



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

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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

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here,' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as

the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 115:10, 15-19

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 17:5

*Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud,
the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!* (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)

24 Feb 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy
25 Feb 8.30am - N/ville, Fr Tom
10.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick
2 Mar 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Tom
3 Mar 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick
10.30am - N/ville, Fr Dominick
9 Mar 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy
10 Mar 8.30am - N/ville, Fr Dominick
10.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom
16 Mar 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
17 Mar 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Josy
10.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy
23 Mar 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy
24 Mar 8.30am - N/ville, Fr Tom
10.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick

EASTER PRIEST ROSTERS

28 Mar Holy Thursday
5.00pm - N/ville, Fr Dominick
5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy
7.30pm - Willunga, Fr Tom
29 Mar Good Friday
3.00pm - Willunga, Fr Tom
3.00pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
5.15pm - N/ville, Fr Josy
30 Mar Holy Saturday
5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
7.30pm - Willunga, Fr Tom
31 Mar Easter Sunday
8.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom
9.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

FREE LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKLET

The Office for Worship, has produced a free Lenten reflection booklet. It features brief, easy-to-read reflections for Ash Wednesday and five Sundays in Lent.

If you would like a copy of this booklet for personal or group reflection, please collect one as you leave the Church today.

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

The Regional Assemblies, building on the 2021 and 2022 Diocesan Assemblies, aim to enhance local participation, communion, and mission. They provide an avenue for parishes, communities, and schools to engage in mutual listening, address shared needs, and collaborate for action.

This is an invitation to participate in our Regional Assembly for the South, to discuss Our Church, Our Community, Our Faith and Our Call. Archbishop O'Regan will be in attendance for part of the day.

9th March, 2024

**Cardijn College (Marian Campus)
9.30am until 4.30pm
followed by a Mass**

Lunch provided and transport available if required

Register online at www.trybooking.com/CNDKK or provide your details after Mass to register manually.

Willunga Parish contacts for more information: Garry Triffett (0402 457 948), Nigel Pile (0428 569 457) or Kerri Gould (0439 877 563)

PROJECT COMPASSION



Ronita is 22. She lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines.

Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family but, thankfully, she heard about the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Australia's local partners in the Philippines.

Through the FCJ, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child.

After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre and is looking to a brighter future for her whole family.

“I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself,” she said. “I feel hopeful for the future... Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream... Thank you.”

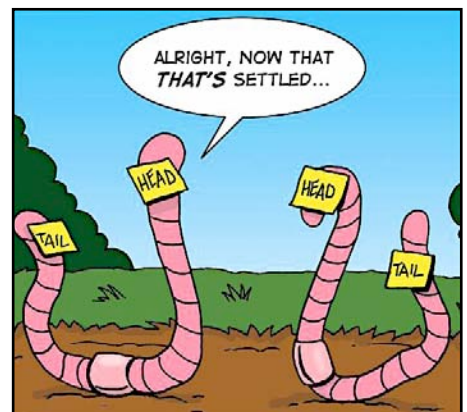
Please donate to Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

FREE ONLINE COURSE ON SYNODALITY FROM BOSTON COLLEGE:

Toward a Constitutively Synodal Church - 2 - 15 March

How does synodality work in the everyday realities of the Church? You are invited to participate in a free online course from Boston College School of Theology and Ministry to explore the practices and dimensions of practical synodality.

All videos will be facilitated virtually in March 2024 and will be offered at no cost to participants worldwide. Lectures which are pre-recorded and available in Spanish, English, Portuguese, French, Italian, Polish and German can be watched at any time throughout the month of March. The detailed programme and registration is also available at <https://bit.ly/3S79GKc>





Community Open Day

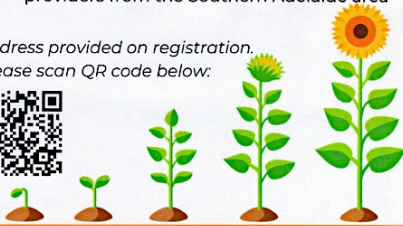
Friday 1st March 10am-1pm

The Yellow Gate is now operating, providing Domestic Violence Recovery and Prevention support services for women

