



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

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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

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched:

Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him hwas conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 96:1-2, 5-6, 9

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-19

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and

glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved: he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 17:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone.

There in their presence he was transfigured: His face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said, 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.'

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Bulletin Board

REGULAR MASS TIMES

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

(This roster may change

if something unforeseen crops up)

5 Aug 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
6 Aug 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick
10.30am - N/ville, Fr Tom
12 Aug 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Tom
13 Aug 8.30am - N/ville, Fr Dominick
10.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick
19 Aug 5.30am - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
20 Aug 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Josy
10.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy
26 Aug 5.50am - Aldinga, Fr Josy
27 Aug 8.30am - N/ville, Fr Dominick
10.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Tuesday, 15 August

Mass will be celebrated at 9.00am at St Joseph's, Willunga with Fr Tom. Everyone is most welcome.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

BLESSING OF MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday September 17

Celebrations for milestone wedding anniversaries in the Archdiocese will again be held in local parish communities to recognise couples in their life-long commitment. If you, or someone you know, is celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60 years), we invite you to let Sr Margaret Ann (0488 287 552) or Gael Maloney (0447 421 948) know of the details so they may be acknowledged at the Anniversaries Mass on that weekend.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

This Sunday throughout the Church in Australia, we celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week. This week we affirm and pray for all the baptised who are uniquely called by

God. We acknowledge the Single Life, Married Life and Family Life, as well as all Lay Ministries within the Church. Please note that next weekend there will be a leaving collection for Vocations.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Fr Tom Gleeson will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination on Friday 1st September. You are invited to join with others to help him celebrate this significant event with an evening meal at "The Alma" Hotel, 15 Hill Street, Willunga - 6.00pm for 6.30pm

We need definite numbers (and payment) by Monday 28 August.

The three course meal will consist of:

- Starter
- Main - choice of Fish (gluten free if necessary) and chips, or Roast of the day, or Chicken schnitzel
- Dessert - choice of Cheesecake, or fruit and ice cream

Cost is \$35 per head, drinks extra - from the bar.

Please RSVP to:

- ALDINGA: Chris McWilliams (0451 144 776) or Lorraine Ellis (0420 408 228)
- NORMANVILLE: Rita Steller (0439 508 180)
- WILLUNGA: Marie Andrews (0423 302 746)

The most convenient method of payment is by Direct Credit to:

Acc Name: Marie Andrews
BSB: 065-188
Acc No: 100 622 69

Reference: Your surname

However, if you prefer to use cash, please pay your community contact (above). PLEASE NO CHEQUES!

EVERY GENERATION ONKAPARINGA

2023 AWARDS NOW OPEN

These awards recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements and valuable contributions that people of all ages, cultures and abilities make to positive ageing in our communities.

Help us share these achievements by nominating now. Nomination forms and guidelines are available online – visit onkaparingacity.com/EGO

Nominations close at 5pm Monday 14 August 2023. For more information visit onkaparingacity.com/EGO or call 8384 066.

VALE MARY KENNEDY

Mary Kennedy was farewelled with a Funeral Mass at St Peter's, Normanville on Monday, 17 July. The celebrant was Fr Josy.

Mary was born on 10 March, 1941 at Dandenong in Victoria, the youngest of Ellen and Mervyn Egerton's six children. Mary and her sister Val (two years older than Mary) first attended St Joseph's Boarding School in Echuca. The trip to Echuca was quite some distance away and the little girls made the journey by steam train. They returned home at the end of each school term.

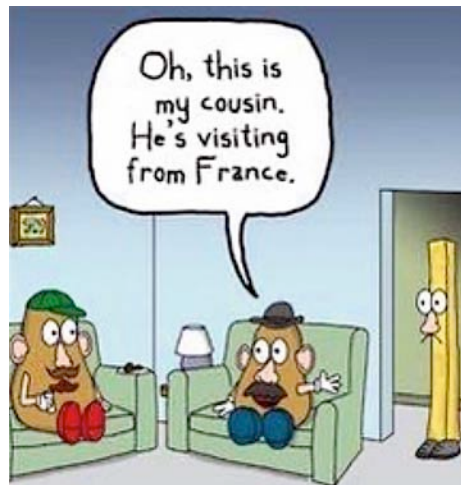
In 1952 Mary attended Kilbreda College in Mentone and then later, completed a business course at Killester College in Clayton, much nearer home.

Mary worked most of her life in retail, beginning at Georges of Collins Street, Melbourne.

