



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - 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)



EYES TO SEE

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him: God does not see as man sees: man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22

*The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.*

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 8:12

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Shorter form John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth.

He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

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Bulletin Board

REGULAR MASS TIMES

(resumes beginning of December)

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
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WEEKEND MASSES

(Times on front page of this bulletin)

PRIEST ROSTER - WEEKENDS

(This roster may change

if something unforeseen crops up)

18 Mar	5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy
19 Mar	8.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom 10.30am - N/ville, Fr Dominick
25 Mar	5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
26 Mar	8.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy 10.30am - Willunga, Fr Josy

EASTER MASS TIMES



• Holy Thursday (6 April) •

St Peter's, Normanville 5.00pm
Mary of Galilee, Aldinga 5.30pm
St Joseph's, Willunga 7.30pm

• Good Friday (7 April) •

Mary of Galilee, Aldinga 9.30am
(Stations of Cross)
Mary of Galilee, Aldinga 3.00pm
St Peter's, Normanville 3.00pm
St Joseph's, Willunga 3.00pm

• Saturday Vigil (8 April) •

Mary of Galilee, Aldinga 5.30pm
St Joseph's, Willunga 7.30pm

• Easter Sunday (9 April) •

St Joseph's, Willunga 8.30am
St Peter's, Normanville 9.30am
(Normanville Mass will be held at
Club Fleurieu, 140-142 Main South
Road, Yankalilla)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday is always celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter, this year 16 April. Our celebration will be held at St Luke's Church, Noarlunga. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament starts at 2.00pm, with the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation (several priests available). This time includes the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Mass will begin at 3.00pm with the solemn blessing of the Divine Mercy Image. There will be no 5.30pm Mass at St Luke's that day.
"Jesus, I trust in you"

PROJECT COMPASSION



Thu lives in Vietnam. When Thu was 12 years old, he stepped on an unexploded land mine and lost his leg. Living with a disability in rural Vietnam presented many challenges for

Thu, who worked mainly as a rice farmer. Thu also took on the role of caring for his wife, Linh, after she suffered a stroke.

Determined to turn their lives around, Thu and Linh joined the Empowerment of People with Disabilities program, run by Caritas Australia's local partner in Vietnam, the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD).

For Thu, the greatest impact the program has had is enabling the change in Linh's physical and mental wellbeing. With the support of a physiotherapist, Linh can now walk short distances with the aid of a walking stick.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes or envelopes, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or phone 1800 024 413.

TÜRKIYE AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE DISASTER

The 7.8 magnitude earthquake has unleashed devastation on Türkiye and Syria, leaving thousands of people dead, with this number expected to rise dramatically. Your support to help those affected by this catastrophe is invaluable.

Your generous donation means our partners in Turkey and Syria can respond swiftly to support the survivors of this unimaginable tragedy. Visit: www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.

menALIVE WEEKEND

menALIVE is a national Catholic ministry with the purpose of bringing men together to renew their faith in God and encourage them to become an active force within the Church.

Henley Beach Parish's menALIVE weekend is being held on March 25 and 26 in the Marine Science Centre at Henley Beach, conducted by experienced leaders from the local menALIVE Team.

Could you benefit from a weekend featuring talks, personal testimonies, opportunities for discussion, and space to reflect? Since menALIVE commenced in 2003, thousands of Catholic men have been encouraged and inspired at weekends across Australia. Enquiries: Dennis Hoiberg (0418 384 619) or Glyn Ashman (0417 800 148).

MARIAN PROCESSION

The 2023 Marian Procession will be held on Sunday May 21 beginning at the Pioneer Women's Memorial Gardens (next to the Torrens Parade Ground on King William Road) procession up King William Street into Victoria Square. This year, we celebrate the Feast of the Visitation in line with the 2023 World Youth Day theme.

The Procession will commence at 2.00pm and all are invited to attend with their parish or community. Group assembly will begin from 1.30pm. For more information, please contact the Events Office (8210 8220)



CHAPLAINCY CELEBRATION SERVICE FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR - 2023

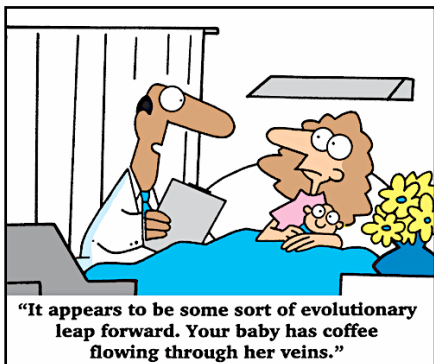
Will be held at the Lutheran Church, Aldersey Street, McLaren Vale on Sunday (19 March) at 5.00pm. All are most welcome.

LIVING WITH LESS FEAR

In virtually every instance in scripture where God appears within ordinary life, either through an angel, a special phenomenon, or through an appearance of the resurrected Christ, the first words are invariably: "Do not be afraid!" The soothing of fear, not its intensification, is the normal criterion that the voice we are hearing is coming from love.

We have many unconscious fears of God:

- that God is not as understanding and compassionate as we are
- that God is not as big-hearted as we are
- that God does not read the heart and cannot tell the difference between wound and coldness, immaturity, and sin
- that God gives us only one chance and cannot bear any missteps and infidelities



- that God doesn't respect our humanity, that God created us in one way but wants us to live in another way in order to be saved
- that God is threatened by our doubts and questions, like an insecure leader
- that God is less interested in our lives than we are and less solicitous for our salvation and that of our loved ones than we are
- that God is as helpless before our moral helplessness as we are

Here's a parable: Years ago, I was at the funeral of a young man who had died tragically in a car accident. At the time of his death, on the surface, his relationship to his church and to some of its moral teachings was far from ideal. He was not attending church regularly, was living with his girlfriend outside of marriage, was not much concerned about the poor or the larger community, and was, in simple terms, partying pretty hard.

