



Welcome to

# Willunga Catholic Parish

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

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A**

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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 6:1-7*

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19*

*Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.*

## **SECOND READING**

*1 Peter 2:4-9*

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Jn 14:6*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the way, the truth and the life,  
says the Lord; no one comes to the  
Father, except through me.*

*Alleluia!*

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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
1st 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)

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

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

## 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 6/7, 13/14, 20/21 and 27/28 in all Parish Mass Centres. The information gathered is used in pastoral planning and financial reporting.

## MARIAN PROCESSION

The 2023 Marian Procession will be held on Sunday May 21 beginning at the Pioneer Women's Memorial Gardens (next to the Torrens Parade Ground on King William Road) procession up King William Street into Victoria Square. The Procession will commence at 2.00pm and all are invited to attend with their parish or community.

Group assembly will begin from 1.30pm. Unless there is a severe weather warning the procession will take place, however it will conclude in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral

rather than Victoria Square. For more information, please contact the Events Office (8210 8220)

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



Stretch your horizons. Come and hear about the work of Vinnies in the Willunga/Aldinga area.

## OPEN FORUM

Sunday, 7 May, 2.00 - 4.00pm  
Aldinga Community Centre  
7 Stewart Ave, ALDINGA

- Ask any questions.
- Discover how you can be part of our wonderful work.

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## A ST PETERS' PARISHIONER AND THE CORONATION

In 1902 it was proposed by the Federal Government to spend about £35,000 on the celebration of the Coronation of the King Edward VII, the eldest son of Queen Victoria. Among other things, £16,000 was spent to send 150 soldiers to London. (*Border Watch 19 April 1902, p2*) One of the soldiers chosen was James Gregory Clarke, a member of the congregation at St Peters, Normanville.

He was born in 1877, the first son of James and Ada Clarke (nee Berry) of Wattle Flat near Yankalilla. He had fought in the Boer War which occurred between 1899 and 1902 between Dutch-Afrikaner (Boer) settlers and Britain and her colonies. It was the first war in which South Australians fought overseas. (*South African War Memorial (South Australia) - Wikipedia*)

With great excitement, the Adelaide paper reported that: the steamer 'Rome' has been selected to convey the complete contingent to London. The local men will join the vessel at Largs Bay on May 8. It has been decided that the troops shall wear plumes (to be supplied in England) in their hats. (*Express and Telegraph, 25 April 1902, p2*)

While her son James was in England, his mother, Ada, died: On Monday morning Mrs. James Clarke died suddenly... She leaves a large family. The eldest son is at present in England, being a member of the contingent which left this State to represent Australian soldiers at the Coronation. The funeral took place at the local Catholic Cemetery today. Father Mahar, of Willunga, officiated. (*Chronicle, 5 July 1902, p14*)

The Clarke family attended Mass at St Peter's Normanville and were committed supporters of the church and community. James' parents, James (senior) and his wife Ada, (who is also listed as Ida and Edith in the Registers), had a large family during the 1870s, 80s and 90s. Five of these births are recorded in the Parish Registers. James was baptised with his older sister Lillie on 28 October 1877:

Three of the Ada's and James senior's sons went to war. Fifteen years after James junior had gone to the Boer War, another two sons, Arthur and Frank, left for World War 1. Frank (pictured below) was killed in action at Lone Pine, Gallipoli in August 1915. (*The Journal 18 October 1915 p1*) Arthur died in 1916 at Pozieres in France. (*War Casualty Details 191008 | CWGC*)



Frank Clarke  
(*Observer, 23 October 1915, p38*)



Arthur Clarke  
([vwma.org.au/explore/people/](http://vwma.org.au/explore/people/))

Some years later, in 1949, the newspapers were still following the fortunes of the soldiers, and James Clarke junior and other returned soldiers are reported to have been on an annual holiday, laying wreaths and visiting soldier settlements on Kangaroo Island, illustrating their 'remarkable comradeship'. (*Chronicle 31 March 1949, p39*).

Researched and contributed by Michelle Cormack (Willunga Parish Archivist) for SA History Festival.



