation.

The Good Samaritan Study and Mentoring Program offers financial assistance for tertiary theological study to a maximum of \$8,000 per year. The grant can be spent on tuition or other expenses associated with the completion of the qualification.

Core components of the program include opportunities for spiritual direction and mentoring. Invitations are also offered for participants to gather twice a year to share their experiences and to explore questions arising from their study in conversation with experienced women leaders in the Church.



ROSTERS

<p>ALDINGA Commentator Readers</p>	<p>Saturday 21 August Michelle Cormack Heidi Davidson Leo Dundon</p>	<p>Saturday 28 August Tricia Dundon Rod Boucher Vivi Boucher</p>
<p>NORMANVILLE Welcomer Commentator Reader Altar/Cleaning</p>	<p>Sunday, 22 August Nigel Pile Ann Henriksen Mary Kennedy Jim & Patsy Fitzpatrick</p>	<p>Sunday, 29 August Ena Harvey Judy Millington Pam Kelly Jim & Patsy Fitzpatrick</p>
<p>WILLUNGA Commentator Reader Flowers Church Linen</p>	<p>Sunday, 22 August Vanda Farrall Sue Thompson Michael Hynes Anna Rogers</p>	<p>Sunday, 29 August Gael Maloney Vanda Farrall Mary Moore Margaret Guley</p>

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 12 August, 2021)

- The density requirement has changed to 3 people per 4 sqm. Weddings and funerals are capped at 50 people (provided density requirements are met).
- Wearing of masks is mandatory for indoor places. Wearing of masks is strongly recommended for Parish Offices.
- Choirs and congregational singing are not permitted. A single distanced singer is permitted.
- Recommendation from Archdiocesan Office that tea/coffee after Mass be suspended.
- Social distancing is mandatory - DO NOT CONGREGATE at entry/exit and outside.
- There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- Every gathering must record contact details - either with the QR code for smart phones, or the handwritten log - both located at the entrance to the Church.
- Hand sanitizer is available at Church entrances.
- Offertory procession will be omitted. Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Collection plates will not be passed around, but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- 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 taken at the dismissal and on leaving the church to minimise social contact.
- The Archdiocese recommends Covid vaccination for all (please check with your GP if you have concerns).
- Obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage. You may wish to access: [Mass for You at Home – The official website of Mass For You At Home, Australia](#) online and on Channel 10 every Sunday at 6 am.

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GOSPEL

John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.'

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

GOSPEL REFLECTION

For our Gospel today we hear the conclusion of the "Bread of Life discourse" in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. This discourse follows the miracle in which Jesus fed more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. As Jesus has been teaching these things, John's Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus' words. In today's Gospel, the crowd has dwindled in number, and John no longer references them, or the Jews. Instead John describes the questioning of those considered to be Jesus' own disciples.

Today's Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus' disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus' teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus' words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their

unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John's Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus' disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention.

Simon Peter's response to Jesus' question as to whether those closest to him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter's confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life.

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God's grace invites us to be Jesus' disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(August 23 - 29)

- **Monday, 23:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (1 Thess 1:1-5, 8-10; Mt 23:13-22)
- **Tuesday, 24:** St Bartholomew (Apoc 21:9-14; Jn 1:45-51)
- **Wednesday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (1 Thess 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32)
- **Thursday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (1 Thess 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51)
- **Friday, 27:** St Monica (1 Thess 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13)
- **Saturday, 28:** St Augustine (1 Thess 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30)
- **Sunday 29:** 22nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Deut 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

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).