



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

TWENTY-FOURTH 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

Ecclesiasticus 27:30 -28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4, 9-12

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

SECOND READING

Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we

die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt.

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Bulletin Board

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)

16 Sep 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy
17 Sep 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Josy
10.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy
23 Sep 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
8.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy
10.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE - PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE

Chamber Philharmonia Cologne have confirmed they are available for two concerts at St Joseph's on Sunday 28 January, 2024 - one at 3.00pm and a later one at 8.00pm. Put the date in your calendar now.

As soon as we know how much the tickets are, we will let you know. We always give our parishioners the opportunity to book before the posters start going up around the district. The tickets make great Christmas presents for those difficult-to-buy-for people.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Place an order for your 2024 Columban Calendar now. This year they are \$10 each. Please put the correct money in an envelope (clearly marked with your name) and hand it to Sr Margaret Ann, or return it to the Parish Office.

PLANNED GIVING

If you haven't been receiving Planned Giving envelopes and would like to be included, or if you have been using them and would like to begin paying by Direct Credit online, please get in touch with treasurer Thia van Kuyk (phone 0428 238 397, email tntvank65@gmail.com) We are about to prepare the envelopes for the next year and will assume you want to go on as is, if we don't hear from you.

BIG SING McLaren Vale

HAYDN'S THE CREATION

Tatachilla Lutheran College
Sunday 24 September at 300pm

- Conducted by Graham Abbott
- Soloists: Ruth Blythman, Robert Macfarlane, Pekman Andrews
- Big Sing Chorus
- Adelaide Concert Orchestra



Book your tickets today at bigsing.org.au or scan the QR code

SEPTEMBER IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES MONTH

Help make a difference to the lives of South Australians

In the month of September, we are promoting the Catholic Charities Appeal which supports the following agencies in South Australia: Hutt St Centre, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Centacare Catholic Family Services, Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's Special Schools.



Make a donation:

- online: www.adelaide.catholic.org.au
- post: Catholic Charities Appeal, Reply Paid 912, GPO Adelaide, SA 5001
- scan the QR code

SILENT RETREAT AT THE MONASTERY

Join us for some quiet, personal reflection on our silent retreat led by Fr Tony Edgar CP and Fr Pastor Mumburi CP.

The retreat will commence with dinner on Friday October 6 and conclude with breakfast on Thursday October 12. Contact The Monastery office on 8338 8700 or conference@themonastery.net.au

THE VOICE REFERENDUM

On October 14, Australian citizens will vote in the referendum on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament.

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan is encouraging Catholics to prayerfully reflect on the upcoming referendum and inform themselves from reliable sources such as:

www.indigenousvoice.church or www.catholic.au or www.voice.gov.au. Please [Click here](#) for correspondence from Archbishop Patrick O'Regan.

POPE APPEALS TO INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO HELP LIBYA

Caritas agencies are responding to flooding in Libya where at least 5300 lives have been lost and more than 10,000 people are missing, as Pope Francis appealed for the international community to come to the aid of the hard-hit nation.

Heavy storms from Cyclone Daniel caused two dams to burst on Monday, sweeping entire neighbourhoods from the city of Derna into the sea. The storms also caused severe weather conditions including strong winds and sudden heavy rainfall, causing widespread damage to homes and infrastructure.

"The situation in Libya is disastrous, with reports of entire neighbourhoods being swept away in some areas. People impacted by these floods will have immediate need of emergency shelter, access to clean drinking water, food and medicine. Caritas agencies are working to assess the damage and



get help to those who need it most," said Melville Fernandez, Caritas Australia's Humanitarian Emergencies Associate Director.

On Tuesday, Pope Francis expressed his "heartfelt spiritual closeness to the injured, to those who fear for their missing loved ones and to the emergency personnel providing rescue and relief assistance".

He invited all the faithful to join him in praying for those who have lost their lives, their families and those who have been displaced in Libya. To support Caritas' work in Libya, visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/libya>
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POPE RENEWS PRAYERS FOR VICTIMS OF DEADLY EARTHQUAKE IN MOROCCO

Pope Francis has expressed his condolences for the thousands of people who have died or were affected by the devastating earthquake that struck central Morocco last Friday.

