



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

- Fr Josy Sebastian (*Fr Josy away on annual leave until September 22*)
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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

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table. She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.' To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33:2-3, 10-15

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in

your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 6:56

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowd:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said.

Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my

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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

AUGUST WEEKEND MASSES

(NB: This roster may be changed if something unforeseen crops up)

17 Aug 5.30pm, Aldinga - Fr Dominick
18 Aug 8.30am, Willunga - Fr Dominick
10.30am, N/ville - Fr Tom
24 Aug 5.30pm, Aldinga - Fr Dominick
25 Aug 8.30am, N/ville - Fr Dominick
10.30am, Willunga - Fr Dominick
31 Aug 5.30pm, Aldinga - Fr Dominick

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed
one; one day within your courts is
better than a thousand elsewhere.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Place an order for your 2025
Columban Calendar soon. Next
year's calendar includes the
following features:

- New design with more space to fit your notes on the date pad.
- Bible verses for hope and healing each month.
- Free online Art Guide resource - *Visio Divina* available by scanning the QR codes in the calendar or at: www.columban.org.au/artguide

This year they are \$11each. Please contact Gael Maloney (0447 421 948) if you would like to place an order, or send \$11 in an envelope (marked with "Columban Calendar" and your name) in the Mass bag at your centre.

Gael Maloney

BLESSING OF MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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 Gael Maloney (0447 421 948) know of the details, so they may be acknowledged at the Anniversaries

Mass in September.

ACBC RESEARCH PROJECT ABSENT FROM THE TABLE

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is undertaking a research project aimed at investigating why some Catholics do not participate in regular weekly Sunday Mass (Sunday Mass includes the Saturday Vigil). <https://bit.ly/AbsentFromTheTableSurvey>

The survey closes on Tuesday, 20 August. Parishioners are encouraged to reach out to those they know who could participate in the survey.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our office.
+Patrick O'Regan +

WILLUNGA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

At our August Parish Pastoral Council meeting we spent a lot of time discussing replacement of Sr Margaret Ann's duties across the Parish.

We are very grateful for the numerous volunteers in each Mass centre for helping to replace these duties. However, we are aware there is a shortage of people visiting or taking communion to residents in nursing homes.

If this is an area of service you are interested in supporting, please let your local Pastoral Council member know (list on page 4).

At our next meeting in October, we will discuss outcomes from the recent diocesan assembly and will share thoughts about a whole parish gathering.

If you ever have any items, you would like the members to discuss please let your local representative know.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE (Kammerphilharmonie Köln)

The Chamber Philharmonia Cologne group have been in touch to announce they will be touring Australia again in 2025.

St Joseph's has been offered two concerts - one on Saturday evening and another next day, on Sunday afternoon. At this time they are planning to be with us a little later than in the past, on 8th and 9th of March (end of January previously). Put the date in your calendar now.

More details (costs, times, etc) when they become available.

SCAM EMAILS

There are several scam emails going around again - will they ever give up? The current ones mostly ask for gift cards or bitcoin donations and appear to come from Fr Josy.

Please be aware of these scams and trash anything that looks irregular, before you go ahead and open them. None of our priests will ever ask you for money.

CATHOLIC EARTH CARE CONVOCATION 2024

*Thursday September 12 -
Saturday September 14*

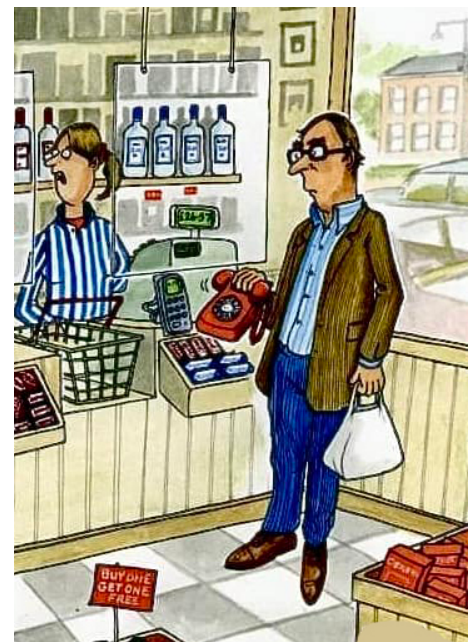
Join us online to celebrate the Season of Creation in 2024 at our Catholic Earthcare Convocation!

We are called to 'Wonder, Weave and Heal' Earth and the whole of creation. Gather online during Day 1 and 2 to engage in keynote presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences.

Day 3 of the convocation has us gathering together in our diocese to transform our learnings into action. For more information visit: catholicearthcare@caritas.org.au

ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr Josy is away on Annual Leave until 22 September.



"Nathan, there's a gentleman here wanting to pay with his phone."

