

The last will be first, and the first will be last.

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Welcome to

# Willunga Catholic Parish

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

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

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  - 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**

**Isaiah 55:6-9**

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18**

*The Lord is near to all who call him.*

## **SECOND READING**

**Philippians 1:20-24, 27**

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know

what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Acts 16:14**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!*

## **GOSPEL**

**Matthew 20:1-16**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. (Continued page 4)



# 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)

23 Sep 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick  
24 Sep 8.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy  
10.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord forever.

## PRELIMINARY NOTICE - PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE

Chamber Philharmonia Cologne have confirmed they are available for two concerts at St Joseph's on Sunday 28 January, 2024 - one at 3.00pm and a later one at 8.00pm. Put the date in your calendar now.

As soon as we know how much the tickets are, we will let you know. We always give our parishioners the opportunity to book before the posters start going up around the district. The tickets make great Christmas presents for those difficult-to-buy-for people.

## COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Place an order for your 2024 Columban Calendar now. This year they are \$10 each. Please put the correct money in an envelope (clearly marked with your name) and hand it to Sr Margaret Ann, or return it to the Parish Office.

## PLANNED GIVING

If you haven't been receiving Planned Giving envelopes and would like to be included, or if you have been using them and would like to begin paying by Direct Credit online, please get in touch with Finance Officer Thia van Kuyk (phone 0428 238 397, email [tntvank65@gmail.com](mailto:tntvank65@gmail.com))

We are about to prepare the envelopes for the next year and will assume you want to go on as is, if we don't hear from you.

## AFTERNOON DEVONSHIRE TEA

(Scones, jam, cream, tea, coffee provided)

Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> October  
2.00pm - 4.00pm

## Galilee Community Room

Table games provided for children  
Gold coin donation please  
Everyone welcome

## SEPTEMBER IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES MONTH

Help make a difference to the lives of South Australians

In the month of September, we are promoting the Catholic Charities Appeal which supports the following agencies in South Australia: Hutt St Centre, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Centacare Catholic Family Services, Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's Special Schools.



Make a donation:

- online: [www.adelaide.catholic.org.au](http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au)
- post: Catholic Charities Appeal, Reply Paid 912, GPO Adelaide, SA 5001
- scan the QR code

## SILENT RETREAT AT THE MONASTERY

Join us for some quiet, personal reflection on our silent retreat led by Fr Tony Edgar CP and Fr Pastor Mumburi CP.

The retreat will commence with dinner on Friday October 6 and conclude with breakfast on Thursday October 12. Contact The Monastery office on 8338 8700 or [conference@themonastery.net.au](mailto:conference@themonastery.net.au)

## THE VOICE REFERENDUM

On October 14, Australian citizens will vote in the referendum on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament.

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan is encouraging Catholics to prayerfully reflect on the upcoming referendum

and inform themselves from reliable sources such as: [www.indigenousvoice.church](http://www.indigenousvoice.church) or [www.catholic.au](http://www.catholic.au) or [www.voice.gov.au](http://www.voice.gov.au). Please [Click here](#) for correspondence from Archbishop Patrick O'Regan.

## DRAWN INTO THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

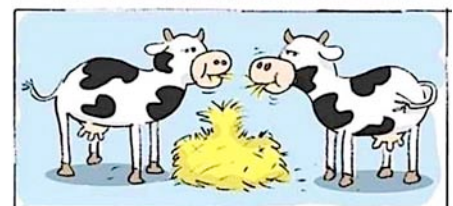
An evening opening up the Archdiocesan Vision for Formation

SAVE THE DATE:  
Thursday October 19, 7.00pm  
Location Details TBA  
Register for in-person or online participation

<https://www.trybooking.com/CLUCM>

Drawn into the Joy of the Gospel: Formation in the Archdiocese of Adelaide is the new diocesan statement on faith formation and formation for pastoral leaders and ministers in parishes, schools, communities and agencies and the Archdiocese of Adelaide's commitment to foster the faith formation of the people of God in this place.

