



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 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

Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 64:10-14

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only

creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live forever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

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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)

15 July	5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
16 July	8.30am - Willunga, Fr Josy 10.30am - N/ville, Fr Tom
22 July	5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy
23 July	8.30am - N/ville, Fr Dominick 10.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom
29 July	5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
30 July	8.30am - Willunga, Fr Josy 10.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

BIBLE LANDS STUDY TOUR 5 - 21 JANUARY 2024

Rev Dr Michael Trainor, Senior Lecture in Biblical Studies at ACU, conducts Bible Lands Study Tours that are endorsed by the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide, and has done so yearly for over 25 years.

The tours are conducted over the December/January period – departing just after Christmas and touring for 3-4 weeks on average.

If anyone is interested and would like more information, please contact the Parish Office and we will send out more details including itinerary, costs, health requirements etc.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter invites couples for a virtual marriage encounter weekend to enrich and revitalise your sacrament of service. It allows you to grow in your relationship with your spouse.

What: Virtual weekend via Zoom

When: August 18 – 20 2023

Time: Commencing at 6.30pm on Friday and concluding at 4.00pm Sunday

Booking – <https://www.wvme.org.au>
For all enquiries and bookings, contact Joy or Charlie (0411 289 462)
Email: sabookings@wvme.org.au or wvmecentral@gmail.com
Visit: <https://www.wvme.org.au> - for testimonies and update.

RETREAT MORNING WITH FR DENIS AT THE MONASTERY

Our next retreat morning with Fr Denis Travers is fast approaching! ‘Quiet Light’ will commence on the morning of July 22 in the Foley Room. Coffee will be available from 9.00am and the retreat will begin at 9.30am and conclude at 12.30pm. A suggested donation of \$20 will be accepted on the day.

Please contact The Monastery Office on 8338 8700 to register, all welcome!

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.

MARY MACKILLOP PRECINCT July/August/September Events Program

There is something for everyone in our 2023 Events program, and we hope that you will accept the [attached booklet](#) as a personal invitation to participate in one, some, or all, of the events on offer.

INSTRUMENTUM LABORIS

The Holy See has published the Instrumentum Laboris (IL) for the First Assembly of Synod in October. <https://www.synod.va/en/synodal-process/the-universal-phase/documents.html>
The IL consists of a text and 15

worksheets which highlight the characteristics of the synodal Church. These have emerged through the experience of the past two years. Three priority issues have been identified that require further in-depth discernment. These are explored further through a series of five worksheets aimed at supporting the discernment of the next steps for the Church to become more synodal. The ACBC’s media release statement discusses the way forward and highlights the provision of additional resources. This document can be found here: <https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/church-leaders-in-australia-welcome-synod-working-document/>

As the Church prepares for the Synod, all members are invited to join in preparation for the Together ecumenical prayer vigil, which will take place in Rome on September 30 2023, prior to the Opening of the Synod. To support preparations, there are various liturgical resources on the Together website available for use. <https://together2023.net/info-page/monthly-support-documents/>

IMAGINATION, FRIENDSHIP & SPIRITUALITY

“Imagination, Friendship and Spirituality” is part of a paper presented at the 2022 Receptive Ecumenism V International Conference in Sweden. It was received and lauded for its vitality and renewed approach to unity in the diverse family of God, raising practical and grounded ways that we can engage together.

Come and enjoy a coffee and

**NEW ECO FRIENDLY
FLEET OF VEHICLES
HEADED TO DEALERS
NEAR YOU!**



conversation - Sunday July 23
2.00pm - 4.00pm at St John's Halifax
St Anglican Church Hall, 379 Halifax
Street, Adelaide.

For further information and to RSVP,
please contact Rev Anne Hewitt
(0475 016 789) or
eo@churchestogethersa.org.au

**WOMEN'S AFTERNOON
RETREAT**

Sunday July 30, 1.00 - 5.00pm
Bethany Centre, Mary MacKillop
Precinct, 4 High St, Kensington, SA

An afternoon of talks, guided
scripture meditation, quiet personal
reflection time, sharing and simply
being in peaceful surroundings.

For more information and to book
contact Rachel:
rachelfleurant.mgl@gmail.com or
Petranel: petranelferrao@gmail.com
(please book by July 23)



ROSTERS

ALDINGA *Saturday 15 July*
Welcomer Rose Sulda
Commentator Michelle Cormack
Readers Cristina Tiedje
David Manders
Eucharistic Minister Maria Jarvis-Maack

NORMANVILLE *Sunday, 16 July*
Welcomer Tim Fleming
Commentator Thia van Kuyk
Reader Ann Henriksen
Altar/Cleaning Patsy & Jim Fitzpatrick

WILLUNGA *Sunday, 16 July*
Commentator Marie Andrews
Reader Chris Dzamko
Eucharistic Minister Michael Hynes
Flowers Michael Hynes
Church Linen Anna Rogers

**FROM
ARCHBISHOP O'REGAN**

“Grace and peace, I hope that this note
finds you well.

The Archdiocese is a community of
Communities. While each Parish,
School and Community has its own
identity, structure and leadership, we
are united in the love of Christ as the
Church, and filled with God's Holy
Spirit for mission.

