



Welcome to

# Willunga Catholic Parish

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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B**

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## **WILLUNGA CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRE**

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## **PARISH OFFICE**

If you need to contact the Office, please ring 0447 421 948 or 0488 287 552 if there is no-one in the Office to take your call.

## **PARISH TEAM CONTACTS**

- Fr Josy Sebastian (Parish Priest - 8382 1717; emergency 0452 524 169; [jponnambal@gmail.com](mailto:jponnambal@gmail.com))
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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 4:32-35**

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24**

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.*

## **SECOND READING**

**1 John 5:1-6**

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Jn 20:29**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!*

## **GOSPEL**

**John 20:19-31**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews.

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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)

06 Apr 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Tom  
07 Apr 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick  
10.30am - N/ville, Fr Dominick  
13 Apr 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy  
14 Apr 8.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy  
10.30am - Willunga, Fr Josy  
20 Apr 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick  
21 Apr 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick  
10.30am - N/ville, Fr Dominick  
27 Apr 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy  
28 Apr 10.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

4 Esdr 2:36-37

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

## MARIAN PROCESSION

Sunday, 19 May at 2.00pm

Each year the Adelaide Archdiocese hosts the annual Marian Procession in honour of Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church. This year, we celebrate its 75th Anniversary. More details nearer the time.

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at St Luke's, Noarlunga this Sunday (7 April) from 4.30pm.

There will be several priests on hand for devotions at 4.30pm and Mass at 5.30pm. Everyone most welcome. Contact Dolek Thiele (0419 844 693) for more information. *Dolek Thiele*

## 2024 ADELAIDE DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

June 14 and 15

Parishes, schools and communities are asked to mark their calendars for the 2024 Adelaide Diocesan Assembly which will take place on the evening of Friday, June 14 and Saturday, June 15. Further information and invitations will be sent out soon.

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Moffatt: [smoffatt@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:smoffatt@adelaide.catholic.org.au) or Peter Bierer: [pbierer@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:pbierer@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

## ST JOSEPH'S ROSTERS

The current roster for the ministries associated with the Mass runs out at the end of April. Please contact Marie Andrews (0423 302 746) if you are not currently on the roster and would like to be, if you are on the roster and would prefer not to be, or if you already volunteer, but will be unavailable for specific dates during the next six months.

We would love to have some new volunteers for commentary, readings, flowers and linen.

We would also like to hear from anyone willing to take on the Sacristan job. Initially it would be as a back-up for our two regular volunteers at Sunday Mass. Training is available. If you can help, please see Wayne Best after Mass.

*Thank you!*

Special thanks to all the parishioners from all three communities, who helped out in many and varied ways, with the smooth-running of the ceremonies from Palm Sunday through to Easter Sunday. There is a lot of work involved, but it is made so much easier with our amazing helpers.

## BIRTHLINE PREGNANCY SUPPORT

We invite you to join our team of telephone counsellors if you have the passion and commitment to assisting women navigating crisis during pregnancy or coping with pregnancy loss. Birthline offers a FREE Telephone Counselling Course every Wednesday night from 7.00pm - 9.00pm for 10 weeks commencing Wednesday, May 1. For those interested please email [tcc@birthline.org.au](mailto:tcc@birthline.org.au) or call on 0413 380 833. [birthline.org.au](http://birthline.org.au)

## THANK YOU FROM CARITAS AUSTRALIA

Caritas Australia would like to thank you for supporting Project Compassion 2024. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of

envelopes at home, please return them to your parish or visit [caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) and donate online.

## CELEBRATING 175 YEARS of CATHOLIC FAITH in KAPUNDA

On April 14 there will be a Mass at 10.30am, led by Archbishop Patrick O'Regan at St Rose of Lima, Kapunda, followed by lunch at the Kapunda Bowling Club. Lunch cost is \$20pp, payment in advance is required. Lunch bookings are essential as space is limited. Contact the parish office 8566 2064 or email [nlparish@adam.com.au](mailto:nlparish@adam.com.au) to book.

## CUPPA AFTER MASS

There will be a cuppa in The Shed following Mass this weekend (7 April) at St Joseph's, Willunga. Everyone is most welcome.

