



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

Mary of Galilee, Aldinga; St Peter's, Normanville; St Joseph's, Willunga

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

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MASS CENTRES

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

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:1-4

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-10

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

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
Thur 9.00am - Willunga
Fri 9.00am - Willunga
12.00noon - Normanville

WEEKEND MASSES

(Times on front page of this bulletin)

PRIEST ROSTER WEEKENDS

(NB: This roster may be changed if something unforeseen crops up)

4 May 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
5 May 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom
10.30am - N/ville, Fr Dominick
11 May 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Tom
12 May 8.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy
10.30am - Willunga, Fr Josy
18 May 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy
19 May 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick
10.30am - N/ville, Fr Tom
25 May 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy
26 May 8.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy
10.30am - Willunga, Fr Josy

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Isa 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

MARIAN PROCESSION

Sunday, 19 May at 2.00pm

This year, we celebrate its 75th Anniversary.

The procession will be held in the city. Assemble at Victoria Park (Wakefield Road) at 1.30pm. Procession to Victoria Square begins at 2.00pm.



For more information contact Archdiocesan Events (8210 8220 or events@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

MAY MASS COUNTS

The Archdiocese of Adelaide conducts a Count of Attendance for all Masses held on weekends during the month of May each year. This year, attendance counts are to be conducted over the four weekends of May, being the 4/5, 11/12, 18/19 and 25/26 in all Parish Mass Centres.

The information gathered is used in pastoral planning and financial reporting.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a special collection next weekend at all centres for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. This Appeal supports families and individuals in SA who are struggling financially and materially.

WILLUNGA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

At our last meeting on 2 April, we discussed the sound system at St Joseph, Church signage at Galilee, feedback from the recent regional assembly and Sr Margaret Ann's upcoming retirement.

We next meet on the 28 May. If you have any agenda items, please let council members know by 14 May.

Kerri Gould

Charis SA invites you to

"PREPARE YOUR HEARTS FOR PENTECOST"

As we approach the birthday of our Church, take this opportunity to retreat for just a few hours on the 11 May - 10.00am to 3.00pm, at St Peter Claver Church, 8 Stuart Road, DULWICH. Guest Speaker and Celebrant will be Fr Selva Raj.

The day will include Praise and Worship, Teachings, Mass and Adoration. Bring your own lunch. Coffee and tea provided. Your donation would be appreciated. Phone 0407 060 715 for more info.

STATE SCHOOL PASTORAL CARE

Priests, pastors and religious are no longer able to enter State schools, as they used to many years ago, for religious instruction. State schools now have a Pastoral Care Worker, or a Student Welfare Support Officer, who may be from a religious background, but are not permitted to provide instruction in a particular faith.

They are part of the Well-being Programme in State schools and are funded by the government. They provide support to students, staff and parents in many important ways including: support of student attendance, engagement and mental health; support for students in difficult situations such as during times of grief; provide pastoral care and guidance to students, staff and parents during times of need,

with guidance and support from regional groups such as the Southern Vales Schools Ministry Group, which is made up of representatives from local churches.

SVSMG provides pastoral care workers to McLaren Vale Primary, McLaren Flat Primary, Willunga Primary, Willunga High and Old Noarlunga Primary Schools. SVSMG also helps support further programmes for students' welfare and special requests to support families.

The beginning of year service for Pastoral Care Workers and SVSMG groups supporters and Churches was held last Sunday (28 April) at the Coast and Vines Church, Aldinga Road, Willunga.

SR MARGARET ANN'S FAREWELL

The three communities that make up Willunga Parish - Mary of Galilee at Aldinga, St Peter's at Normanville and St Joseph's at Willunga - have decided to have small individual farewells for Sr Margaret Ann before she retires in June.

These will consist of a simple morning tea or supper at each Centre following a regular weekend Mass.

The events will take place at:

- St Peter's on Sunday, 12th May following 8.30am Mass
- Mary of Galilee on Saturday, 25th May following 5.30pm Mass
- St Joseph's on Sunday, 2nd June following 8.30am Mass.

Parishioners are most welcome to join in at any of our three centres. Please bring a plate to share.



Among the people whose graves are unmarked in St Joseph's Cemetery in Willunga are three members of the McDonald household at Sellicks Hill. Siblings, Margaret and Donald, died in June 1891 within 24 hours of each other on Thursday and Friday 25th and 26th June and were buried in St Joseph's cemetery on the Saturday.

