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Welcome to

# Willunga Catholic Parish

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

(Part of the Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Cluster of Catholic Parishes)

**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 Rd, 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.

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# Bulletin Board

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon No Masses - Willunga Parish  
9.00am - Noarlunga  
Tue 9.15am - Aldinga  
Wed 9.00am - Willunga  
12noon - Normanville (*not the week with a 1<sup>st</sup> Friday*)  
Thur 9.00am - Willunga  
Fri 9.00am - Willunga  
1<sup>st</sup> Fri 9.00am - Willunga  
11.30am - Normanville

## WEEKEND MASSES

(Times on front page of this bulletin)

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Acts 1:11*

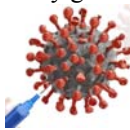
*Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.*

## CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Please remember to wear a mask if you would like to join in singing at Mass.

## GET VACCINATED FOR THE COMMON GOOD

Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection



for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically question-

able production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

## INDIA STRUGGLES WITH MASSIVE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19

India is struggling to control a massive surge in COVID-19 cases, with a death toll nearing 200,000. Yet the real death rate is likely much higher, as most deaths in the country are unregistered. Cities across India are struggling to manage a chronic shortage of hospital beds. Several major cities have nearly run out of hospital beds altogether, especially in ICU departments. Places of worship, sports complexes and even railway coaches have been converted into makeshift hospitals in order to keep up with the demand. Your donation today can support communities across Asia impacted by disasters. Visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/asia-regional-appeal/>

## COVID RESTRICTIONS PLEASE NOTE

The Archdiocesan restrictions haven't been changed or been updated recently. Those listed on the back page still apply. Thank you for your patience.

## LAUDATO SI' WEEK

16 - 24 May is a global celebration of the culmination of the Special Laudato Si' 5th Anniversary Year, and a celebration of the great progress the whole Church is making on its journey to ecological conversion. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's Office of Social Justice and Caritas Australia's Catholic Earthcare program are co-hosting a prayer and reflection event entitled Laudato Si' – Sowers of Hope on Friday May 21 at 5.30pm via Zoom – register [here](#) or at [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) For further information and support contact Peter Laffan ([impe@internode.on.net](mailto:impe@internode.on.net) or 0488 062 112).

Peter Laffan



## MAY IS HISTORY MONTH

*St Joseph's Presbytery, Willunga*

Early in 1848, when

Father O'Brien was appointed the first priest in charge of Willunga, there was no presbytery and he lived at Morphett Vale with Fr Snell. Later, Bishop Murphy bought four acres of heavily timbered land, part of which is now the St Joseph's precinct in Willunga and a small cabin was erected there for the priest.

*St Joseph's first resident priest, Fr Caldwell, remembered his arrival in 1850 to this Presbytery that was a lean-to [sic] consisting of 2 rooms, unplastered and the roof leaking. The ground was full of holes. The first thing I did was to persuade the Congregation to build a cottage for my servant. I went to the Bishop and said that if he would give me £5 I would build a cottage. He laughed at the extravagant amount but gave it to me and I bought some windows and built the chimney with it and Logan, Houghy and Finke built me the cottage. Afterwards, myself and my old man Tom connected it to my rooms with a verandah, plastered the rooms, built a wooden stable, made a garden, in a word worked as hard as Robinson Crusoe and his man Friday.<sup>1</sup> Caldwell also reported that government aid of \$50 was gained. He moved in to this presbytery on 10 May 1850 and they began to build the stable on May 18<sup>th</sup>.*

In the mid 1890s, after energetic fund raising across the parish from concerts, lectures, race meetings and stalls, the presbytery and church underwent major repairs. The Southern Cross reported on the third concert held in aid of the presbytery repairs, held at Yankalilla: *...knowing the people so well, I felt sure it would be a success. Well, I am very pleased to be able to say that the result far and away exceeded expectations. After paying all expenses, the sum of £16/10 was handed over to the Treasurer; a sum more than double the amount realized at the concerts at Willunga and Morphett Vale. Of the concert, although not present, I am informed on excellent authority that it was the best of its kind ever given at Yankalilla.<sup>2</sup>*

In August 1919, advertisements were placed in the newspapers for tenders for the addition of the four front rooms of the presbytery. Once again, the parishioners from Normanville, Willunga and Morphett Vale launched a series of fund raising events and working bees to alleviate the cost of this work. Photos also show that the large verandah was built at the same time, with wide steps leading down from the front door. The 'new' Presbytery was opened on Sunday November 14, 1920 when Fr Fahey was the parish priest of Willunga, Morphett Vale and Yankalilla.