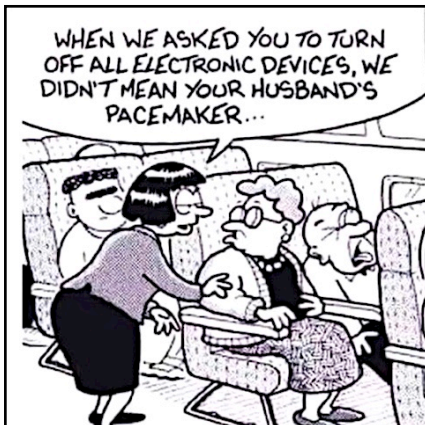
**ST VINCENT DE PAUL  
WINTER APPEAL**

Envelopes for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal will be distributed next weekend. Please give generously.

In particular, women over 55 are experiencing homelessness at alarming rates. Right now, in Australia, we're experiencing a range of crises: the escalating cost of living, a shortage in affordable housing, gender inequality which negatively impacts women's superannuation savings, and a rise in elder abuse, a form of family violence.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION**

There will be an opportunity for the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation for adults who have been baptised but not yet confirmed. This celebration will be held at the 6.00pm Mass at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Saturday July 29. Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will be the celebrant. Ahead of the confirmation there will be two preparation sessions for all candidates. These sessions will be held on Saturday July 15 and Saturday July 22, from 1.30 -3.00pm,



in the hall adjacent to the Cathedral. For further information and to register for Adult Confirmation, please contact the Office for Worship (8210 8130), or Kathy Horan (8210 8288).

**OFFICE FOR WORSHIP  
FORMATION EXPERIENCE**

The Adelaide Archdiocesan Office for Worship is providing a formation experience about the Eucharist, and all are invited to attend. To be held on five Thursday evenings from 7-9pm starting on June 1 in the Cathedral Hall, Wakefield St, Adelaide with free parking available. This course is also available via zoom for those who cannot attend in-person. Explore the history and development of the Eucharist according to the Roman rite. As well as focusing on the Eucharistic celebration itself, participants will gain insight and knowledge about Eucharistic devotions, consider architecture and space, and have the opportunity to develop practical skills in preparing for Eucharistic celebrations.

The registration fee is \$50. [officeforworship@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:officeforworship@adelaide.catholic.org.au) or phone 8210 8130 to register.

**DINNER AT 'THE ALMA'**

*Saturday 20 May  
6.30pm for 6.45pm start*

If you would like to enjoy a three-course meal, while helping to celebrate Sr Margaret Ann's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, please get in touch with Chris McWilliams (0451 144 776), Patsy/Jim Fitzpatrick (0409 336 328), Anna Rogers (0414 266 528) or Gael Maloney (0447 421 948) for more details and to RSVP. We need definite numbers (and payment) by next weekend - 14<sup>th</sup> May.

**PLEASE KEEP THESE  
PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Sick:** Muriel Smith, Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre Boyd, Derek Wade

**Anniversary:** Mary O'Brien (1 year), Patricia Harwood (4 years)

**DATES**

- 14 May Mothers' Day
- 14 May St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal
- 20 May Dinner at the Alma Hotel
- 11 Jun Holy Father's Appeal
- 12 Jun King's birthday holiday
- 25 Jun Sea Sunday Appeal
- 2 Jul NATSICC Appeal
- 7 Jul Last day School term 2
- 24 Jul First day School term 3
- 8 Aug St Mary of the Cross feast
- 13 Aug Vocations Appeal
- 15 Aug Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 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 St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal
- 15 Dec Last day School term 4
- 25 Dec Catholic Charities - Special Appeal

**MANDATED NOTIFIER  
BRIEFING**

You may not be aware that since 2017, all volunteers in Parishes are mandated notifiers by law, irrespective if they have a role with children or not.

*The relevant Act establishes that "a person who is an employee of, or volunteer in, an organisation formed for religious or spiritual purposes" is a mandated notifier.*

To ensure we have the necessary skills to identify and respond appropriately, we invite volunteers who have not yet participated in Child Safe Environments training or an equivalent course to attend a 90 minute Volunteer Briefing session facilitated by the Archdiocesan Child Protection Unit.

A Volunteer Briefing will be held in our Parish on Thursday, July 6 from 10.30am - 12.00noon in St Joseph's Hall, Willunga. More details later.