## CONFIRMATION

Six children from Willunga Parish are preparing for their confirmation on Tuesday, 25 June at Galilee. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

## CHARIS SA

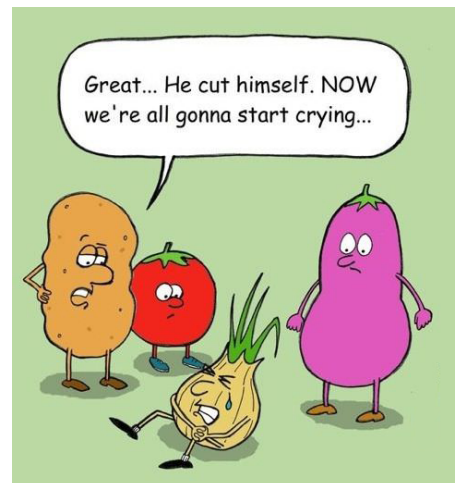
invites you to a seminar

"But you shall receive power, after the Holy Spirit has come upon you." Acts 1:8

with Fr Justin Durai Raj CP  
on Saturday, 13 April  
from 10.00am - 3.00pm

St Peter Claver Church  
8 Stuart Road, DULWICH

Including PW Teaching, Mass, Adoration, Confessions. Your donation appreciated. Tea and coffee provided. Bring your own lunch. More info available - 0407 060 715 or <https://www.charis.sa.org>





**ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH  
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE**

Work will begin on the repairs to the roof and ceiling of St Joseph's Church, Willunga on 22 April. At this stage, it is anticipated that the work will be completed within four to six weeks. During this time the Church will be unavailable. Sunday Masses will be relocated to St Joseph's Hall and weekday Masses to the Meeting Room of the Parish House.

Materials required for the repairs will be stacked beside the Church during the week leading up to 22 April - on the right hand side as you go up the Church steps. Parking will be unavailable in that space for Mass on Sunday, 21 April and until the work is completed.

While the maintenance is underway, it would be appreciated if fit-and-able parishioners could park in their usual spots in the Church car park and walk up the hill to the Hall. If you are unable to manage this walk, there will be limited parking available in the Hall grounds. Please be aware that parking on both sides of St George Street greatly inconveniences locals living on that narrow street.

We would really appreciate it if some volunteers could stay behind after 8.30am Mass on 21 April to help move some of the non-fixtures to the Hall, or to storage (possibly in the Shed). Please contact Michael Hynes (at Mass or mob 0490 677 314) if you can assist with this.

**HELP!!**

Does anyone have, or have access to, a portable data projector that we could use once a week for the six weeks while St Joseph's Church is

having its ceiling repaired? Please get in touch with Gael Maloney (mob. 0447 421 948) if you can assist.

**THEN GOD CREATED  
LIGHT AGAIN**

It doesn't matter whether you picture the origin of time the way science does, as beginning with the Big Bang, or whether you take the biblical account of the origins of the world literally. Either way, there was a time before there was light. The universe was dark before God created light. However, eventually the world grew dark again.

We are told in the Gospels that as Jesus was dying on the cross, between the sixth and ninth hour, it grew dark and Jesus cried out "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me!" Are the Gospels saying that it actually grew dark in the early afternoon, an eclipse of the sun, or are they referring to another kind of darkness, of a spiritual kind? Was there an eclipse of the sun as Jesus was dying? Perhaps. We don't know, but that is of secondary importance anyway.

What the Gospels are referring to is a kind of darkness that envelops us whenever what's precious to us is humiliated, exposed as powerless, ridiculed, terminally defeated, and crucified by our world. There's a darkness that besets us whenever the forces of love seem overpowered by the forces of hatred. The light extinguished then is the light of hope, but there is deeper darkness, and this is the kind of darkness that the Gospels say formed a cloud over the world as Jesus hung dying.

*Ronald Rolheiser*

**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

**Recently deceased:** Monica Elliott

**Anniversaries:** Helen and Edmond Boylan

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

**DATES**

- 12 Apr Coffee morning Louie's 10am
- 12 Apr Last day School term 1
- 26 Apr Coffee morning Louie's 10am
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day
- 29 Apr First day School term 2
- 10 May Coffee morning Louie's 10am
- 19 May Marian Procession
- 24 May Coffee morning Louie's 10am
- 10 Jun King's Birthday holiday
- 05 Jul Last day School term 2
- 22 Jul First day School term 3
- 15 Aug Assumption Blessed Virgin Mary
- 31 Aug - Sep 8 Adelaide Show
- 27 Sep Last day School term 3
- 28 Sep AFL Grand Final
- 07 Oct Labour Day holiday
- 14 Oct First day School term 4
- 05 Nov Melbourne Cup
- 13 Dec Last day School term 4  
(Yrs 10, 11, 12 vary)

**PARISH COLLECTIONS  
16/17 & 23/24 March**

First collection	\$1078.00
Envelopes	\$430.00
Unpledged	\$1088.00

*(Direct debits not included)*

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.