*Fr Fahey's working group gathered on the North side of the presbytery in 1920*

From 1945, leading up to the Parish Centenary in May 1950, the presbytery and the church were further altered and upgraded. *All roads led to Willunga on Sunday last for the celebration of the centenary of St. Joseph's Church. The recently renovated church—a striking picture, flanked on one side by the presbytery gardens, and on the other by tombstones over the graves of the early parishioners—brought many memories to the hearts of those present.<sup>3</sup>*

<sup>1</sup> Brian Condon: Letters and Documents in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Australian Catholic History

<sup>2</sup> Southern Cross 27 January 1893 p8

<sup>3</sup> Southern Cross 12 May 1950 p7

Michelle Cormack (Parish Archivist)



## HOUSE SHARING, COMPANION

We have been contacted by a Catholic lady in her mid 60's who is having to move out of her current rented house at the end of May, due to the rental property being sold. The new owners want to start renovations asap.

She would be happy to share a house with someone already renting, who would appreciate sharing the rental and other costs. She would also be willing to provide live-in companionship to an older lady, who rents or lives in her own house and would like to stay there as long as possible, but would welcome the security of having someone else about - especially someone with a drivers' licence.

If you, or someone you know, would be interested, please contact Sr Margaret Ann (0488 287 552) or Gael Maloney (0447 421 948) for more details.

## ECUMENICAL SERVICE AT SEAFORD CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

Friday, 21 May at 10am

Followed by morning tea and chat at the SCC (SEM) Town Square Cafe. ALL WELCOME

## BIGGEST MORNING TEA



(Supporting Cancer Research)

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am at the SCC (SEM) Town Square Cafe.

Tickets: \$10 each  
RSVP: St Margaret Ann (0488 287 552)

ALL WELCOME

## CYCLONE SEROJA APPEAL DIOCESE OF GERALDTON

Cyclone Seroja has inflicted major damage on a number of churches, presbyteries, school buildings and other premises of the Diocese of Geraldton. Enormous damage was also done to many farms, businesses and homes within those communities and across the farming areas.

The diocese is seeking the support of other Catholics to help rebuild these communities. For more info and to make a donation, please visit: [www.geraldtondiocese.org.au](http://www.geraldtondiocese.org.au)

## PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED IN CHINA

As you may be aware, the situation for people of faith in China is dire. Christians, Buddhists, Muslims and other believers are routinely persecuted, imprisoned and tortured. On March 14, the President of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences, Cardinal Charles Bo, issued a call for a week of prayer for the Church and the people of China.

"On behalf of the Church throughout Asia, as President of the Federation of Asian Bishops Conferences, I would like to call on the faithful to extend that to a week of prayer for the Church in China and the people of China, from Sunday May 23 until Sunday May 30." Please see attached a copy of this [statement](#).

## PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** George Gater, Abbey McIver, Veronica Shortland, Muriel Smith, Jeff Gray, Violet Gilli, Colin and Roma Whitford.

**Anniversaries:** Cath Roocke. Mick Fitzpatrick

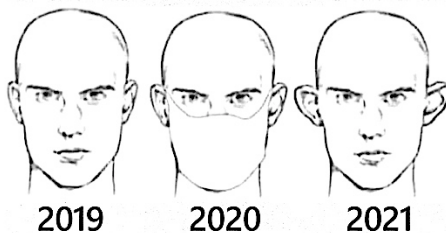
**Recently deceased:** Joy Gould (mother of Aldinga parishioner Georgina Sard)

