



Welcome to

# Willunga Catholic Parish

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)

## **WHAT BELONGS TO CAESAR?**



## **WHAT BELONGS TO GOD?**

### **FIRST READING**

*Isaiah 45:1, 4-6*

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

‘It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.’

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Psalm 95:1, 3-5, 7-10*

*Give the Lord glory and honour.*

### **SECOND READING**

*1 Thessalonians 1:1-5*

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all,

and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Phil 2:15-16*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!*

### **GOSPEL**

*Matthew 22:15-21*

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, ‘Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man’s rank means nothing to you.

Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?’

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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)

21 Oct 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy  
22 Oct 8.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy  
10.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom  
28 Oct 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick  
29 Oct 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick  
10.30am - N/ville, Fr Tom

## ALL SOULS' DAY MASS

Thursday, November 2

Fr Tom will celebrate All Souls' Day Mass at St Joseph's, Willunga at 9.00am. Following Mass he will bless the graves in the adjoining cemetery. Everyone is most welcome.

## ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

for Israel and the Palestinian territories

The Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide and Churches Together SA will hold an ecumenical service to pray for peace in Israel and the Palestinian territories in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Wakefield St, Adelaide, on Wednesday October 18 at 7.00pm.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you I call: for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a Special Collection today for the Catholic Mission Appeal. Please give generously to help this life-giving programme.



This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being.

**The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina's, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.**

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor), or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

Hearts on Fire  
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## THANK YOU

Special thanks to the thirty-two parishioners and guests who attended the Devonshire Afternoon Tea at Galilee last Sunday. It was a lively and enjoyable time. *Chris McWilliams*

## BEYOND THE REFERENDUM, IT'S TIME FOR A NEW BEGINNING

*A statement from Bishop Charles Gauci - Chair, Bishops Commission for Relations with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples*

October 15, 2023

"After an intense and, at times, challenging debate over the proposed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice, we woke this morning to the news that there will not be a change to the constitution.

Many will be glad to see the campaign has come to an end. For our nation, though, this should be seen as a time for a new beginning.

As I travel through the Northern Territory and beyond, I meet people from all walks of life who recognise that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples – the traditional custodians of our lands and waters for tens of thousands of years – struggle with poor outcomes in health, education, employment and a range of other areas. Australians know those poor outcomes are not good enough in the nation of the alleged "Fair go".

A majority of Australians did not see the Voice as the way to address those disparities. But that doesn't mean we shouldn't do something. It doesn't mean we accept the status quo.

After such a vote, there can be a tendency to attribute bad motives to people with whom we disagree, to move to blame and recrimination, to revel in victory or despair in defeat. Instead, we suggest that well-

intentioned people looking at the same material can come to different conclusions. But the overwhelming consensus coming out of the debate is that more should be done to address the injustice experienced by so many First Nations people.

Since the 1840s, Catholic leaders have spoken up about the inhumane way Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples were treated, with our first bishop commenting with horror that they were given similar consideration as livestock.

While our Church's history is not without blemish, the Church has been a driver of positive change. We have done that through education, through health and aged care, in social welfare and in the life of our parishes – where First Nations Catholics are growing in number. Our challenge is to do more.

At this moment in our history, it is time for the Church and its ministries to redouble our efforts to close the gap – not as a slogan, but as a commitment. That can only be done by, in the words of our recent Social Justice Statement, listening to, learning from and loving our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters.

At the historic Plenary Council last year, there was a renewal of the Church's commitment to reconciliation as part of efforts to heal our nation and our relationships. At the Council, we passed several resolutions to help us be a Church – already a little bit Irish, Italian, Filipino, Lebanese and everything in between – that takes on the culture of the people who have





been living here for the past 60,000 years.

We did that in responding to the call of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, but also the challenge of Pope St John Paul II, who told First Nations peoples in Alice Springs: ‘The Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others.’

As the people of Australia receive the news of the referendum, may we recognise and take up the challenge to create opportunities but also seek outcomes that will see inequalities in our country narrowed, a path to reconciliation pursued and a more prosperous nation emerge.”

*Bishop Charles Gauci*

**DAY OF FASTING, PENANCE AND PRAYER**



Warning against a humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza and ongoing conflicts elsewhere, Pope Francis has called for a day of fasting, penance and prayer for peace in the world on Friday, October 27.

“War does not solve any problems, it only sows death and destruction. It increases hatred, multiplies revenge.

War erases the future,” he said at the end of his general audience talk in St Peter’s Square yesterday.

“Our thoughts go to Palestine and Israel. Casualties are rising and the situation in Gaza is desperate. Please, may everything possible be done to avoid a humanitarian catastrophe.”

What is also “disturbing”, he said, is the possibility the conflict will spread just as so many other battles of war are being waged in the world.

“Please,” he said, “let us continue to pray for peace in the world, especially in tormented Ukraine”, a tragedy that is no longer talked about but continues.

“Silence the weapons. Listen to the cry of the poor, the people, the children, for peace,” the Pope said. He urged all people of faith to take “just one side in this conflict: that of peace. But not with words, with prayer, with total dedication.”

For this reason, he said, he has decided to call for a day of fasting, prayer and penance October 27.

The Pope invited men and women of every Christian denomination and other religions as well as those committed to the cause of peace to participate in any way they feel is appropriate.