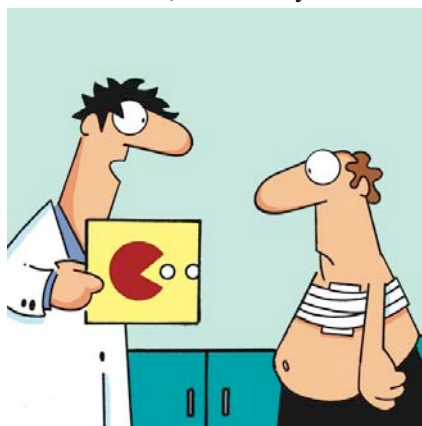
LOVE'S BAPTISMAL ROBE

At the beginning of every love, romantic or not, the dream for that love is connected to an ideal of purity, mutuality, and respect. In the early stages of love, that ideal is spontaneously respected.

In the stage of attraction, flirtation, infatuation, and the rooting of love in the poetic imagination, love generally enrobes itself, figuratively, in whiteness, in purity, in all that's best inside us. It has put on a baptismal robe because it senses that here, finally, it will be initiated into life.

There is nothing as potentially life-giving and redeeming as falling in love. It re-colors the world completely. As the great novelist, Iris Murdoch once said: "The world can change in fifteen seconds, when you fall in love."

But the world, as we know, can also turn indifferent, dark, and angry in fifteen seconds, or fifteen years.



Your new pacemaker includes a Pac-Man game that gobbles up the cholesterol in your arteries!"

Time, familiarity, differences, congenital restlessness, old immaturities, wounded pride, a wandering eye, and simple human selfishness can soon enough begin to dispel the magic.

Where we once couldn't get enough of each other, swallowed our own hurts and pride for the other, and would willingly die for each other, we now begin to count our scars, let the days drift, and no longer search for the path towards the other's door.

All love eventually programs its own dark night of the soul, and this is healthy. When we first say the words, "I love you," and mean them, our hearts are connecting us to an ideal, a dream, a divine form, and a purity that draws energy from all that's best inside us.

But once we begin to compromise that ideal with any kind of disrespect whatsoever, then we begin the slide down a slippery slope and no expression of intimacy, the sexual bed included, will the redeem the initial dream for that love.

When we are baptized a white dress is put on us to symbolize purity and words are spoken over us to remind us that this white garment is the outward sign of our inner dignity and that we are meant to bring that dignity unstained into eternal life.

What's symbolized by our baptismal robes must be the poetic dream for every love. The challenge is always to bring the dignity of that love home unstained. *Ronald Rolheiser*

ROSTERS

ALDINGA

Welcomer
Commentator
Readers

Eucharistic Minister

Saturday 17 August

Andre Woodhouse
Cristina Tiedje
Brigid Grimwood
Chris McWilliams
Mario Bacchin

Saturday 24 August

Andre Woodhouse
Michelle Cormack
Cristina Tiedje
Ken Creevey
Judi Driscoll

NORMANVILLE

Welcomer
Commentator
Reader
Data Projector
Altar/Cleaning

Sunday, 18 August

Michael Steller
Thia van Kuyk
Trish Bohnsack
Rita Steller
N Pile, L Montgomery

Sunday, 25 August

Rita Steller
Michael Steller
Ann Henriksen
Thia van Kuyk
Trish Bohnsack, Rita Steller

WILLUNGA

Commentator
Reader
Eucharistic Minister
Flowers
Church Linen

Sunday, 18 August

Garry Triffett
Marie Andrews
Steve Maglieri
Tony Harding
Anna Rogers

Sunday, 25 August

Gael Maloney
Norman Lee
Wayne Best
Michael Hynes
Wayne Best

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre Boyd, Janette McIver, Michael Casey, Paul Hancock, Paul Cormack, Roger Fishlock, John Tregeagle, Walter Litvinsky.

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

DATES

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
25 Dec Catholic Charities Appeal

MEET THE RISEN JESUS WEEKEND RETREAT AT SEVENHILL

**4.00pm Friday 27 September until
3.00pm Sunday 29 September**

We warmly welcome you to a time of rest and prayer for this weekend retreat at JISA Sevenhill in the heart of South Australia's Clare Valley. Who do you say Jesus is? In this retreat, we introduce imaginative contemplation, a practice of prayer that can give you an encounter with the risen Jesus.

When: Friday 27 September 4pm –
Sunday 29 September 3pm.

Where: JISA Sevenhill, College Road, Sevenhill SA

Price: \$380 including two days/nights' accommodation, all meals, retreat facilitation and input, prayer materials, guided meditations, prayer materials and take-home resources

Retreat Director: Iain Radvan SJ with guest facilitator Susie Hii.