The 6.8-magnitude quake struck on Friday night in the mountainous region southwest of Marrakesh, causing widespread damage and destruction. At least 2000 people

have been confirmed dead in the central city of Marrakesh and surrounding areas.

Speaking at the Angelus prayer the Pope offered his closeness to the "dear Moroccan people".

He prayed for the injured and those "many people" who have died and for their families. "I thank the rescue workers and those who are seeking to alleviate people's suffering," he said. "May the concrete aid of everyone sustain the people in this tragic moment." *CathNews*

AFTERNOON DEVONSHIRE TEA

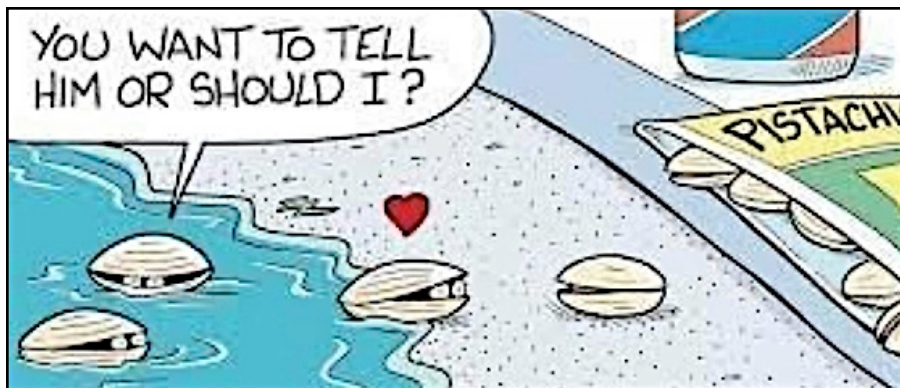


(Scones, jam, cream, tea, coffee provided)

**Sunday, 15th October
2.00pm - 4.00pm**

Galilee Community Room

*Table games provided for children
Gold coin donation please
Everyone welcome*



ROSTERS

ALDINGA *Saturday 16 September*
Welcomer Lorraine, Noah Ellis
Commentator Chris McWilliams
Readers Cristina Tiedje
David Manders
Eucharistic Minister Judi Driscoll

Saturday 23 September
Kate Manders
Tricia Dundon
Michelle Cormack
David Manders
Mario Bacchin

NORMANVILLE *Sunday, 17 September*
Welcomer Peter Bohnsack
Commentator Michael Steller
Reader Ann Henriksen
Altar/Cleaning Patsy and Jim Fitzpatrick

Sunday, 24 September
Rita Steller
Ann Henriksen
Michael Steller
Ann Henriksen + volunteer

WILLUNGA *Sunday, 17 September*
Commentator Anna Rogers
Reader Chris Dzamko
Eucharistic Minister Marie Cester
Flowers Mary Moore
Church Linen Wayne Best

Sunday, 24 September
John Tregagle
Marie Cester
Michael Hynes
Vanda Farrall
Margaret Guley

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre Boyd, Jim Smith, Stephen Bostock, Janette McIver, Anne-Marie, David Scott

Recently deceased: Sr Moya Lantry, Robert McCarthy

DATES

- Sep Catholic Charities Month
- 19 Sep Creative Corner - Aldinga
- 21 Sep World Peace Day
- 29 Sep Coffee - Louis, Aldinga
- 29 Sep Last day School term 3
- 2 Oct Labour Day
- 3 Oct Creative Corner - Aldinga
- 13 Oct Coffee - Louis, Aldinga
- 16 Oct First day School term 4
- 17 Oct Creative Corner - Aldinga
- 22 Oct World Mission Day
- 27 Oct Coffee - Louis, Aldinga
- 31 Oct Creative Corner - Aldinga
- 10 Nov Coffee - Louis, Aldinga
- 12 Nov Vinnies Christmas Appeal
- 14 Nov Creative Corner - Aldinga
- 24 Nov Coffee - Louis, Aldinga
- 28 Nov Creative Corner - Aldinga
- 3 Dec St Peter's Christmas BBQ
- 8 Dec Coffee - Louis, Aldinga
- 15 Dec Last day School term 4
- 25 Dec Catholic Charities Appeal
- 14 Jan Women's Tour Down Under event - Willunga
- 20 Jan Men's Tour Down Under event - Willunga
- 28 Jan Philharmonia Cologne concerts 3.00pm and 8.00pm