*Excerpt from “CathNews”*

**PRAYER FOR PEACE**

The following simple prayer for world peace comes from the Vancouver Assembly of the World Council of Churches:

*Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust; Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace; Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe.*

**ROSTERS**

**ALDINGA** *Saturday 21 October*  
 Welcomer Lorraine and Noah Ellis  
 Commentator Cristina Tiedje  
 Readers Tricia Dundon  
 Ken Creevey  
 Eucharistic Minister Judi Driscoll

**NORMANVILLE** *Sunday, 22 October*  
 Welcomer Rita Steller  
 Commentator Michael Steller  
 Reader Ann Henrkisen  
 Altar/Cleaning Trish Bohnsack, Rita Steller

**WILLUNGA** *Sunday, 22 October*  
 Commentator John Tregagle  
 Reader Norman Lee  
 Eucharistic Minister Denny Ford  
 Flowers Tony Harding  
 Church Linen Margaret Oomens

*Saturday 28 October*  
 A Woodhouse, N Ellis  
 Tricia Dundon  
 Michelle Cormack  
 David Manders  
 Maria Jarvis-Maack

*Sunday, 29 October*  
 Leo Montgomery  
 Jim Fitzpatrick  
 Thia Van Kuyk  
 Patsy & Jim Fitzpatrick

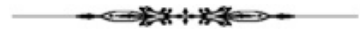
*Sunday, 29 October*  
 Gael Maloney  
 Ian La Ronde  
 Marie Cester  
 Tony Harding  
 Viv Zagajewska

**PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Sick:** Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre Boyd, Jim Smith, Stephen Bostock, Janette McIver, David Scott, Anne Maloney, Richard and Margaret Gleeson

**Anniversary:** Terry Maloney

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



**DATES**

- 22 Oct World Mission Collection
- 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

**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



**PRELIMINARY NOTICE - PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE**

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



## COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 19/10/23)



- 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 Herodians are mentioned only three times in the New Testament as a group within Jewish society (Mk 3:6; Mk 12:13; Mt 22:16). In all three texts they are aligned with the Pharisees in trying to entrap Jesus. They may have been supporters of the rule and policies of Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, ruler of Galilee during Jesus' lifetime.
- The first 'Caesar' was Gaius Julius Caesar, a Roman general, who emerged from the civil wars as the sole ruler of the Empire in 45 BC. After his murder the following year, his grand-nephew Octavian (Augustus) took over as ruler and adopted the name Caesar. From then onwards all rulers of the Empire were known as 'Caesar'. The Caesar during Jesus' public ministry was Tiberias.



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**OCTOBER IS MISSION MONTH**

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But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

### TAX TIME

(Matthew 22: 15 - 21)

What is a tax? In the best of circumstances, it's a private payment for the public good. It's how individuals contribute to the interests of the community of which they're a part. In the time of the Roman empire, taxation among the occupied provinces was a troubling matter. It could be argued that what went into the pocket of Rome went out of the province for good.

Those who questioned Jesus about taxes, of course, weren't asking for a moral decision. They wanted him to betray himself by being politically incorrect in front of the people. And Jesus, of course, was above politics, framing his answer in larger terms than the Pharisees cared to consider. Those who were obliged to Caesar should certainly make payment in the coin of the realm. But those who are obliged to God - and who isn't - owe a debt to be paid in the province of the human spirit. It is this larger obligation that should capture our concern.

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### THE ONLY LEGACY THAT MATTERS

The Pharisees plotted a way to trap him into saying something damaging. They sent their disciples, with a few of Herod's followers mixed in, to ask, "Teacher, we know you have integrity, teach the way of God accurately, are indifferent to popular opinion, and don't pander to your students. So, tell us honestly: Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" (Matthew 22: 15 - 17)

Not long ago I attended a funeral for a man who had served as a journalist for the diocesan paper for over 25 years. Kevin was all the one would hope and

trust a journalist might be: inquisitive, persevering, intelligent and articulate. Usually dishevelled, wearing a corduroy jacket with a camera slung over his shoulder, Kevin never seemed to care about clothes and appearance, money or status. Pursuing a good story and a commitment to justice – those were Kevin's passions. And above all else, Kevin was honest. The people who gathered for Kevin's funeral that morning heard these words at the start from the homilist: "Kevin was a good man, an honest man who spoke the truth". It was a starkly simple statement followed by these words: "And what is more important than to be a good and honest person?"

It was one of those moments when I found myself thinking: Really, what could matter more at my death than for someone to be able to say I was a good and truthful person? Awards and accolades, accomplishments and financial success are fleeting and pale in comparison to goodness and honesty. The Pharisees didn't seem to understand this truth in their arguments with Jesus, the good and honest teacher. Kevin's funeral reminded me how important it is to be a person who is good and honest.

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### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(23 - 29 October)

- **Monday, 23:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 29 (Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21)
- **Tuesday, 24:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 29 (Rom 5:12, 15, 17-21; Lk 12:35-38)
- **Wednesday, 25:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 29 (Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48)
- **Thursday, 26:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 29 (Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53)
- **Friday, 27:** Weekday, Ord Time 29 (Rom 7:18-25; Lk 12:54-59)
- **Saturday, 28:** Sts Simon and Jude (Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-19)
- **Sunday 29:** 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time (Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thess 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40)

### PASTORAL CARE

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