



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

1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:9-14

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 129:5

*Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered.

'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.'
'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water,

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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)

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

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a Special Collection today to support the Vocations Appeal.

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.

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.

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

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

FREE PSYCHOLOGICAL FIRST AID TRAINING
Australian Red Cross

10.00am - 2.30pm
Wednesday 16 August
Wardli Youth Centre,
13 McKinna Road, Christie Downs

Developed in line with international best practice, Psychological First Aid training provides participants with the skills to provide basic emotional support and psychological first aid to people affected by emergency events.

Our qualified trainer will facilitate a 4-hour session with scenarios, role plays and more.

Bookings: by 5pm Monday 14 Aug
<https://pfa-16august.eventbrite.com.au>

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PUTTING FOOD ON THE TABLE
An important survey for all Onkaparinga residents

We're asking everyone over the age of eighteen in Onkaparinga to take a few minutes to fill out an important, anonymous survey.

We're trying to better understand issues relating to putting food on your table at home. Even if you don't experience these issues, we would still love you to fill out the survey as that will also help us understand the bigger picture. That's why we want to hear from you:

- Do you feel that you have enough food to eat on a regular basis?
- What impact does the rising cost of food have on you?
- What challenges do you face in accessing food, if any?

The survey responses will help us consider Council's role in this issue. Join the conversation and let's work together to ensure everyone in our community has access to healthy and affordable food options. Your input and ideas matter!

To take the survey and for more information, please visit the Your Say page [here](#). As the survey is anonymous, we'll also share the outcomes via the Your Say page. Paper versions will be available at our Community Centres, Customer Service offices and Libraries by the end of this week.

This survey is a joint initiative of the [City of Onkaparinga](#) and [City of Marion](#) in collaboration with [The University of Adelaide](#). Consultation closes on Sunday 27 August 2023.

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS
Sick: Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre Boyd, Jim Smith

Recently deceased: Beth Thomas (*Beth's funeral - Friday 11th at 11.00am at Function Room, McLaren Vale Motel*), Maura Lock (*Maura's funeral - 2.00pm, Tuesday 15th at St Joseph's*)

DATES

- 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

HOMELESSNESS WEEK

Homelessness Week, with it's theme "It's Time to end homelessness", finishes this weekend.

"All over the country, requests for assistance are increasing and we are seeing people who have previously never sought our help," Vinnies national president Mark Gaetani said.

"More and more people are seeking emergency relief to cover the basics, such as food vouchers, while they prioritise accommodation costs over other essentials. These are choices Australians should not have to make."

The society said it is acutely aware of the extra pressures the cost of living and the growing housing crisis is placing on people, increasing their risk of homelessness. Many more people are contacting Vinnies for help with rental arrears to avoid eviction. Others are couch surfing, living in tents and caravan parks, or forced to seek emergency accommodation.

"Charities cannot carry the burden of homelessness on their own. Today the Society is finding it increasingly difficult to meet the demand. More people are in need, but our resources cannot meet this stretch which means fewer people can be assisted," Mr Gaetani said.

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ROSTERS

ALDINGA *Saturday 12 August*
Welcomer Andrew Woodhouse
Commentator Tricia Dundon
Readers Brianna McIver
David Manders
Eucharistic Minister Judi Driscoll

Saturday 19 August
Lorraine, Noah Ellis
Chris McWilliams
Rod Boucher
Vivi Boucher
David Manders

NORMANVILLE *Sunday, 13 July*
Welcomer Peter Bohnsack
Commentator Michael Steller
Reader Jim Fitzpatrick
Altar/Cleaning Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery

Sunday, 20 August
Rita Steller
Thia van Kuyk
Ena Harvey
Trish Bohnsack, Rita Steller

WILLUNGA *Sunday, 13 August*
Commentator Vanda Farrall
Reader Megan Chapman
Eucharistic Minister Wayne Best
Flowers Anna Rogers
Church Linen Margaret Guley