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

## DATES

- 16 May Community Day - St Joseph's Hall - with Fr Tom
- 21 May Ecumenical Service - SCC
- 23 May Pentecost Sunday
- 30 May Trinity Sunday
- 6 June Corpus Christi
- 15 Aug Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary
- 8 Aug Feast of St Mary of the Cross
- 4 Oct Labour Day holiday
- 1 Nov All Saints' Day
- 2 Nov All Souls' Day
- 21 Nov Christ the King
- 28 Nov First Sunday of Advent
- 5 Dec Second Sunday of Advent
- 12 Dec Thirds Sunday of Advent

## EVOLUTION



2019

2020

2021

## ROSTERS

**ALDINGA**  
Commentator  
Readers

**Saturday 15 May**  
Bob Daly  
Brianna McIver  
Rod Boucher

**Saturday 22 May**  
Michelle Cormack  
Heidi Davidson  
Bob Daly

**NORMANVILLE**  
Welcomer  
Commentator  
Reader  
Altar/Cleaning

**Sunday, 16 May**  
John Smith  
Judy Millington  
Thia Van Kuyk  
A Henriksen, J Hore

**Sunday, 23 May**  
Peter Lloyd  
Ann Henriksen  
Antoinette Fleming  
A Henriksen, J Hore

**WILLUNGA**  
Commentator  
Reader  
Flowers  
Church Linen

**Sunday, 16 May**  
Wayne Best  
Vanda Farrall  
Mary Moore  
Marie Cester

**Sunday, 23 May**  
Vanda Farrall  
Ian La Ronde  
Rebecca Pace  
Wayne Best

- If you love something, set it free, if it comes back, it's yours. If it doesn't, it never was. If it just sits there on the sofa, watching television, unaware that it's been set free, you probably married it or gave birth to it!
- I have a pencil that used to be owned by William Shakespeare, but he chewed it and now I can't tell if it's 2B or not 2B.



## COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(May, 2021)

Different rules apply for Churches with fixed or non-fixed seating. Please check with your Church for details on how seating is handled.

- For fixed seating 100% of available seats may be used, provided 100% of attendees wear masks. If 75% of seats are used, masks are not necessary.
- The non-fixed seating capacity is worked on 3:4sqm. No masks are required for this density. Masks are essential for anything more than the capped density.
- Singing as a congregation may recommence, provided masks are worn.
- No beverage or food consumption (ie cup of tea after Mass)
- Social distancing is still recommended.
- There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- Every gathering must record contact details - either with the QR code for smart phones, or the handwritten log - both located at the entrance to the Church.
- Hand sanitizer is to be available at church entrances.
- Offertory procession will be omitted. Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed
- Collection plates will not be passed around but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- All surfaces should be cleaned at least daily, with special attention given to frequently touched surfaces.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people should be encouraged not to attend.
- Care should be taken at the dismissal and on leaving the church to minimise social contact.
- The obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage.

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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!*

### 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.

### SHARING THE TRADITION

The Ascension is not the celebration of a physical journey into the skies or the clouds, even though religious art often portrays this event in that way. The celebration of the Ascension of the Lord developed in the early Church to mark the fact that there was a period when Jesus of Nazareth was physically present and a subsequent period when he was no longer present in the same way. Heaven is often portrayed as a 'place' in the skies, but this can diminish the Christian understanding of heaven.

Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfilment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness ... This mystery of blessed communion with God and all who are in Christ is beyond all understanding and description.

Heaven is fully participating in the life of God. It is our ultimate destiny. St Augustine said, 'Our lives are restless until they find rest in God.'

### DID YOU KNOW

- These final verses of Mark's Gospel were a later addition to the original ending of the women at the empty tomb. They show that from the earliest of times, the disciples realised that although Jesus was no longer physically present, 'the Lord was working with them.'
- The word *apostle* comes from the Greek for 'one who is sent out'.
- Mark uses the dramatic figures of speech about serpents and poisons to illustrate that those who believe in the Good News and preach it can overcome all that threatens or destroys life.

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(17 - 23 May)

- **Monday, 17:** Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33)
- **Tuesday, 18:** Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11)
- **Wednesday, 19:** Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11-19)
- **Thursday, 20:** Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26)
- **Friday, 21:** Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19)
- **Saturday, 22:** Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> week of 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 of the sick or last rites contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).