



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - 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 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem,

but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

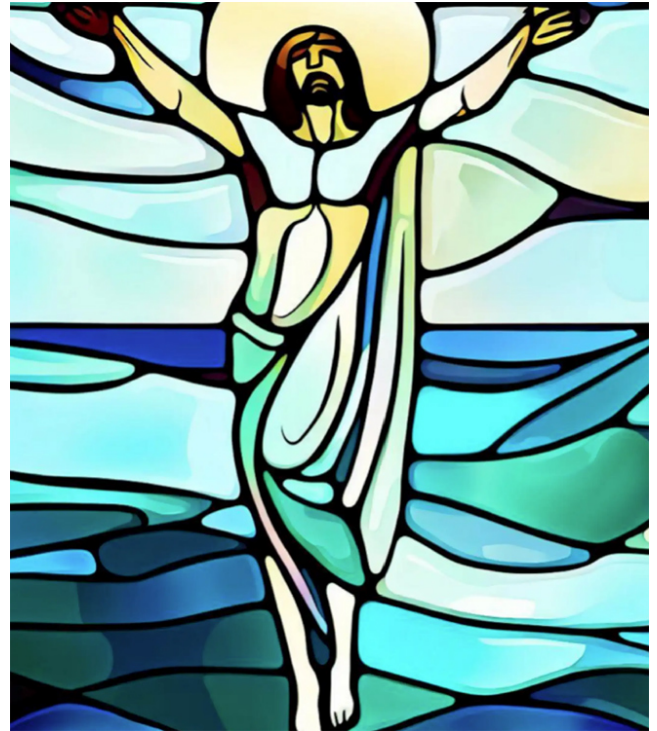
Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom of Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 46:2-3, 6-9

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.



SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 28:19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world. 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)

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

Acts 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, 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 will be conducted over the four weekends of May in all three Parish Mass Centres.

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a special collection this 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.

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 this 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.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

12 - 19 May

"You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself..."

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Australia is observed in the week between Ascension and Pentecost.

The theme this year was chosen by a working group from Burkina Faso. The specific context of Burkina Faso reflects the need to place love at the centre of the quest for peace and reconciliation. This search has often been undermined by the loss of values and of a shared sense of humanity and by a diminished concern for the common good, probity, integrity and patriotism. The search for reconciliation has also been weakened by spiritual impoverishment and by the pursuit of easy gains. Faced with these realities, the imperative to witness to the love of God is all the more pressing.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

Every year on the Sunday before Pentecost the Church celebrates the achievements of the communications media and focuses on how it can best use them to promote gospel values. In setting it up on Sunday 7th May 1967, less than two years after the Second Vatican Council, Pope Paul

VI, knowing that the Church is truly and intimately linked with mankind and its history, wanted to draw attention to the communications media and the enormous power they have for cultural transformation.

He and his successors have consistently recognised the positive opportunities the communications media afford for enriching human lives with the values of truth, beauty and goodness, but also the possibly negative effects of spreading less noble values and pressurising minds and consciences with a multiplicity of contradictory appeals.

INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY

In January 1974, 12 May was chosen to celebrate the day as it is the anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing. It marks the significant contribution that nurses make to society.

MOTHERS' DAY



In Australia, we have our own ways of celebrating this event. Unfortunately, it's not an official holiday here yet, but for that reason, the event takes place at the weekend. This means that families can come together and show appreciation for mothers in their family unit.

It's thought that Janet Heyden began the Australian tradition of Mother's Day in the wake of World War I. Lots of mothers had lost sons in the war, and Heyden encouraged citizens to give gifts to these women to help with their grief. And so, the seeds for Mother's Day were planted!

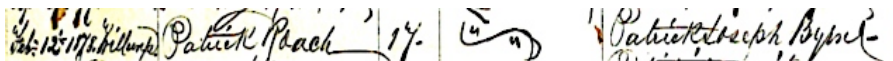


Among the unmarked graves in St Joseph's Cemetery is that of Patrick Roach:

Our Willunga correspondent, writing on February 12, (1878) says: — 'Our township has been saddened by the untimely death of a young man named P. Roach. It appears that he had a small boil on his face, and having pricked it with a pin it became poisoned. In a short time it grew very much worse, taking the form of erysipelas in the head. This drove the poor fellow almost (if not quite) mad, and he died on Monday evening— only the sixth day after he pricked the boil with the pin. This ought to be a lesson to persons not to use pins for any such purpose.' (South Australian Chronicle and Weekly Mail 16/2/1878, p8.)

Erysipelas develops when bacteria enter the skin through cuts or sores. Now antibiotics are used to treat erysipelas.

It is probable that the Roach family lived in Paddy's Row at White's Valley, east of Aldinga. In the 19th Century, the western side of Adey Rd between Aldinga Road Flour Mill Rd and Little Rd was commonly known as 'Paddy's Row' because of the number of Irish who lived there. Patrick's parents were John Roach and Mary Fitzpatrick. They were married at St Josephs, Willunga on 25 November 1857. John was a labourer who worked on council contracts. Neither John nor Mary could write - at their marriage and the baptisms of five of their children, they signed the Registers with their marks.



These children were Johanna (b 27/09/1858), Patrick (b 7/12/1860), Thomas (b 16/7/1862), John (27/8/1864) and Michael (b 13/9/1866).