**ROSTERS**

**ALDINGA Saturday 6 April**  
 Welcomer A Woodhouse, N Ellis  
 Commentator Michelle Cormack  
 Readers Brigid Grimwood  
 David Manders  
 Eucharistic Minister Mario Bacchin

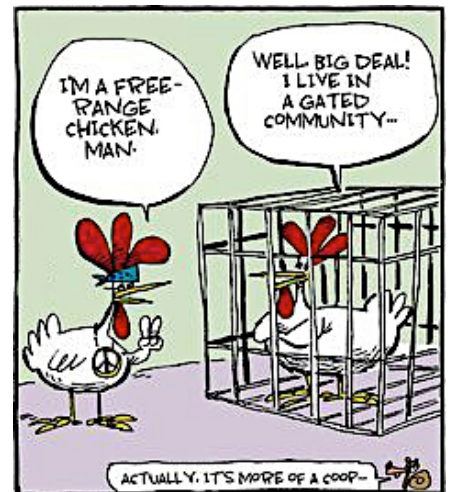
**Saturday 13 April**  
 A Woodhouse, N Ellis  
 Chris McWilliams  
 Rod Boucher  
 Vivi Boucher  
 David Manders

**NORMANVILLE Sunday, 7 April**  
 Welcomer Peter Lloyd  
 Commentator Ann Henriksen  
 Reader Jan Plumb  
 Altar/Cleaning Ann Henriksen

**Sunday, 14 April**  
 Michael Steller  
 Jim Fitzpatrick  
 Nigel Pile  
 Ann Henriksen

**WILLUNGA Sunday, 7 April**  
 Commentator Wayne Best  
 Reader Marie Cester  
 Eucharistic Minister Viv Zagajewska  
 Flowers Michael Hynes  
 Church Linen Margaret Guley

**Sunday, 14 April**  
 Anna Rogers  
 Margaret Guley  
 Wayne Best  
 Michael Hynes  
 Viv Zagajewska



## 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

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## EXPLORING THE WORD

This gospel is one of transformation. The fear of the disciples is transformed by the gift of peace and the doubt of Thomas is transformed by his encounter with the risen Jesus. With this transformation, however, comes responsibility. The disciples are not to simply bask in the joy of Christ risen but are sent to continue the mission of Jesus in the world: 'As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.'

When Thomas is told by his companions that they have seen Jesus, he places his own conditions on faith. He will not believe unless he sees. Jesus must fulfil the expectation that Thomas has. The following week, he is forced to confront this and is brought to realise the pointlessness of imposing conditions on God. Only then can he see that God's ways are often surprising. Only after accepting this truth does Thomas come to understand what faith really is.

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Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven; for those whose  
sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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## BELIEVING IS SEEING

Believing is seeing. We are taught it's the other way around: seeing is supposed to be believing. But we see a lot of things we don't believe. We see how old we are in the mirror and pretend the truth away with hair colour and makeup. We see injustices and rationalise them into sounding all right. We live as in George Orwell's

classic novel 1984, in which the news is rewritten daily to conform to the preferences of the powerful. "Facts" are more fluid than we care to admit. Many are convinced, not by what they see, but by what makes us all comfortable.

So it seems the reverse is true: believing is seeing. Our beliefs tell us how to see. They tell us what to look for. Faith gives us eyes to see what others may be blind to. The worldly view is cynical: things are bad and getting worse, and not much can be done. But through believing, we see the Kingdom coming, arriving as an invitation to grace in every hour. Believers have hope, which heals the past and invents the future. That's why, though we have not literally seen Jesus, we can believe in him, and in believing, we can truly see.

## KIDS' CORNER

Have you ever done something you thought was so bad no one could forgive you? Almost everyone has. Peter was once so frightened that he pretended not to know Jesus. When he thought about what he'd done, he wept. And here Peter is again, speaking to the people who once cried out these words: "Crucify him!" Peter knows they can be forgiven just as he was, if only they will ask. Remember, God is merciful. *GPBS eNews*

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(08 - 14 April)

- **Monday, 8:** The ANNUNCIATION of the LORD (Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Tuesday, 9:** Tuesday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Easter (Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7-15)
- **Wednesday, 10:** Wednesday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Easter (5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21)
- **Thursday, 11:** St Stanislaus (Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36)
- **Friday, 12:** Friday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Easter (Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15)
- **Saturday, 13:** Saturday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Easter (Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21)
- **Sunday 14:** THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48)

## 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.