Please join us for our community open day

It will be an inspiring day of presentations, stalls, and activities with local businesses and service providers from the Southern Adelaide area

Address provided on registration.
Please scan QR code below:



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER *(this year featuring Palestine)*

Friday 1 March at 7.00pm

St Paul's Lutheran Church
4 Aldersey Street, McLaren Vale
Supper following.
Everyone welcome
More info: Evelyn (0439 080 252)

St Peter's Catholic Church
Cape Jervis Road, Normanville
Supper following.
Everyone welcome
More info: Rita (0439 508 180)

AFTERNOON DEVONSHIRE TEA *(Scones, jam, cream, tea, coffee and board games provided)*

**Sunday, 17th March from
2.00pm**

Galilee Community Room

*Gold coin donation please
Everyone welcome*

*For catering purposes, bookings
are essential - please contact
Chris McWilliams
(0451 144 776)*

WILLUNGA PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

The current members of the Parish
Finance Council are:

Dolek Thiele (Chairperson)
Chris McWilliams (Secretary)
Thia van Kuyk (Finance Officer)
Martin Morgan (Cemetery)
John McPhail (Treasurer)



PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack,
Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre
Boyd, Jim Smith, Janette McIver,
Michael Casey, Paul Hancock,
Margaret Oomens, Paul Cormack
(Janet has moved to Eldercare at Seaford)

Recently deceased: Judith King

Anniversaries: Terry Fitzpatrick,
May Lovelock

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

DATES

25 Feb 2nd Sunday of Lent
1 Mar World Day of Prayer -
featuring Palestine
1 Mar Coffee morning Louie's 10am
3 Mar 3rd Sunday of Lent
3 Mar Clean up Australia Day
15 Mar Coffee morning Louie's 10am
9 Mar Regional Assembly
10 Mar 4th Sunday of Lent
17 Mar 5th Sunday of Lent
18 Mar St Patrick's Day
29 Mar Coffee morning Louie's 10am
24 Mar Palm Sunday of the Passion
28 Mar Thursday of Lord's supper
29 Mar Friday of Passion of the Lord
30 Mar Holy Saturday
31 Mar Sunday of the Resurrection
12 Apr Coffee morning Louie's 10am
12 Apr Last day School term 1
26 Apr Coffee morning Louie's 10am
25 Apr ANZAC Day
29 Apr First day School term 2
3 May Coffee morning Louie's 10am
24 May Coffee morning Louie's 10am

ROSTERS

ALDINGA *Saturday 24 February*
Welcomer A Woodhouse, N Ellis
Commentator Chris McWilliams
Readers Brianna McIver
Tricia Dundon
Eucharistic Minister Brigid Grimwood

NORMANVILLE *Sunday, 25 February*
Welcomer Tim Fleming
Commentator Ena Harvey
Reader Michael Steller
Altar/Cleaning Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery

WILLUNGA *Sunday, 25 February*
Commentator John Tregeagle
Reader Megan Chapman
Eucharistic Minister Andrew Beach
Flowers No flowers - Lent
Church Linen Viv Zagajewska

Saturday 02 March
A Woodhouse, N Ellis
David Manders
Jill McHendrie
Ken Creevey
Maria Jarvis-Maack

Sunday, 03 March
Peter Bohnsack
Chris Symes
Jan Plumb
Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery

Sunday, 03 March
Anna Rogers
John Tregeagle
Andrew Beach
No flowers - Lent
Wayne Best

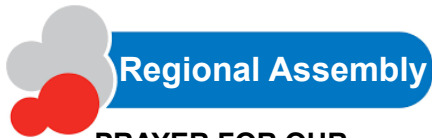
EASTER MASS TIMES

• **Holy Thursday (28 March)** •
St Peter's, Normanville 5.00pm
Mary of Galilee, Aldinga 5.30pm
St Joseph's, Willunga 7.30pm