COLLECTIONS

02/03 and 09/10 September

First collection \$986.00
Second collection \$502.00
Envelopes \$600.00
(Direct debits not included)

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.

Fish .. an animal that grows the fastest between the time it's caught and the time the angler describes it to their friends.

I'd be unstoppable, if not for law enforcement and physics.

A priest, a pastor and a rabbit entered a clinic to donate blood. The nurse asked the rabbit, "What's your blood type?". The rabbit replied, "I'm probably a type O".

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 14/09/23)



- 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

SHARING THE TRADITION

In the life of the Church the sacrament which celebrates forgiveness is the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance. Baptism into the community of Christ included an element of forgiveness of sin, but what happened when one of the faithful sinned again after baptism? In the early Church they grappled with the problem of people who denounced their faith in the face of persecution or committed a grave offence like murder or adultery. How often were they to be forgiven and reinstated to the community? In those early centuries, forgiveness required a public confession and public penance like the wearing of sack-cloth and ashes. Gradually the Celtic monastic practice of having a spiritual guide became more popular. This was a person with whom one had regular contact and with whom one shared failings and concerns. From this practice, the sacrament of confession and administration of forgiveness and penance became more private and auricular (heard). This is now the norm of the Church except in exceptional circumstances.



Help each other through

SEPTEMBER IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES MONTH

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Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

THE EMBRACE OF SIN

(Matthew 18: 21 - 35)

If ever someone was locked in the embrace of sin, it's the servant in this parable about mercy. Though compassion is shown to him, he's incapable of returning it. Watch the way he treats his fellow servant! His unforgiveness imprisons him in the same way.

The spirit of unforgiveness lurks in Peter's question about "how much" forgiveness is required. What he's really asking is: When can I reasonably refuse to forgive those who offend me? Surely there's a limit to how much forgiveness is strictly necessary.

Jesus won't play this game. Jesus paints God as a king willing to forgive an outrageous sum owed him, not because it's necessary – a king has no obligation to forgive anything – but for compassion's sake. Peter, in the guise of the first servant, sees his anger against his brother as actually justifiable. In the world of gospel parable, that attitude is destined for destruction. Holding others bound to their sin poisons our love. Our

forgiveness reveals how far short we fall of the mercy God shows to us. When I'm in opposition to a sister or brother, I know it's for my sake, as much as for theirs, that I find my way to forgiveness. To the extent that I choke my neighbour with my wrath, that's how far the embrace of sin has choked the love out of me.

Whom do you find hardest to forgive? What makes it hard, and what price do you pay for unforgiveness?

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KIDS' CORNER

Anna is learning to play a song on the piano, but her fingers keep hitting the wrong keys. It takes two weeks of practice before Anna can finally play the whole song through without any mistakes. But what if Anna only had one chance to get it right? Do you think she could do it? Could anyone? Probably not.

Jesus knows that we sometimes sin over and over again. But he doesn't give us only one chance. He wants us to know that we can keep asking for forgiveness and trying to do better. Of course, Jesus wants us to treat others the same way too.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(18 - 24 September)

- **Monday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 24 (1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10)
- **Tuesday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 24 (1 Tim 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17)
- **Wednesday, 20:** St Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and companions (Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26)
- **Thursday, 21:** St Matthew (Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13)
- **Friday, 22:** Weekday, Ord Time 24 (1 Tim 6:12; Lk 8:1-3)
- **Saturday, 23:** St Pius of Pietrelcina (1 Tim 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15)
- **Sunday 24:** 25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 2:-1-16)

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.