Sunday, 20 August
Michael Hynes
John Tregage
Viv Zagajewska
Anna Rogers
Marie Cester

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 10/08/23)



- 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

A little noticed phrase in this text adds significantly to the way we understand this story. Jesus told the disciples to cross to the other side of the lake. In doing this they were heading away from the Jewish region and into gentile territory. The boat is a symbol of the Church and as such, we can detect in this text a reflection of the situation of Matthew's community who have been forced out of the synagogue and away from traditional Judaism. More and more, it is gentiles who are coming to belief in Jesus. This is causing fear and concern for some in the community.

Matthew gives a prominent place to Peter whose actions do not make sense except as a combination of impulsive love and faith weakened by doubt. While his full attention is on Jesus, Peter is fine, but as soon as he allows what is going on around him to distract him from Jesus, he begins to sink.

This text offers a parable of the Church besieged and being tossed about. Peter's response is to be bold and step out into the unknown, yet he is vulnerable. The great comfort is in the risen Lord stretching out his hand to restore morale. This manifestation of the power of Christ is greeted by that great acclamation of faith: Truly you are the Son of God.

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but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

(Matthew 14: 22 - 33)

Peter was a fisherman. He was long accustomed to the sea and its moods, and surely this was not the first stormy night he'd spent on the water. Peter knew how to compensate for wind and waves in choppy weather. He also knew there was a point beyond which negotiation with a tempest was impossible. But Peter had no experience at all with a ghost, or a man, walking on the waves. Like the others in the boat, he was afraid. But like the others, he was willing to negotiate with this new situation. Peter decided to take a walk on the wild side.

A fisherman who stays with his boat knows how to ride a wave. But with wind at his back and water under his feet, all Peter had for support was the steady view of his Lord. As his consciousness of the peril grew, his confidence in the Lord shrank. Many of us too have lost our faith in time of crisis. Our trust in God is steady within the boat, and up for grabs when life is less predictable. Peter scores points for risking a walk on the wild side, which the rest of the disciples were unwilling to do. An untested faith is worse than the "little faith" Peter showed. God can always plant a mustard seed.

When has your faith been tested by stormy events? How did your faith endure?

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DON'T MIND THAT SINKING FEELING

Have you ever tried to teach someone to swim? That was part of my job description when I volunteered at a youth ministry camp back in my uni days. Some of the kids took to the water like little otters, slipping and swooshing around and having a ball.

Others sank like the sand-filled milk bottles we used as anchors for the camp rowboats. The difference in outcomes had little to do with athletic ability and almost everything to do with fear – or lack of it. The ones who were not afraid swam like fish. The ones who were afraid of the water tended to splash and splutter wildly and sink, sink, sink – which of course did nothing to allay their fear of the water.

Peter demonstrates this principle quiet effectively in this week's gospel. Impetuous as always, when Peter sees the astounding sight of Jesus walking toward his boat in the middle of the night, he rushes out to meet him. But quickly he begins to realise what he has just done. Like a cartoon character that ran too far off a short pier, he starts to sink. Luckily for him, Jesus is standing nearby and stretches out his hand, catches him up, and brings him to safety.

As you navigate your way through the stormy waters of life, does fear give you a sinking feeling? Learn from Peter. Know that Jesus is always nearby, ready to stretch out a hand a catch you up and bring you to safety. All it takes is a little faith.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(14 - 20 August)

- **Monday, 14:** St Maximilian Mary Kolbe (Deut 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27)
- **Tuesday, 15:** The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Apoc 11:19, 12:1-6.10; 1 Cor 15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56)
- **Wednesday, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Deut 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20)
- **Thursday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Joshua 3:7-11, 13-17; Mt 18:21 - 19:1)
- **Friday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Joshua 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12)
- **Saturday, 19:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 19 (Joshua 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12)
- **Sunday 20:** 20th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28)

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.