Life in Paddy's Row could be challenging and it is unfortunate that often the only events recorded in the lives of most ordinary people were community disputes - Mary was fined a shilling after an argument with her neighbour Elizabeth O'Brien caused by stone throwing. Another neighbour, Owen Clark, was charged with kicking in the Roach's front door late one night. When he got into the house, he said, "What are you doing up at this time of night?" Mary told him to go away and that he was not sober. Clark went away soon afterwards, perhaps having mistook their house for his. (Adelaide Observer 18/5/1872 p7)

At the time of his death, their son Patrick was a labourer. One event in his life was recorded - a fight in October 1875 with a boy named Keane which resulted in his appearance at Willunga Courthouse: *Keane v. Roach.—Assault —'This case arose out of a challenge to fight. It seemed that Roach, a youth, kicked the informant in the stomach somewhat severely and a doctor was called. Fined 5s. and costs of Court and the doctor's expenses, £2 6s. 6d. in all.* (Adelaide Observer 16/10/1875, p5)

Willunga Parish priest, Fr Patrick Byrne, officiated at Patrick's burial in St Joseph's cemetery and recorded it in the Register there.

None of the other members of his family are recorded in the burials at St Josephs. (Michelle Cormack)

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.

Anniversaries: Patricia Harwood, Marie O'Brien

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

DATES

- 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

PARISH COLLECTIONS

27/28 April : 04/05 May

First collection	\$603.00
Envelopes	\$490.00
Unpledged	\$492.00

(Direct debits not included)

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated

I can't take my dog to the park any more, the ducks keep biting him. I should have known this would happen. He's pure bread

My wife and I have agreed to never go to bed angry with each other. So far we've been up for three days.

ROSTERS

ALDINGA *Saturday 11 May*
 Welcomer A Woodhouse, N Ellis
 Commentator Tricia Dundon
 Readers Brianna McIver
 Chris McWilliams
 Eucharistic Minister Judi Driscoll

Saturday 18 May
 School family Mass
 School family Mass
 David Manders
 Cristina Tiedje
 Kerri Gould

NORMANVILLE *Sunday, 12 May*
 Welcomer Peter Bohnsack
 Commentator Trish Bohnsack
 Reader Jim Fitzpatrick
 Altar/Cleaning Trish Bohnsack, Rita Steller

Sunday, 19 May
 Peter Lloyd
 Thia van Kuyk
 Michael Steller
 Patsy & Jim Fitzpatrick

WILLUNGA *Sunday, 12 May*
 Commentator Garry Triffett
 Reader Megan Chapman
 Eucharistic Minister Not required - Mass in Hall
 Flowers No flowers - Mass in Hall
 Church Linen Wayne Best

Sunday, 19 May
 Kim Calderbank
 Ian La Ronde
 Not required - Mass in Hall
 No flowers - Mass in Hall
 Margaret Guley

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

KIDS' CORNER

"... the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs." (Mark 16: 20)

Jesus performed a lot of miracles. He walked on water, healed the sick and even raised the dead. He did these signs to show people that he was the Son of God who loved them.

When Jesus left the earth and ascended into heaven, he continued to do miracles through his disciples. After all, he had given them a big job: to convert the whole wide world!

Miracles still happen through Jesus today. They may not always look like what you read in the Gospel stories, but they are there. Keep your eyes open for miracles. They show us that God is with us.

God, I believe you are with us today and every day. Amen.

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GOSPEL

Mark 16:15-20

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them: 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

UP, UP, AND AWAY

One of the very first homilies that I was supposed to preach as a newly ordained priest was the Solemnity of the Ascension. I was to preach at the children's liturgy. I stopped at the local shopping centre and picked up a dozen helium balloons to use as visual aids with the children in my homily. While driving to the church, the balloons somehow broke loose from one another in the back seat of my car. In my attempt to gather them all together as I drive into the car park of the church where all the children could see me as they waited in the steps, I ran my car into a metal post. The post stood firm. My car crashed to a stop. My nose was broken by the impact, my car inoperable, and my sermon went un-preached. I'm not sure what happened to the balloons.

There is a clear message in all of this besides the need to be a careful, undistracted driver. The message is quite simple. On our journey to heaven, there are going to be things that will surprise us, block our way, and might even stop us cold in our tracks. When that happens, broken and shaken up, we have to pick up the pieces and start all over again. We cannot give up.

So since that first Ascension "sermon" more than 30 years ago, I have bought balloons numerous times to use,

carefully brought them to church, and let them go as part of my sermon.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Jesus said to them, "Go into the world. Go everywhere and announce the message of God's good news to one and all. Whoever believes and is baptised is saved; whoever refuses to believe is damned."

"Time to go." We all know what that means. If you come from a family like mine, it means we're now entering into a period of goodbyes that make us loiter in the doorway for another half hour. Sooner or later, though, we're going to finish that final conversation, give that last hug, say the last I-love-you, and wish the travellers a safe journey home. And then they're gone. For a moment, there's an almost visible space in the room shaped just like Aunt Ida and the kids. That same shaped emptiness is curiously echoed in the heart. Even the silence sounds curiously like the folks who just left.

The disciples standing around after the Ascension must have experienced something like that. A Jesus-shaped space where he stood, a Jesus-sounding silence where he'd spoken. There was a space in their hearts, too, that would always long for him to fill it. And yet the same must have been true of them as it is for us when we take leave of loved ones. Their presence remains brilliantly in their absence. They're not here but are hardly gone for good. You can't kill love off that easily. Love never leaves the room. GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(13 - 20 May)

- **Monday, 13:** Monday, 7th week Easter (Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33)
- **Tuesday, 14:** St Matthias (Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17)
- **Wednesday, 15:** Wednesday, 7th week Easter (Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11-19)
- **Thursday, 16:** Thursday, 7th week Easter (Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26)
- **Friday, 17:** Friday, 7th week Easter (Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19)
- **Saturday, 18:** Saturday, 7th week Easter (Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25)
- **Sunday 19:** PENTECOST SUNDAY (Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25; Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15)

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.