She met Graeme who was 'a wonderful dancer' when she was sixteen, but their relationship didn't really blossom until later, when Graeme was working as a stock agent in Dandenong. They were married on 31 December, 1960 at St Mary's Church Dandenong. Mary was 20 and Graeme 23.

Mary worked in retail until she retired in 2005, managing the household and nurturing the children - Donna (born 1963), Tracey (1965), Ashley (1968) and Simone (1970).

After several moves Mary and Graeme settled in Normanville, where they were both very involved with St Peter's Church. Graeme was the Normanville rep on the PFC at the time Galilee Church was being built



and also devoted an enormous amount of time, energy and hard physical work into the establishment of the Annie O'Connor Centre. He passed away in March, 2012.

Mary had numerous roles at St Peter's - reading, sacristan, etc, but will always be remembered for her amazing organisational skills when it came to community functions in the Annie O'Connor Centre.

She will be very much missed.

WEEKEND RETREAT AT THE MONASTERY

A retreat will be led by Fr Denis Travers on Friday evening and Saturday of August 11-12. The retreat theme is: Jesus the healing compassion of God. The input and prayer times will explore Jesus as the revelation of God's deep desire to respond to our pain and bring us to wholeness at every level of our lives and our world.

The retreat begins on Friday evening and concludes Saturday afternoon.



\$170 includes all meals and accommodation for the retreat, (limited ensuite rooms available for \$200). Please contact the office to book on 8338 8700 or conference@themonastery.net.au All are welcome to join us.

MAIN SOUTH ROAD: SOUTHERN EXPRESSWAY TO ROBINSON ROAD PLANNING STUDY

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) is undertaking a consultation that we thought you may be interested in.

DIT are consulting the community as part of a planning study for the 3km section of Main South Road that connects the Southern Expressway, Old Noarlunga to the newly duplicated sections at Victor Harbor Road and Robinson Road, Seaford Heights. This is an early opportunity for the community to share their insights as part of DIT's planning process.

As part of the engagement DIT staff are hosting Listening Posts at Seaford Central Shopping Centre on 5 August and Noarlunga Football Club on 19 August. To find out more about the project and how you can participate visit DIT's website.

The Your Say Onkaparinga team
www.onkaparingacity.com

UNDERSTANDING THE VOICE TO PARLIAMENT

Organised by Churches Together SA, with Noel Pearson and Rev Tim Costello as guest speakers.
Sunday 20 August 5.00 - 6.30pm,
Pilgrim Uniting Church, Adelaide

ROSTERS

ALDINGA *Saturday 05 August*
Welcomer Rose Sulda
Commentator Michelle Cormack
Readers Cristina Tieje
David Manders
Eucharistic Minister Maria Jarvis-Maack

NORMANVILLE *Sunday, 30 July*
Welcomer Peter Lloyd
Commentator Antoinette Fleming
Reader Michael Steller
Altar/Cleaning Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery

WILLUNGA *Sunday, 06 August*
Commentator Marie Andrews
Reader Margaret Guley
Eucharistic Minister Anna Rogers
Flowers Tony Harding
Church Linen Wayne Best

Saturday 12 August
Andrew Woodhouse
Tricia Dundon
Brianna McIver
David Manders
Judi Driscoll

Sunday, 13 July
Peter Bohnsack
Michael Steller
Jim Fitzpatrick
Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery

Sunday, 13 August
Vanda Farrall
Megan Chapman
Wayne Best
Anna Rogers
Margaret Guley

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre Boyd

Recently deceased: Beth Thomas, Marion McCormack

Anniversary: Lucy Bruschi

DATES

8 Aug St Mary of the Cross feast
13 Aug Vocations Appeal
15 Aug Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
1 Sep 50th Anniversary of Fr Tom's Ordination - Dinner "Alma"
Sep Catholic Charities Month
3 Sep Fathers' Day
29 Sep Last day School term 3
2 Oct Labour Day
16 Oct First day School term 4
22 Oct World Mission Day
12 Nov Vinnies Christmas Appeal
15 Dec Last day School term 4
25 Dec Catholic Charities Appeal

COLLECTIONS

July 8/9 : 15/16

First collection	\$586.00
Second collection	\$487.00
Envelopes	\$630.00
NATSICC Appeal	\$372.00
<i>(Direct debits not included)</i>	

July 22/23 : 29/30

First collection	\$825.00
Second collection	\$996.00
Envelopes	\$455.00
<i>(Direct debits not included)</i>	

Your support is much appreciated.