The South Australian Chronicle newspaper reported:

It is a sight of very rare occurrence to see the remains of two members of a family carried to the one grave. On Saturday last such happened here, when Donald McDonald and his sister Margaret were interred in the Catholic cemetery, Willunga. On Thursday Father Delahunty administered the last sacraments of the Catholic Church to both; one died before he left, the other the following morning. The holy sacrifice of the mass having been celebrated, the burial service was read. The sympathy shown by all denominations for the friends of the



"It's a pacemaker for your heart. Plus, you can download apps for your liver, kidneys, lungs, and pancreas!"

deceased was manifested by the large number who attended the funeral at such an early hour. (South Australian Chronicle, 4/7/1891, p3)

Then, about 3 weeks later, their sister Ellen, who lived in the same house, also died. The family's death notice reads:

On the 25th June, at Sellick's Hill, of senile decay accelerated by bronchitis, Margaret McDonald, eldest daughter of the late Roderick McDonald, of Inverness-shire, Scotland, aged 78 years. Also, on the 26th June, of inflammation of the lungs, Donald McDonald, brother of the above, aged 56 years. Also, on the 19th July, of inflammation of the lungs and shock to the system, Ellen McDonald, sister to the above, aged 51 years. All colonists of 39 years and occupants of one house. They were together in life, and in death they were not severed. Sydney papers please copy. R.I.P. (The Advertiser, 24/7/1891, p4.)

Their widowed mother, Flora, had died twenty years earlier, in 1871 at 70 years of age. Their father was Roderick McDonald from Scotland.

Fr Delahunty was parish priest at Willunga during 1891 and 1892.



(Contributed by Michelle Cormack)

CUPPA AFTER MASS

There will be a cuppa after Mass in the Hall at St Joseph's this Sunday. All most welcome.

ROSTERS

ALDINGA

Welcomer
Commentator
Readers

Eucharistic Minister

Saturday 04 May
A Woodhouse, N Ellis
Cristina Tiedje
Brigid Grimwood
Ken Creevey
Mario Bacchin

Saturday 11 May
A Woodhouse, N Ellis
Tricia Dundon
Brianna McIver
Chris McWilliams
Judi Driscoll

NORMANVILLE

Welcomer
Commentator
Reader
Altar/Cleaning

Sunday, 05 May
Tim Fleming
Antoinette Fleming
Rosemary Ayles
Trish Bohnsack, Rita Steller

Sunday, 12 May
Peter Bohnsack
Trish Bohnsack
Jim Fitzpatrick
Trish Bohnsack, Rita Steller

WILLUNGA

Commentator
Reader
Eucharistic Minister
Flowers
Church Linen

Sunday, 05 May
Gael Maloney
John Tregeagle
Not required - Mass in Hall
No flowers - Mass in Hall
Wayne Best

Sunday, 12 May
Garry Triffett
Megan Chapman
Not required - Mass in Hall
No flowers - Mass in Hall
Wayne Best

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre Boyd, Jim Smith, Janette McIver, Michael Casey, Paul Hancock, Margaret Oomens, Paul Cormack, Roger Fishlock, Fr Vinh.

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

DATES

- 10 May Coffee morning Louie's 10am
- 12 May St Vincent de Paul Appeal
- 12 May Farewell morning tea for Sr Margaret Ann - Normanville
- 19 May Marian Procession
- 24 May Coffee morning Louie's 10am
- 25 May Farewell supper for Sr Margaret Ann - Aldinga
- 2 June Farewell morning tea for Sr Margaret Ann - Willunga
- 10 Jun King's Birthday holiday
- 30 Jun Holy Father's Appeal
- 05 Jul Last day School term 2
- 07 July NATSICC Appeal
- 22 Jul First day School term 3
- 11 Aug Vocations Appeal
- 15 Aug Assumption Blessed Virgin Mary
- 31 Aug - Sep 8 Adelaide Show
- Sep Catholic Charities month
- 27 Sep Last day School term 3
- 28 Sep AFL Grand Final
- 05/06 Supporting Clergy Appeal
- 07 Oct Labour Day holiday
- 14 Oct First day School term 4
- 20 Oct World Mission Day Appeal
- 05 Nov Melbourne Cup
- 10 Nov St Vincent de Paul Appeal
- 13 Dec Last day School term 4 (Yrs 10, 11, 12 vary)
- 25 Dec Catholic Charities Appeal

KIDS' CORNER

"As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love."
(John 15: 9)

Our Lord never stops loving us, even when we forget to love him. But we don't have to forget. We can do something to help us remember. When we get up in the morning, thank the Lord for his gift of a new day. Thank him for all the good things you're going to enjoy this day. Ask him to help you through any rough times the day might bring. Your prayer will remind you to love the Lord and trust in his love for you. That's a great way to start your day!