Our diversity is always a gift to be
cherished and celebrated but it is also
good to be reminded of what we share
in common. Together, we are the
Body of Christ, and each of us
members of that Body, called to serve.
So it is with great joy and hope that
we present to you the Vision and
Mission Statements of our
Archdiocese of Adelaide.

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan”

**Our Archdiocesan Vision
and Mission Statement**

Vision

The Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide
strives to be a welcoming, Christ-
centred community of believers
serving others. As missionary
disciples we are committed to
building up the Body of Christ by
listening, discerning and growing in
the spirit, journeying together.

Mission Statement

As followers of Jesus Christ, loved by
God, nurtured and formed in
community we are called to be:

- Sharers of faith, hope and love
- Builders of bridges
- Healers of broken relationships
- Agents of transformation in our world.

**PLEASE KEEP THESE
PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Sick: Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack,
Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre
Boyd, David Guley, Paul Hancock,
Mgs Robert Aitken, Beth Thomas

Recently deceased: Mary Kennedy
*(Mary's funeral will be held at St Peter's,
Normanville at 11.00am on Monday, 17 July)*
Fr Kevin O'Loughlin *(Fr Kevin was PP
at Victor Harbor/Goolwa from 1987 - 1993)*

DATES

- 23 Jul World Day for Grandparents
- 24 Jul First day School term 3
- 1 Aug World Youth Day
- 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 Vinnies Christmas
Appeal
- 15 Dec Last day School term 4
- 25 Dec Catholic Charities Appeal

**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.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
PAYNEHAM CONFERENCE
MOVIE FUNDRAISER**

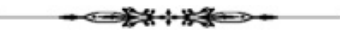
Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny
Sunday July 23, the Regal Theatre,
275 Kensington Road, Kensington
Park. Doors open 3pm, movie
commences 4pm. \$25 donation
includes movie ticket, ice cream,
drinks and nibbles. Children 5-12
years \$15. Purchase tickets online at
www.trybooking.com/CHZCS or
phone Grace on 0402 181 694 for
cash purchases (cash only for
children's tickets).

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 13/07/23)



- 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

This parable would have had a great appeal to the rural population living on the fertile land around the Sea of Galilee. There, the gentle undulating hills are green and verdant. This is a sharp contrast to the desert wilderness of the southern part of the province of Judea around Jerusalem.

Jesus explains the meaning of the parable of the sower. The different soils represent different human responses to hearing the word of God. The message is that, despite some failures, the sower's work ultimately succeeds. Not everyone is open to receiving the word and acting on it but there is encouragement for those who allow the word to take root and bear fruit.

DID YOU KNOW?

- A parable is a simple human story with a profound meaning.
- Parables were a familiar way of teaching in the time of Jesus and some images had set meanings. For example, a vineyard, sons or servants represented Israel, while a master, king or father represented God.
- The Sea of Galilee is also known as Lake Gennesaret as as Lake Tiberius. Jesus' base for his preaching ministry in the region was at the town of Capernaum.
- Archeological excavations in Capernaum have revealed a house that was revered from very early times as "the house of Peter".

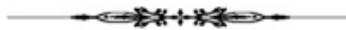
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Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied, 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'



PATIENT GARDENER

Jesus said, "What do you make of this? A farmer planted seed. As he scattered the seed, some fell on the road, and birds ate it. Some fell in the gravel; it sprouted quickly but didn't put down roots, so when the sun came up it

withered just as quickly. Some fell in the weeds; as it came up, it was strangled by the weeds. Some fell on good earth, and produced a harvest beyond his wildest dreams. Are you listening to this? Really listening?" (Matthew 13: 3 - 9)

I planted my first-ever garden. I have no idea what I'm doing. I searched online for "what plants grow like crazy". Bishop's weed. "Spreads quickly and difficult to eradicate," the description said. Sounds like good ground cover to me, and it's prettier than the name implies. I already have a rose of Sharon (of Song of Solomon fame) and a burning bush (which turns red in autumn), so I decided to stick with the religious theme and added a lily of the valley, also known as Mary's tears and a symbol of purity and humility. Finally, I planted two bleeding hearts to represent the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts of Jesus and Mary. With so many allusions of my faith already, I think a statue of Saint Francis of Assisi would be overkill!

All of the plants I chose are hardy, the kinds of plants Jesus was talking about in his parable about seeds that bear fruit. I relate more to the giant unruly lilac along my driveway. It has an invasive tree growing up in the middle that I can't get rid of no matter how much I hack at it, and it hasn't bloomed in two years because of unusually long, cold winters. I wanted to rip the whole thing out, by my best friend, an experienced gardener, advised that I give it another year. I trust that God is as patient with me. GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(17 - 23 July)

- **Monday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34 - 11:1)
- **Tuesday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Ex 2:1-15; Mt 11:20-24)
- **Wednesday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27)
- **Thursday, 20:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30)
- **Friday, 21:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Ex 11:10 - 12:14; Mt 12:1-8)
- **Saturday, 22:** St Mary Magdalene (Song 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18)
- **Sunday 23:** 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-30)

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.