**ROSTERS**

<b>ALDINGA</b>	<i>Saturday 06 May</i>	<i>Saturday 13 May</i>
Welcomer	A Woodhouse, C McWilliams	Lorraine & Noah Ellis
Commentator	Cristina Tiedje	Michelle Cormack
Readers	Michelle Cormack	Ken Creevey
	Heidi Davidson	Brianna McIver
Eucharistic Minister	Francoise Creevey	Kerri Gould

<b>NORMANVILLE</b>	<i>Sunday, 07 May</i>	<i>Sunday, 14 May</i>
Welcomer	Peter Lloyd	Rita Steller
Commentator	Jim Fitzpatrick	Michael Steller
Reader	Jan Plumb	Jim Fitzpatrick
Altar/Cleaning	Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery	Trish Bohnsack, Rita Steller

<b>WILLUNGA</b>	<i>Sunday, 07 May</i>	<i>Sunday, 14 May</i>
Commentator	Vanda Farrall	Michael Hynes
Reader	Andrew Beach	Chris Dzamko
Eucharistic Minister	Michael Hynes	Norman Lee
Flowers	Tony Harding	Tony Harding
Church Linen	Viv Zagajewska	Wayne Best

## COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 05/05/23)



- 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

Today's gospel draws our attention to the time when Jesus will depart from the disciples (the Ascension is two weeks away). When Jesus is gone, the disciples must continue the task that he has begun. One can imagine their fear and uncertainty in being left with such a monumental challenge. Philip's question, 'Lord, how can we know the way?', shows their fear clearly enough. But help is available. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. He is both the map and the destination. Disciples are called to adopt Jesus' lifestyle, his approach to God, to others, to all creation. In living as Jesus did, living the life of faith, the disciples will know the truth and will have life. This life of faith and living the way of Jesus, God's way in the world, will enable the disciples not only to continue the work of Jesus but to perform even greater works.

- In what ways does living this life of faith get tested each day?
- What great works are you now called on to perform?
- What are some ways to continue to deepen your knowledge and love of Jesus?

### DID YOU NOW?

This text comes from a long section of John's Gospel known as the 'farewell discourse', during which Jesus gives final instruction to the disciples at the Last Supper. Perhaps this echoes something of your own experience of the period of mystagogy.

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### GOSPEL

**John 14:1-12**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

### HOW CAN WE KNOW THE WAY?

Thomas is the practical apostle. He had very little religious imagination. As we know, he couldn't invest himself in the resurrection of Jesus without hands-on experience of it. Here, we find that he isn't going to buy into the reign of God unless he can find it on MapQuest. And Jesus humours him by offering him something better than a roadmap: himself.

Jesus is the way. What does that mean? A generation ago, Christian bumper stickers read, "One Way," with an arrow pointing upwards. But maybe a more theologically accurate sign would point through - through the heart of the world, into the depths of humanity until we find the central spot where the Spirit dwells in us. It takes a lot of stillness, a lot of contemplation and quiet, to find that place. We can contemplate the world, in its beauty and suffering, or our own lives, or Scripture or the image of the cross. The mystery of the Kingdom is not "up" from here, but in our midst. We are the Body of Christ. If we're looking for Jesus, and the way, the yellow brick road starts right here. *GPBS eNews*

When you think of Jesus' good works, what's the first one you think of? Healing the blind man? Feeding the crowd with a few loaves and fish? Raising Lazarus from the dead? Jesus does these things to show he is the Son of God. But behind these works is Jesus' great love. When Jesus says those who believe in him will be able to do his great works, he isn't just talking about the Apostles. He's talking about us. When we believe in Jesus and let Jesus' love fill our hearts, we can do anything in Jesus' name. We really can! *GPBS eNews*

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS (08 - 15 May)

- **Monday, 08:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26)
- **Tuesday, 09:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31)
- **Wednesday, 10:** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8)
- **Thursday, 11:** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17)
- **Friday, 12:** Friday 5<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17)
- **Saturday, 13:** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21)
- **Sunday 14:** Sixth Sunday of Easter (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pet 3:15-18; Jn 4:15-21)

### 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.