Lord, help me remember that you are with me. Amen.

WILLUNGA PARISH

(Aldinga, Normanville, Willunga)

NGARRINDJERI, RAMINDJERI,
PERAMANGK and KAURNA land

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Kerri Gould, Lorraine Ellis, Kim Calderbank (Aldinga); Rick Zagajewski, Michael Hynes (Willunga); Nigel Pile, Christopher Symes (Normanville)

WILLUNGA PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Dolek Thiele (Chairperson)
Chris McWilliams (Secretary)
Thia van Kuyk (Finance Officer)
Martin Morgan (Cemetery)
John McPhail (Treasurer)

CHILD PROTECTION

We are a Child Safe Organisation which is committed to the care, well-being and protection of children and young people.

We believe that all God's children and young people have the right to be healthy and safe, and to have their voice heard, respected, and valued. A safe environment for all.

(Willunga contact - Sr Margaret Ann)
Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

EXPLORING THE WORD

The heart of today's gospel lies in Jesus repeating himself: 'Love one another'. The model for this love is the love that Jesus showed towards all those who follow him. Jesus has changed the way in which God relates to human beings. We are no longer servants of God but are drawn into deep intimacy and friendship through the Son. This new relationship is not dependent on our choice or will. God has chosen us and we are now commissioned to bear fruit, fruit that will last.

The Christian command to love is not a vague feeling of good will; it is a love which suffers all, and may demand great sacrifice. The command to love as Jesus loved may be the most difficult test of our Christianity. This is how the presence of Jesus is experienced even in his absence.

Love • ONE • Another

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GOSPEL (John 15:9-17)

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

I CALL YOU FRIENDS

Jesus sets the ultimate standard for love: putting your life on the line for your friends. Most of us don't go anywhere near that far. I have a physically challenged friend who's greatly loved within our parish and school community. Everyone declares how much he means to them, and how they would do anything for him. But there are things that few will actually do. Sitting with him is one thing; bathing him is another. Bringing over dinner is okay, but cleaning potties is not. Some will only come by when he's particularly well; when he's especially frail and helpless, some can't bear the sight of his suffering. Each of us has limits on how far we're willing to go with love, how much responsibility we're prepared to assume. None of us has a perfect record, and no one shows signs of the "best love" that Jesus models.

Yet Jesus calls us friends anyway. Even though he's a better friend to us than we'll ever be in return. Jesus takes our imperfect love and breaks it, blesses it, and passes it around like Eucharist to a hungry world. Jesus multiplies our little fragments of love and makes them sufficient. Our love may not be perfect, but that's no excuse to withhold what

we've got. Jesus will make it what it needs to be. Our task is to offer it.

CREATE COMMUNITY ONLINE

I'm grateful the pandemic didn't happen 10 years ago – before the ability to meet virtually was widespread. While I had already been working remotely for many years, it made staying in touch with loved ones easier – and for the first time, I created new relationships solely online. One of them was with a spiritual director. Having this new friend guide me in my spiritual journey, especially through the COVID years like we had, helped me enormously to recognise God's presence and action in my life and discern how to respond.

She and I often talked about how much we missed Mass, but I also shared with her my disappointment in my neighbourhood parish – its lacklustre spirit, problem priests, and comfortable congregation. I told her I stayed there to try to make it better. "You deserve to be fed too," she said, and together we prayed for that.

Very quickly, I found pockets of people all over the country – a Tuesday evening prayer group, a Sunday Liturgy of the Word – to connect with via Zoom. These new faith communities nourished me spiritually in ways I didn't realise I needed. Even now, since things have returned to "normal", we still meet online and share from time to time – and my cup is more full than it used to be when it comes to loving one another.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(06 - 13 May)

- **Monday, 06:** Monday, 6th week Easter (Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 - 16:4)
- **Tuesday, 07:** Tuesday, 6th week Easter (Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11)
- **Wednesday, 08:** Wednesday, 6th week Easter (Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15)
- **Thursday, 09:** Thursday, 6th week Easter (Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20)
- **Friday, 10:** Friday 6th week Easter (Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23)
- **Saturday, 11:** Saturday 6th week Easter (Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28)
- **Sunday 12:** The ASCENSION of the LORD (Acts 1:1-11; Eph 4:1-13; Mk 16:15-20)

PASTORAL CARE

If you need a priest for anointing prior to medical treatment or if you are ill (not necessarily life-threatening) or for last rites please contact: (08) 8556 2132 or 0488 287 552.