

## WILLUNGA CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRE

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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 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31**

A perfect wife – who can find her?  
She is far beyond the price of pearls.  
Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit.  
Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life.  
She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands.  
She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle.  
She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy.  
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise.  
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 127:1-5**

*Happy are those who fear the Lord.*

## SECOND READING

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-6**

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst

suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Jn 15:4,5**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 25:14-30**

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them.

To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

'The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had

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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)

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

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Jer 29:11,12,14*

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

## PRELIMINARY NOTICE - PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE

St Joseph's on Sunday 28 January, 2024 - 3.00pm and 8.00pm. Put the date in your calendar now.

## CHERISHED WOMEN'S RETREAT

*St Luke's Catholic Church,  
Saturday, 25 November  
9.30am - 4.30pm*

The theme for this year's retreat is "For such a time as this" (from Esther 4:14) and the retreat will be comprised of inspiring talks, testimonies, prayer and worship and opportunities for quiet prayer. You do not have to be Catholic to attend CHERISHED. Women from all backgrounds and walks of life are welcome.

All food, drink and materials are provided in the ticket cost of \$40. All funds raised from the retreat go towards Diamond Women SA which is an incredible pregnancy help centre for vulnerable women facing an unplanned or crisis pregnancy.

For bookings, go to [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au) and search for Cherished Women's Retreat.

Further information is available through Chris McWilliams (0451 144 776).

## WILLUNGA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council now comprises: Kerri Gould, Lorraine Ellis, Kim Calderbank (Aldinga), Rick Zagajewski, Michael Hynes (Willunga) Nigel Pyne and Christopher Symes (Normanville) through the Pastoral Council guidelines.

The chair is Kerri Gould, Michael Hynes deputy chair, Kim Calderbank secretary and Lorraine Ellis child safeguarding representative.

The next meeting is in November, please speak with your representative if you have any items, you would like the council to discuss.

## ST PETER'S NORMANVILLE CHRISTMAS LUNCH

*3 Dec, following 10.30am Mass*

Everyone is most welcome to join with St Peter's parishioners for a BBQ Christmas lunch in the Annie O'Connor Centre. The cost is \$10 per person (meat, bread etc) plus a salad or sweet to share and your own drinks.

Please RSVP to Ann Henriksen (0458 783 901) by 23 November.



## SPECIAL COLLECTION

A Special Collection will be held at all Mass Centres this weekend for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

Over the last year, the cost-of-living crisis has become increasingly dire as prices continue to soar and inflation is at some of the highest levels we've seen since the early 1990's. It's hitting families and other vulnerable members of our community incredibly hard. Many are experiencing poverty and struggling to keep a roof over their heads. As the crisis deepens, so does their desperation. More and more people are so desperate to survive, they just don't have the resources to think about Christmas.

Please donate generously to help provide much-needed relief with emergency hampers for this Christmas.

## INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE REGIONAL ASSEMBLY "OUR CHURCH"

The Regional Assemblies are a continuation of the 2021 and 2022 Diocesan Assemblies and will involve a greater number of people at the local level in participation, communion and mission. The Regional Assemblies offer parishes, communities and schools an opportunity to engage in mutual listening, developing responses to shared needs, and collaboration for missionary action.

The Regional Assembly for our local area will comprise School and Worshipping Communities located within the Parishes of Willunga, Noarlunga, Morphett Vale, Victor Harbor and Kangaroo Island.

Parish communities are being called to the Regional Assembly to participate in the discussion of ideas to help address local Parish priorities identified from the Diocesan Assembly feedback sessions held in 2022. The Assembly will continue the approach of Synodality – a new way and style of walking together – on display during the Together on the Way themed 2021 and 2022 Diocesan Assemblies.

Guest speakers will lead us in discussion of the following themes:

### Our Community

What makes a vibrant, contemporary Parish Community and how can we make it attractive enough for youth, children and their families to want to participate?

### Our Faith

What do we mean by Faith Formation and what can we do to create opportunities for Faith Formation relevant to all ages and stages of life?

### Our call

How can we work collaboratively to





reach out to those most in need in our community? What can we do at a local level to encourage our community to love and care for their environment.

The Assembly is a great initiative of the Adelaide Archdiocese and an exciting step on the road to Parish Renewal.

**March 2024**

**Date and venue to be confirmed  
Commencing 9.30am and  
concluding 4.30pm, followed by a  
Family Mass**

Willunga Parish contact for more info:  
Garry Triffett: 0402 457 948

**WALK FOR LIFE 2024**

**Saturday 10 February**

<https://youtu.be/brBuAM12qNU>

Each year as we gather united in our resolve to stand for life our efforts are making a difference.

Our society is now questioning, members of parliament are being encouraged and many of those who have been hurt by abortion are coming forward seeking help to heal.

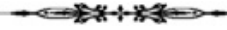
Your effort to join us and invite others is vital for this good work to continue. The 2024 theme is *Every Life Is A Gift*

**PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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

**Recently deceased:** Chris McCarthy, Anna Pacitti

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



**DATES**

- 18/19 Nov Vinnies Christmas Appeal Special collection
- 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

**2024**

- 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



**CLIMATE CHANGERS**

**Wednesday, November 22  
5.30pm SA time**

Catholic Earthcare in collaboration with Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia are hosting the last online screening of the year, Climate Changers - a film about what leadership looks like in this changing climate. (Please note that the film contains some course language.)

