



Welcome to

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

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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

Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom of Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were

still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 46:2-3, 6-9

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come.

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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)

20 May	5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy
21 May	8.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick 10.30am - N/ville, Fr Dominick
27 May	5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
28 May	8.30am - N/ville, Fr Dominick 10.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; praise the Lord, who ascends above the highest heavens; his majesty and might are in the skies, alleluia.

MAY MASS COUNTS

This year, attendance counts are to be conducted over the four weekends of May, being the 6/7, 13/14, 20/21 and 27/28 in all Parish Mass Centres.

WILLUNGA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Introducing Willunga PPC Members (2023-2025)

- **Mary of Galilee, Aldinga**
Kerri Gould
Lorraine Ellis
Kim Calderbank
- **St Joseph's, Willunga**
Rick Zagajewski
+ One to be confirmed
- **St Peter's, Normanville**
Nigel Pile
Christopher Symes

MANDATED NOTIFIER BRIEFING

You may not be aware that since 2017, all volunteers in Parishes are mandated notifiers by law, irrespective if they have a role with children or not.

To ensure we have the necessary skills to identify and respond appropriately, we invite volunteers

who have not yet participated in Child Safe Environments training or an equivalent course to attend a 90 minute Volunteer Briefing session facilitated by the Archdiocesan Child Protection Unit.

A Volunteer Briefing will be held in our Parish on Thursday, July 6 from 10.30am - 12.00noon in St Joseph's Hall, Willunga. More details later.

MUSIC OF HOPE

The Cathedral of St Francis Xavier's Choir, the Choir of Holy Cross and the Flinders University Chamber Ensemble present a concert featuring Music of Hope.

- Sunday June 18, 12.30pm at Holy Cross Church, Goodwood.
 - Friday June 23, 7pm at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Adelaide.
- Co-directed by Arthur Siow and Timothy Davey.

SA's HISTORY FESTIVAL 1-31 May, 2023

Thomas Tuohy



Constable Thomas Tuohy wearing his medals

For 15 years from 1882, Thomas Stephen Tuohy was a parishioner at St Joseph's and the local policeman. He was born in Woodforde, Ireland in 1852 and came to South Australia in 1857 as a child with his five siblings and parents, Denis and Anne. The family settled at Hindmarsh and Thomas's education began at the first Catholic school established in the district. He completed his formal education at St Patrick's, West Terrace. In 1874 Thomas joined the mounted police and was posted to Two Wells and then Mallala, where he married Miss Mary Gertrude Delaney of Gawler. After 5 years at Mallala, Tuohy was transferred to Willunga where he, Mary and their 8 children remained for 15 years, living on the premises of the Willunga Court House and Police Station. Five of his

children were born during their time in Willunga. As well, Mary nursed Thomas' father, Denis, at the police station, during his long and painful illness. Denis died there on 20 June 1885 and is buried in St Joseph's Cemetery, Willunga.



Denis Tuohy's grave, St Joseph's Cemetery

Constable Tuohy's career in Willunga was distinguished by two dramatic events in South Australian history. Firstly, in 1886, he helped investigate the Yankalilla Bank Robbery, where malefactors broke into the premises of the Yankalilla Bank Manager, tied him up and robbed the bank.

Two years later, on 13 July 1888, Constable Tuohy displayed tremendous courage rescuing people from the Star of Greece shipwreck. The wreck is a story of tragedy and heroism. On 13 July 1888, Star of Greece was bound for England, caught in a violent storm, and wrecked off the beach at Pt Willunga. A witness recounted that he saw Tuohy 'divest himself of a portion of his uniform, dash into the heavy breakers ... which were ten to twenty feet high', risking his life again and again in his efforts to rescue drowning sailors. At least eighteen sailors lost their lives in the wreck. Tuohy recalled 'the terrible scenes' and the subsequent visit of the select committee appointed to enquire into the disaster. As a result of his actions, Tuohy was awarded the Royal Humane Society Silver Medal and a medal especially commissioned. It had the following engraving, "Presented to Mounted Constable Tuohy in recognition of brave conduct in saving life at the wreck of the Star of Greece, Pt Willunga, 13 July 1888.

W.J. Peterswald,
Commissioner of Police"

After working in Tanunda, Clare and Adelaide, Thomas retired in 1919. He died at his home in Kent Town in 1935 at the age of 84, survived by Mary and six remaining children. Two of his children predeceased him. 13th July 2023 will be the 135th anniversary of the wreck of the Star of Greece.

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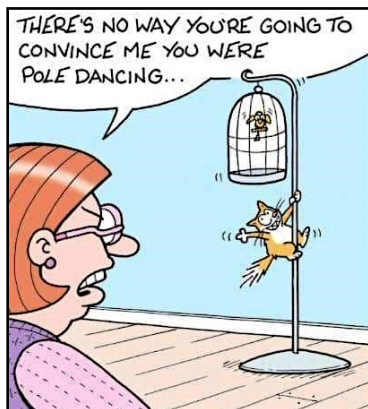
Michelle Cormack

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL



Help end the homelessness crisis devastating older women

Your generosity will provide shelter, food, clothing and long-term support to older women in crisis - our mothers, grandmothers and aunts - and help rebuild their lives.