But everyone who knew him also knew of his essential goodness and his wonderful heart. There wasn't an ounce of malice in him, and heaven would be forever a less colourful and more impoverished place if he weren't there.

At the reception following the church service, one of his aunts said to me: "He was such a good person, if I were running the gates of heaven, I would certainly let him in."

I assured her that, no doubt, God felt the same way, given that God's understanding and forgiveness infinitely surpass our own.

Ronald Rolheiser

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Muriel Smith, Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre Boyd

DATES

21 Mar	Creative Corner
31 Mar	Coffee group - Louis
14 Apr	Last day School term 1
4 Apr	Creative Corner
6 Apr	Thursday of Lord's Supper
7 Apr	Good Friday
8 Apr	Holy Saturday
9 Apr	Easter Sunday
10 Apr	Easter Monday
14 Apr	Coffee group - Louis
16 Apr	Divine Mercy Sunday
18 Apr	Creative Corner
21 Apr	Marian Procession
25 Apr	ANZAC Day
28 Apr	Coffee group - Louis
1 May	First day School term 2
12 Jun	King's birthday
7 Jul	Last day School term 2
24 Jul	First day School term 3
29 Sep	Last day School term 3
2 Oct	Labour Day
16 Oct	First day School term 4
15 Dec	Last day School term 4

AQUINAS COLLEGE

Aquinas College opened as Adelaide's Catholic residential college for university students in 1950. To help mark the 75th Anniversary in 2025 the college is looking to reconnect with former students. Are you a former Aquinian? If so, please send your contact details to: admin@aquinas.edu.au or call: 8334 5000 to be added to our mailing list.

A woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church services, when she was startled to see an intruder there. She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled: 'Stop! Acts 2:38!' (Repent and be baptised, in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins may be forgiven.) The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you." "Scripture?" replied the burglar. "She said she had an axe and two 38s!"

ROSTERS

ALDINGA

Welcomer	<i>Saturday 18 March</i> R Suda, A Woodhouse
Commentator	Christina Tiedge
Readers	Chris McWilliams Ken Creevey
Eucharistic Minister	Lorraine Ellis

NORMANVILLE

Welcomer	<i>Sunday, 19 March</i> Tim Fleming
Commentator	Thia Van Kuyk
Reader	Jan Plumb
Altar/Cleaning	N Pile, L Montgomery

WILLUNGA

Commentator	<i>Sunday, 19 March</i> Marie Andrews
Reader	Andrew Beach
Eucharistic Minister	Denny Ford
Flowers	No flowers - Lent
Church Linen	Wayne Best

Saturday 25 March

L & N Ellis, C Tiedge
Tricia Dundon
Christina Tiedge
Tricia Dundon
Judy Driscoll

Sunday, 26 March

Peter Bohnsack
Ann Henriksen
Michael Steller
N Pile, L Montgomery

Sunday, 26 March

Vanda Farrall
Chris Dzamko
Marie Cester
No flowers - Lent
Margaret Guley

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 16/03/23)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Wearing of face-masks in Church is strongly recommended.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- Procession of gifts has resumed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Fourth Sunday of Lent presents the images of darkness to light, blindness to sight. The Lenten season is a time for us to examine and reflect on our lives. We are called to move from the darkness of our life to the light of faith. We are called to see a new vision that comes from being called to be a disciple of Jesus.

GO FROM HERE

Go from here as those who have seen and wish to share Christ's wonderful light:

- the light of peace for the troubled
- the light of hope for the lost
- the light of healing for the suffering
- the light of justice for the overlooked
- the light of action for the apathetic
- the light of patience for the hasty
- the light of faith for the searching
- the light of presence for the dying
- the light of comfort for the bereaved

We will share the light - Christ's wonderful light.

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His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

Jesus said:
'It is for judgement that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind.'

Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, 'We are not blind, surely?' Jesus replied:

'Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, "We see," your guilt remains.'

BEGINNER'S MIND

I was at a friend's house, and his young son was doing a school project on a topic I happen to know something about. I offered my assistance, and at first the son seemed to welcome any help he could get. But every time I tried to tell him

something new he interrupted by saying, "I know, I know". He said it even when it was clear he didn't know quite as much as he thought he did.

Jesus ran into the same attitude with the Pharisees, who were quite upset when Jesus gave a blind man sight. This miracle didn't jibe with what they already "knew" about how God works in the world. And so, rather than learning something new about God - that God longs for our healing and wholeness - they closed their minds and, in effect, kept saying, "I know, I know!" They were sure the man's blindness had been caused by sin, yet they were unwilling to consider that their own spiritual blindness might be a result of their own sin of pride.

Spiritual growth requires that we employ what gurus call "beginner's mind". This is the attitude that is aware of its limitations and open to new truths and surprises. Lent is a good time to cultivate beginner's mind. It's a time to see ourselves and the world not with our own prejudices but as God sees - as worthy of help and healing and love.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(20 - 26 March)

- **Monday, 20:** St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24)
- **Tuesday, 21:** Tue, 4th week of Lent (Ezek 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-3, 5-16)
- **Wednesday, 22:** Wed, 4th week of Lent (Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30)
- **Thursday, 23:** Thu, 4th week of Lent (Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47)
- **Friday, 24:** Fr, 4th week of Lent (Wis 2:1, 2-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30)
- **Saturday, 25:** The Annunciation of the Lord (Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-52)
- **Sunday 26:** FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33)

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.