• **Good Friday (29 March)** •
Mary of Galilee, Aldinga 3.00pm
St Joseph's, Willunga 3.00pm
St Peter's, Normanville 5.15pm

• **Saturday Vigil (30 March)** •
Mary of Galilee, Aldinga 5.30pm
St Joseph's, Willunga 7.30pm

• **Easter Sunday (31 March)** •
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)*



Regional Assembly

PRAYER FOR OUR REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Creator of all that is, we call on you to open our hearts to new life as we take part in our Regional Assembly through our presence and our prayer.

Jesus, our Companion on the journey, empower us to care for each other and our world with compassion as you have done.

Holy Spirit, Breath of Life inspire us with wisdom to hear your call and the courage to respond.

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.

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KIDS' CORNER

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them. (Mark 9:2)

These disciples have travelled with Jesus. They've eaten with him and spent their days learning from him. They know this man. But Jesus is much more than just a man. He is God too. On the mountaintop, Jesus gives the disciples a glimpse of his holy power, and they realise that the friend they know is also the God they love.

DID YOU KNOW?

- This event in the life of Jesus is known as the Transfiguration. It is traditionally associated with Mt Tabor near Nazareth in Galilee.
- The words of the voice from the cloud echo the words from heaven at Jesus' baptism, 'You are my son, the beloved, my favour rests on you' (Mk 1:11).
- The three disciples who witness Jesus' glory in this episode are the same three who will witness his agony on the Mount of Olives on the night before he died.

GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

BELOVED

(Mark 9: 2 - 10)

The film *Dead Man Walking* tells the story of a nun (Sr. Helen Prejean) as she accompanies a man (Robert) during the months leading up to his execution in the United States. Noticing how Robert tried to win the confidence of one of the wardens, who was a kind and fatherly figure, Sister Helen reflected:

Robert never really had a father. His father spent 27 of his 53 years in prison. It makes me think of my own father. It has to be one of life's most precious feelings to know that your dad is proud of you. I was my daddy's scholar, his scribe who kept the travel diary on family holidays. He always had a special tone in his voice when he introduced me to friends and colleagues. "And this is my daughter, Helen." In the presence of strangers I would fall silent, standing close to him, my hand holding on tightly to his. Afterwards, I would squeeze his hand tighter than ever and delight once more with chatter and questions. A child can sail to the moon with that feeling of security from a father.

This may help us to understand something of what the Tabor experience meant for Jesus. It came at a very difficult time in his life, a time of uncertainty and fear of the future. He was headed for Jerusalem, where he sensed that the same fate awaited him as befell all the prophets – a violent death. Naturally he recoiled from such a fate. In order to reflect on it and pray about it, he climbed to the top of Mount Tabor.

We don't know exactly what happened on the mountain. But it seems that he had an intense experience of the presence of God. He heard those marvellous words: "You are my beloved Son." On Tabor Jesus felt himself comforted and affirmed. He knew that God was pleased with him, and would give him the strength to face a dark and threatening future. With God on his side, he could face anything.

At times life can become dark for all of us. There are a lot of voices which say to us: "You're good, but only if you're popular." But there is a still small voice which whispers to us in our hearts: "You are my beloved son/daughter." This is the voice we need to pay attention to. We must recognise that we are God's beloved children, and try to live our lives by the light of this truth.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(26 February - 04 March)

- **Monday, 26:** Monday of 2nd week of Lent (Dan 9:4-10; Lk 6:36-38)
- **Tuesday, 27:** Tuesday of 2nd week of Lent (Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12)
- **Wednesday, 28:** Wednesday of 2nd week of Lent (Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28)
- **Thursday, 01:** Thursday of 2nd week of Lent (Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31)
- **Friday, 02:** Friday of 2nd week of Lent (Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46)
- **Saturday, 03:** Saturday of 2nd week of Lent (Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32)
- **Sunday 04:** THIRD SUNDAY of LENT (Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25)

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.