MUSICIANS RETREAT

with David and Emma Kruse

Saturday Aug 26 10.00am – 4.30pm
Henley Beach Parish,
420 Seaview Rd, Henley Beach

Musicians by their very nature are always giving of themselves through their artistic expression, whether in a pub band, on a stage, or leading music in a church. This retreat is for any musician who needs time in prayer, reflection and renewal in the company of other musicians. David and Emma Kruse work in the Brisbane Archdiocese Office for Evangelisation and began Enemy Love Records in 2022. They bring a wealth of experience and freshness to the pastoral care of musicians. Morning tea and lunch are included in the day. There is no cost to participants. RSVP online <https://www.trybooking.com/CJKDI>, contact Peter Bierer for more information pbierer@adelaide.catholic.org.au

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 03/08/23)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- Procession of gifts has resumed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact

EXPLORING THE WORD

In the Hebrew Scriptures high mountains were seen as holy places; places where one could encounter God. It was on the summit of Mt Sinai that Moses received the Law from God's own hand (Ex 19); it was on Mt Horeb that Elijah encountered God in the gentle breeze (1 Kings 19:9). When Jesus takes the three disciples to the top of the mountain, it should come as no surprise that they encounter the glorified divinity of Christ.

In Christ, both the Law, represented by Moses, and the Prophets, represented by Elijah, is fulfilled. This fleeting moment of revelation to the disciples leaves them gasping and speechless. Peter wants to retain the memory of this glimpse of the glorified Christ by commemorating it with three tents but the gesture has a hollow ring when they have the Christ with them as a constant reminder. 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' It is the word of Jesus which will bring life and glorification. This glimpse of who Jesus really is should sustain them and yet the disciples still wonder what the mission and ministry of Jesus means.

The true nature of Jesus will only be revealed at his resurrection.

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He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

A DIVINE DESIGN

(Matthew 17: 1 - 9)

Jesus was changed before their eyes. Have you ever seen a transfiguration? Have you ever seen a simple thing become a holy thing, like bread become a sacred flesh? Have you ever seen a plain face become a radiant beauty when seen through the eyes of love? Have you ever seen a timid person become a loin when circumstances required strength beyond fear? Transfiguration is not an isolated incident, a one-time deal in salvation history. Transfigurations happen around us in surprising places, for those who have eyes to see.

Sitting with my dying friend for many weeks, I watched how a weakened body can become a temple of great holiness. The spiritual strength of a failing mortal life was so much stronger than the physical vigour he once displayed. Before his illness, he scaled mountains for pleasure. In his last illness, he ascended to spiritual heights that astonished me with their breathtaking vistas. Once, he saw the view from the peaks of the Sierras and hoped to climb Mount Kilimanjaro. Now, his vision is on higher places, and the things he sees are lovelier than all of earth's delights. This is transfiguration, as surely as what Peter, James and John saw it on that fateful day.

Ponder

Get ready to participate in some powerful transfigurations! Ask God to change the rough, ugly, or impossible roads in your life into freeways for grace. Invite the Holy Spirit to make the valleys smooth, and the mountains

low. "Don't breathe a word of what you've seen. After the Son of Man is raised from the dead, you are free to talk".
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DID YOU KNOW?

- The event of the Transfiguration is traditionally associated with Mt Tabor where a beautiful church with magnificent mosaics commemorates this event.
- The three disciples who witness Jesus' glory will be the same ones who witness his agony in the garden prior to his arrest and crucifixion.
- There is great debate among scholars about the meaning of the term 'Son of Man' and whether Jesus used this title of himself or whether his disciples used it of him after his death. In the Book of Daniel, it is used as a term for God's final agent of salvation at the end times.

KIDS' CORNER

The disciples are confused and scared when they hear the voice from the cloud and see Jesus in his glory. But here on the mountain, they are told to listen to Jesus. That's good to remember anytime you're worried or afraid: Listen to what Jesus says to you. Trust that he loves you. Then, like the disciples, you can get up and get moving. You can have courage in God's love for you.
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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(7 - 13 August)

- **Monday, 7:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 18 (Num 11:4-15; Mt 14:13-21)
- **Tuesday, 8:** St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (1Kg 17:8-16; Col 3:12-17; Mt 6:25-34)
- **Wednesday, 9:** Weekday, Ord Time 18 (Num 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28)
- **Thursday, 10:** St Lawrence (2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26)
- **Friday, 11:** St Clare (Deut 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28)
- **Saturday, 12:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 18 (Deut 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20)
- **Sunday 13:** 19th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (1Kg 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33)

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.