VOICE TO PARLIAMENT REFERENDUM WEBINARS

Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) and Catholic Social Services Australia (CSSA) are pleased to invite you to join us for a series of webinars on Thursdays May 25, June 29 and July 27 from 4-5pm to discuss the upcoming referendum on Constitutional Recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and the Voice to Parliament. This three-part webinar series will include:

- May 25: What is The Voice to Parliament all about? Hear from Professor Melissa Castan, Director of the Castan Centre for Human Rights Law, Monash University
• June 29: The Church, Catholic Social Teaching and engagement with First Nations Peoples - Hear from Fr Frank Brennan SJ, Australian Jesuit priest, human rights lawyer and academic
• July 27: First Nations Voices - Hear from a panel of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples about their views and experiences: Uncle Ron Briggs (Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand), Aunt Violet Sheriden (Ngunnawal Elder) and Esmail Manahan (MacKillop Family Services)

Costs: CSSA and CSSV Members: Free. Non-members: \$12 per session or \$30 for the full series. Register for selected session or the full series here.

MARIAN PROCESSION

The 2023 Marian Procession will be held this weekend (Sunday). The procession will commence at 2.00pm. For more info: 8210 8220.

ROSTERS

ALDINGA Saturday 20 May
Welcomer Rose Sulda
Commentator Chris McWilliams
Readers Michelle Cormack
Tricia Dundon
Eucharistic Minister Brigid Grimwood

Saturday 27 May
Lorraine & Noah Ellis
David Manders
Chris McWilliams
Ken Creevey
Lorraine Ellis

NORMANVILLE Sunday, 21 May
Welcomer Tim Fleming
Commentator Antoinette Fleming
Reader Nigel Pile
Altar/Cleaning Trish Bohnsack, Rita Steller

Sunday, 28 May
Peter Bohnsack
Trish Bohnsack
Mary Kennedy
Trish Bohnsack, Rita Steller

WILLUNGA Sunday, 21 May
Commentator Wayne Best
Reader Mare Cester
Eucharistic Minister Anna Rogers
Flowers Anna Rogers
Church Linen Margaret Guley

Sunday, 28 May
Marie Andrews
Vanda Farrall
Steve Maglieri
Anna Rogers
Marie Cester

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre Boyd, Kate Manders, Clarisa Kelly

Recently deceased: Derek Wade, Fr John Chambers, Muriel Smith (Muriel's Requiem Mass will be held at St Joseph's on Friday 19 at 11.00am), James Caridi

DATES

- 20 May Dinner at the Alma Hotel
11 Jun Holy Father's Appeal
12 Jun King's birthday holiday
25 Jun Sea Sunday Appeal
2 Jul NATSICC Appeal
7 Jul Last day School term 2
24 Jul First day School term 3
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

THE SOUTHERN CROSS

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COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 19/05/23)



- 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

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Ascension of Jesus is described only in the Book of Acts (1:2-11), although there is a shorter version in Luke's Gospel. There are also allusions to the event elsewhere in the New Testament, eg Jn 6:62; Eph 4:8-10.
- In Matthew's Gospel, many of the important moments of Jesus' life are located on mountaintops – his temptation, his transfiguration, the great teaching of the 'sermon on the mount', and now this final instruction to his disciples. In this way, Matthew draws parallels with Moses the great leader and lawgiver who encountered God on the mountaintop.
- Matthew shows Jesus as fulfilling and extending the teaching of Moses. Whereas the Law had been for the people of Israel, Jesus sends his disciples to all nations; whereas the Jewish people had faith in the name of God, YHWH, Jesus sends his disciples to baptise in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit.
- The celebration of the Ascension as a particular feast day developed in the vicinity of Antioch around 380 AD.

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He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 28:19,20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

DON'T JUST STAND THERE: DO SOMETHING

(Mark 16: 15 - 20)

The Ascension of Jesus is an event recorded three times in the New Testament: at the end of Luke, the beginning of Acts, and here, in what's called the longer ending of Mark. (Early manuscripts record several different endings to his gospel.) In each version of the Ascension story, Jesus has different final instructions for the disciples – the ones in "longer Mark" being the most colourful. But in every account we have, Jesus tells the disciples to go and be witnesses of the gospel they have received. On this point, all three speak in one voice. It would seem this mission is non-negotiable.

How we do that is up to us. If we want to knock on doors or preach in the park, suit yourself. If you feel drawn to foreign missions, the

prayer of the church will support you. Maybe the least missionized corner of the world is right where you are. Do you have good news to share?

When you show up, is it "good news" for those around you? How do you demonstrate the gift of faith that's been given to you?

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KIDS' CORNER

The disciples thought they had Jesus figured out, and sometimes we think that way too. We figure if we pray hard enough, God will do whatever we have in mind. But God often has something better in mind for us.

When his followers asked him if he would bring the kingdom back, Jesus told them about the better future in store: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1: 8).

What kind of future does God have in mind for you? Pray about it and let God lead you.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(22 - 28 May)

- **Monday, 22:** Monday 7th week Easter (Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33)
- **Tuesday, 23:** Tuesday 7th week Easter (Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11)
- **Wednesday, 24:** Our Lady Help of Christians (Sirach 4:11-18; Jn 19:25-27)
- **Thursday, 25:** Thursday 7th week Easter (Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26)
- **Friday, 26:** St Philip Neri (Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19)
- **Saturday, 27:** Saturday 7th week Easter (Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25)
- **Sunday 28:** PENTECOST SUNDAY (Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23)

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.