This gathering will engage participants in an exploration of Drawn into the Joy of the Gospel and its supporting resources to provide opportunities that draw Catholics into a closer encounter with Jesus Christ, and thus ensure that we are "permanently in a state of mission". Parish, school and community leaders and formation leaders are especially invited; however all are welcome. For more information, contact Peter Bierer [pbierer@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:pbierer@adelaide.catholic.org.au), 8210 8129.



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## 109<sup>TH</sup> WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

There are libraries of books written about different parenting strategies. One of the topics to consider is choice. Will the children be given options to choose between, or will that freedom come when they are older? Will the consequences of choices always be meted out fairly, or will parents be lenient under certain conditions? Each family will approach these questions differently, but in general parents hope their children will grow to make good choices that lead to good consequences.

As children of God, we have the freedom to choose to follow Jesus and to work for the 'vineyard' of the Gospel. However, God's 'parenting strategy' is a mystery. We cannot fathom the kindness and compassion of God, whose ways are not our ways, nor thoughts our thoughts.

The landowner in today's parable chooses to mete out the same rewards to each of his workers. Justice and fairness go beyond any human standards - there is forgiveness and generosity for all.



Yet in our human world, there are so many who face uncertainty, fear, poverty and distress. Sometimes their conditions call for tough choices in order to preserve life and wellbeing for individuals and families. In an ideal world, Pope Francis says, the "decision to migrate should always be free". In reality, many are forced to make choices that are not fair or safe. Like the workers in the vineyard, they take any option that is available.

As a community, we can choose not to judge, but to respond with the generosity of God. We can create spaces of human dignity and flourishing. We can provide welcome, hospitality and means to earn an income. We can support those who choose to return. Pope Francis says that "the chance to live in peace and with dignity is not yet a right, but must be seen as a shared responsibility".

As a Church, we are moving forwards together on a synodal journey. It is a rediscovery of listening to the Holy Spirit within our structures as we live the Gospel as a pilgrim people. We are called to make good choices that will lead to good consequences. In the end, however, we have to trust in the mystery of God's ways.

We are children of God, and we place ourselves in God's hands. As do those who make difficult choices about whether to migrate or to stay. Whatever happens, our communities are free to choose how to respond. Will our actions show that God's greatness cannot be measured?

### FREE TO CHOOSE WHETHER TO MIGRATE OR TO STAY Sunday, 24 September, 2023

#### ROSTERS

<b>ALDINGA</b>	<b>Saturday 23 September</b>	<b>Saturday 30 September</b>
Welcomer	Kate Manders	Andre Woodhouse, Noah Ellis
Commentator	Tricia Dundon	Michelle Cormack
Readers	Michelle Cormack	Cristina Tiedje
	David Manders	Jill McHendrie
Eucharistic Minister	Mario Bacchin	Lorraine Ellis
<b>NORMANVILLE</b>	<b>Sunday, 24 September</b>	<b>Sunday, 01 October</b>
Welcomer	Rita Steller	Tim Fleming
Commentator	Ann Henriksen	Thia Van Kuyk
Reader	Michael Steller	Jan Plumb
Altar/Cleaning	Ann Henriksen + volunteer	Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery
<b>WILLUNGA</b>	<b>Sunday, 24 September</b>	<b>Sunday, 01 October</b>
Commentator	John Tregagle	Marie Andrews
Reader	Marie Cester	Anna Rogers
Eucharistic Minister	Michael Hynes	Andrew Beach
Flowers	Vanda Farrall	Vanda Farrall
Church Linen	Margaret Guley	Wayne Best

## PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

**Recently deceased:** Robert McCarthy, Monsignor Rob Egar

**Anniversary:** Elio Bruschi

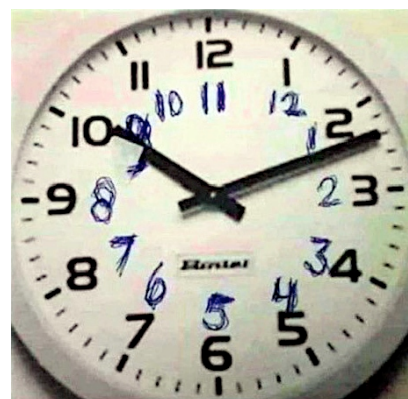
#### DATES

Sep	Catholic Charities Month
29 Sep	Coffee - Louis, Aldinga
29 Sep	Last day School term 3
2 Oct	Labour Day
3 Oct	Creative Corner - Aldinga
13 Oct	Coffee - Louis, Aldinga
16 Oct	First day School term 4
17 Oct	Creative Corner - Aldinga
22 Oct	World Mission Day
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
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

#### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

begins in South Australia at 2.00am next Sunday (October 1) when clocks are *put forward* one hour.

Remember the phrase: "**Spring forward - Fall back**" and turn your clocks forward before bed on Saturday night - then you won't need to go around and fix all your clocks (as below) on Sunday morning.



## COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 21/09/23)



- 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

### LIVING THE WORD

The 'vineyard' in the Hebrew Scriptures always referred to Israel, the people of God, while the 'master' was God himself. This parable would have been clearly understood to be about being gathered into God's people and who was welcomed into the kingdom. The unbounded generosity of God is highlighted.

- In what ways are we able to offer generosity to new-comers in our parish or local area?
- What welcoming ministries exist in our parish for those who move into the area or for new migrants?
- Who are the people in our society who are in need of generosity and welcome?

### DID YOU KNOW?

- In the Greco-Roman world, casual labourers used to gather in the agora or town-square waiting for employers to hire them.
- In the early Church there was sometimes a jealousy between those who had believed in the risen Christ from the earliest days and thus suffered persecution for their faith and those, especially Gentiles, who came to belief later on.



Help each other through

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At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

### HERE'S A TIP ABOUT GOD

*"He replied to the one speaking for the rest, 'Friend, I haven't been unfair. We agreed on the wage of a dollar; didn't we? So take it and go. I decided to give to the one who came last the same as you. Can't I do what I want with my own money? Are you going to get stingy because I am generous?' Here it is again, the Great Reversal: many of the first ending up last, and the last first". (Matthew 20: 13 - 16)*

When visiting Paris for the first time, I found one custom so different from here or other places I had visited that it made me genuinely uncomfortable: It was tipping. My guidebook told me not to tip the staff that cleaned my hotel room. They would take it as an insult that they were not doing their job well enough and needed further incentive. The same went for taxi drivers and to the infamous French waiters. An English-speaking waiter explained that the French do their job

and leave you to eat, not hovering around the table working for a larger tip. That is why we often consider them to be aloof or inattentive, when in fact they are neither.

We cannot possibly reach the standards of perfection we sometimes think God places on us. We fail to realise how generous God is with us. God's ways remain a mystery to us.

So we need merely to accept the generosity of God as God chooses to share it with us. We cannot work harder trying to impress God to get a bigger response from God who is already totally generous. We need instead to be accepting of what God chooses to give to us, grateful and humble. *GPBS eNews*

### KIDS' CORNER

*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways, my ways, says the Lord. (Isaiah 55: 8)*  
"I wish Franklin understood why he has to go to the vet," Jacob says as he sits with his dog in the waiting room. "Well, he needs his shots to stay healthy," Jacob's mum says. "And he'll get a tasty-treat too". Jacob looks at Franklin again. "I know that, but Franklin doesn't," he says. It's a little bit like that with God and us. When things happen that we don't understand, God longs to tell us how much God loves us and that there's a good reason for everything. *GPBS*

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS (25 September - 1 October)

- **Monday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Ezra 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18)
- **Tuesday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Ezra 6:7-8, 12, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21)
- **Wednesday, 27:** St Vincent de Paul (Ezra 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6)
- **Thursday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Haggai 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9)
- **Friday, 29:** Sts Michael Gabriel, Raphael (Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51)
- **Saturday, 30:** St Jerome (Zech 2:5-9, 14-15; Lk 9:43-45)
- **Sunday 1:** 26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32)

### 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.