Registration is essential via this link <https://caritas.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZArdequrz8oGdE9rxDri4wdVjeVvp-ZJs4J> View trailer here: <https://climatechangersmovie.com/watch-trailer/>

Guest speaker Luch (a sustainability teacher in Tasmania) will also speak about his work and leadership in this space.



- *Now that I've retired, I've taken up meditation, it sure beats sitting around doing nothing.*
- *Why is no one ever the right amount of whelmed?*

**ALDINGA COMMUNITY  
CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2023**

**Alone this Christmas?**

**Have trouble affording Christmas?**

**Come Celebrate with us....**

**WHEN: MONDAY 25 DECEMBER 2023**

**WHERE: Aldinga Institute Hall**

**TIME: 11am - 2pm**



**THIS IS A FREE EVENT AND BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL  
CALL ANNE ON 8215 6310 TO BOOK**

**ROSTERS**

|                      |                             |                               |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>ALDINGA</b>       | <b>Saturday 18 November</b> | <b>Saturday 25 November</b>   |
| Welcomer             | Lorraine and Noah Ellis     | A Woodhouse, R Sulda, N Ellis |
| Commentator          | David Manders               | Cristina Tiedje               |
| Readers              | Heidi Davidson              | Jill McHendrie                |
|                      | Michelle Cormack            | David Manders                 |
| Eucharistic Minister | Tricia Dundon               | Judi Driscoll                 |
| <b>NORMANVILLE</b>   | <b>Sunday, 19 November</b>  | <b>Sunday, 26 November</b>    |
| Welcomer             | Peter Bohnsack              | Peter Lloyd                   |
| Commentator          | Trish Bohnsack              | Michael Steller               |
| Reader               | Thia van Kuyk               | Jim Fitzpatrick               |
| Altar/Cleaning       | Volunteer, Ann Henriksen    | Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery    |
| <b>WILLUNGA</b>      | <b>Sunday, 19 November</b>  | <b>Sunday, 26 November</b>    |
| Commentator          | Wayne Best                  | Anna Rogers                   |
| Reader               | Marie Cester                | Margaret Guley                |
| Eucharistic Minister | Steve Maglieri              | Wayne Best                    |
| Flowers              | Mary Moore                  | Mary Moore                    |
| Church Linen         | Margaret Oomens             | Viv Vagajewska                |

## COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 16/11/23)



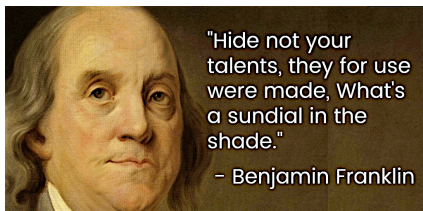
- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at Church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands.

### NOT ALWAYS NICE

Jesus continued, "It is like a man going off on an extended trip. He called his servants together and delegated responsibilities. To one he gave five thousand dollars, to another two thousand, to a third one thousand, depending on their abilities. Then he left. Right off, the first servant went to work and doubled his master's investment. The second did the same. But the man with the single thousand dug a hole and carefully buried his master's money". (Matthew 25: 14 - 18)

Working in my dad's grocery store as a teen, I was taught that the customer is always right and to smile at them no matter what. One day as I was at the cash register, a stranger asked me for change for a \$20 note and then a ten and then a five. I was responding with my dazzling smile when my sister slammed the register drawer shut. Then she told the customer to get out of the store right away. I was dumbfounded. My sister explained that it was a scam and that the register at the end of the day would be at least \$20 short. She was right. The next time someone tried it on me, my smile vanished as I told them to leave before my sister and I called the police.

There are times to be nice and times to be not so nice. The parable of the talents reminds us how "nice" God has been to bless us with so much. But with those gifts comes an important responsibility: to use them and share them in a way that they are not squandered.



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received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."

'His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

'Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

'Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

### FAITHFUL IN SMALL MATTERS (Matthew 25: 14 - 30)

I was talking to a group of small children about the gifts God had given them. One girl seemed unconvinced. Her older sister, she told me with

dewy-eyed admiration, had all the talent in the family: intelligence, athletic ability, and creativity. She herself, however, had none.

On the contrary, I assured her, she had many gifts of her own. She had a generous love for her sister, a pleasant personality, a warm smile, and a way of making people happy to talk with her. These were talents from God, too, and I urged her to name other things she was good at that were less obvious than these.

Some weeks later I was at home, having a bad spell of writer's block, and began to feel frustrated with the blank computer screen. Going to the mailbox to retrieve my letters, I noticed one printed in pencil. It was from the little girl I had spoken with, and inside the envelope was a crayon drawing with these simple words pencilled alongside: *You have talents. God created you to use your talents. NAME THEM.* In a moment, my sense of failure was gone, replaced by a child's wonderful courage. She gave the story of the talents back to me multiplied, and I got back to work exhilarated.

What talents have you been given by God, and how have you invested them?  
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### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(20 - 26 November)

- **Monday, 20:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 33 (1 Macc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64; Lk 18:35-43)
- **Tuesday, 21:** The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary (2 Macc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10)
- **Wednesday, 22:** St Cecilia (2 Macc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28)
- **Thursday, 23:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 33 (1 Macc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44)
- **Friday, 24:** Sts Andrew Dũng-Lac and companions (1 Macc 4:36-37, 52-29; Lk 19:45-48)
- **Saturday, 25:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 33 (1 Macc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40)
- **Sunday 26:** Christ the King (Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46)

### 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.