Book by: Friday 30 August

For bookings and enquiries: Contact Megan on +61 8 8843 5935 or sevenhill@jisa.org.au

WILLUNGA PARISH

(Aldinga, Normanville, Willunga)
NGARRINDJERI, RAMINDJERI,
PERAMANGK, KAURNA land

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- **Aldinga** - Kerri Gould, Lorraine Ellis, Kim Calderbank
- **Willunga** - Rick Zagajewski, Michael Hynes
- **Normanville** - Nigel Pile, Christopher Symes

FINANCE COUNCIL

Dolek Thiele (Chairperson)
Chris McWilliams (Secretary)
Thia van Kuyk (Finance Officer)
Martin Morgan (Cemeteries)
John McPhail (Treasurer)

CEMETERY CONTACTS

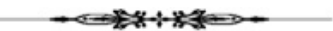
- **St Joseph's, Willunga** - Curator Martin Morgan (0417 851 902) - in his absence please contact: Michael Hynes (0490 677 314) or Tony Harding (0488 330 748)
- **St Peter's, Normanville** - Curator Peter Bohnsack (0400 525 690)

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 - Michael Hynes or Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

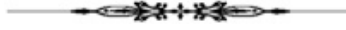


EXPLORING THE WORD

In the continuation of the discourse, Jesus' claim that he is the living bread come from heaven is brought to a new height. Not only has he surpassed the manna given by God in the desert, he now claims that it is his flesh and blood which gives life. For the Jews this is an abomination. The very strict dietary laws of Judaism precluded the eating of flesh with blood in it. Jesus' hearers again remain at the physical understanding of his words. They imagine some form of cannibalism and are outraged. 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' But Jesus is not deterred. He insists that he makes God known because he comes from God. Eating the flesh and drinking the blood of the Son of Man will bring those who believe to eternal life – not the physical life of this world but to life with the Father forever.

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blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'



GETTING IT

The people in this week's gospel who just "don't get it" when Jesus tells them his flesh is the living bread from heaven remind me of a time we scared the daylights out of my much younger sister. She was just about 3 years old when she and her older sister were having trouble getting to sleep. They were in the same room and kept giggling and laughing long past their bedtime. Our parents were tired and the end of the day and getting exasperated. One of them whispered something and once again the giggling erupted uncontrollably.

In desperation, I yelled out, "It looks like we're going to have to separate you two." At that, my younger sister started wailing in terror. Mum and Dad went in to console her, but she cried all the more saying, "Don't separate me, don't separate me!" Earlier that day she'd been watching Mum separate a whole chicken into pieces for the barbecue grill and the image obviously stayed with her. She thought that's what we were threatening to do to her and her sister.

We sat with her and soothed her. We reassured her mummy and daddy might get mad but they would never do anything like that to hurt her. Comforted, the two little girls drifted off to sleep, and we learned a lesson about the trouble of taking things literally.

DINNER AT WISDOM'S TABLE

Jesus continued, "I am the Bread – living Bread! – who came down out of heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live – and forever! The Bread that I present to the world so that it can eat and live is myself, this flesh-and-blood self."

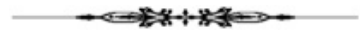
Do a quick calculation of how many times you've received communion. If you're a cradle Catholic, and have been taking communion since the age of

seven, that is, technically speaking, a LOT of communion. The numbers don't really matter, of course, but the habitual reception of communion does. What do we GET, exactly, when we get Eucharist?

The Church teaches that the bread and wine are Christ's Body and Blood. Transubstantiation is the million-dollar word for the event, but it's mostly helpful for theologians. Long before the invention of that word, table fellowship was shared among Christians. They understood that eating and drinking in memory of Jesus made them bearers of his life. They knew that sharing his supper also meant they shared his saving mission in the world. They believed that taking part in this meal was a commitment, a covenant in flesh and blood. This was serious business. To claim Jesus in this way meant that they might die for him.

Most of us in the receiving line at communion time will not be asked to die for Christ. But every one of us IS being asked to live for Christ. Are we in the right line, or aren't we?

Bread is the food of life. Food is essential for our bodies to function. But food and drink also give pleasure and satisfaction. When people come together to celebrate, food and drink are part of the celebration. As food and drink are to the human person so Jesus is to those who believe in him.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(August 19 - 26)

- **Monday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22)
- **Tuesday, 20:** St Bernard (Ezek 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30)
- **Wednesday, 21:** St Pius X (Ezek 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16)
- **Thursday, 22:** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Ezek 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14)
- **Friday, 23:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40)
- **Saturday, 24:** St Bartholomew (Rev 21:9-14; Jn 1:45-51)
- **Sunday 25:** 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69)

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 0447 421 948.