



Welcome to

# Willunga Catholic Parish

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

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B**

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## **WILLUNGA CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRE**

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## **PARISH OFFICE**

If you need to contact the Office, please ring 0447 421 948 if there is no-one available to take your call.

## **PARISH TEAM CONTACTS**

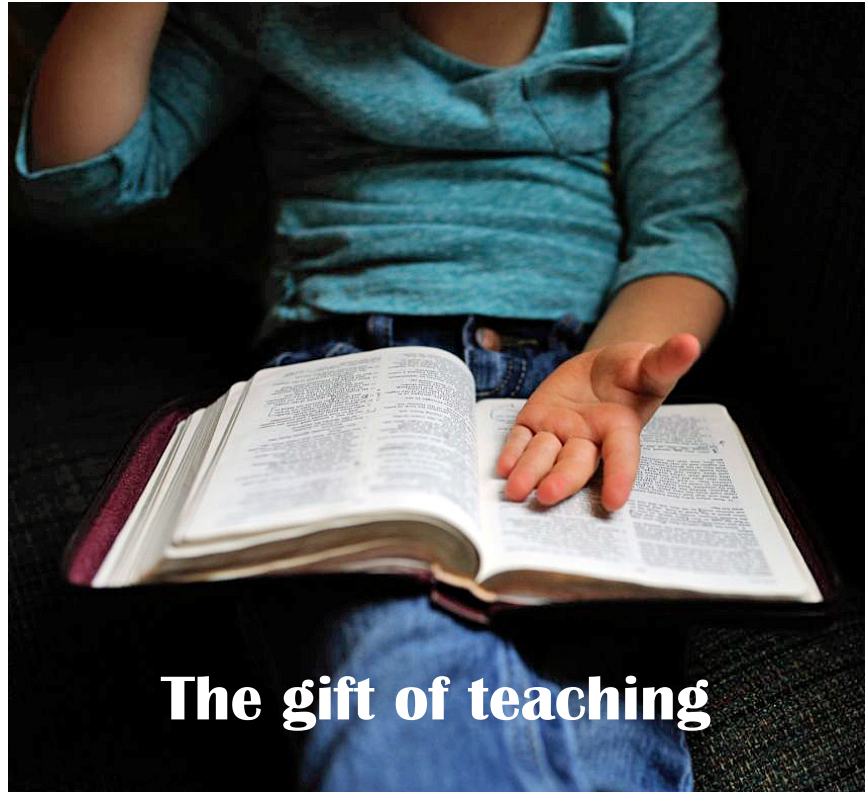
- Fr Josy Sebastian  
(Fr Josy away on annual leave until September 22)
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## **MASS CENTRES**

- 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)



## **The gift of teaching**

### **FIRST READING**

*Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the people through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Ps 33:2-3, 16-23*

*Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

### **SECOND READING**

*Ephesians 5:21-32*

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. *For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will*

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# Bulletin Board

## WEEKDAY MASSES

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

(NB: This roster may be changed if something unforeseen crops up)

24 Aug	5.30pm, Aldinga - Fr Dominick
25 Aug	8.30am, N/ville - Fr Dominick 10.30am, Willunga - Fr Dominick
31 Aug	5.30pm, Aldinga - Fr Dominick
01 Sep	8.30am, Willunga - Fr Dominick 10.30am, N/ville - Fr Tom

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

## COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Place an order for your 2025 Columban Calendar soon. Next year's calendar includes the following features:

- New design with more space to fit your notes on the date pad.
- Bible verses for hope and healing each month.
- Free online Art Guide resource - *Visio Divina* available by scanning the QR codes in the calendar or at: [www.columban.org.au/artguide](http://www.columban.org.au/artguide)

This year they are \$11 each. Please contact Gael Maloney (0447 421 948) if you would like to place an order, or send \$11 in an envelope (marked with "Columban Calendar" and your name) in the Mass bag at your centre.  
*Gael Maloney*

## BLESSING OF MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Celebrations for milestone wedding anniversaries in the Archdiocese will again be held in local Parish communities to recognise couples in their life-long commitment.

If you, or someone you know, is celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60 years), we invite you to let Gael Maloney (0447 421 948) know of the details, before 30 August.

The Anniversaries Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 15 September.

## WILLUNGA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

At our August Parish Pastoral Council meeting we spent a lot of time discussing replacement of Sr Margaret Ann's duties across the Parish.

We are very grateful for the numerous volunteers in each Mass centre for helping to replace these duties. However, we are aware there is a shortage of people visiting or taking communion to residents in nursing homes.

If this is an area of service you are interested in supporting, please let your local Pastoral Council member know (list on page 4).

At our next meeting in October, we will discuss outcomes from the recent diocesan assembly and will share thoughts about a whole parish gathering.

If you ever have any items, you would like the members to discuss please let your local representative know.

## PRELIMINARY NOTICE (Kammerphilharmonie Köln)

The Chamber Philharmonia Cologne group have been in touch to announce they will be touring Australia again in 2025.

St Joseph's has been offered two concerts - one on Saturday evening and another next day, on Sunday afternoon. At this time they are planning to be with us a little later than in the past, on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of March (end of January previously). Put the date in your calendar now. More details (costs, times, etc) when they become available.

## CATHOLIC EARTHCARE CONVOCATION 2024 Thursday September 12 - Saturday September 14

Join us online to celebrate the Season of Creation in 2024 at our Catholic Earthcare Convocation!

We are called to 'Wonder, Weave and Heal' Earth and the whole of creation. Gather online during Day 1 and 2 to engage in keynote presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences.

Day 3 of the convocation has us gathering together in our diocese to transform our learnings into action. For more information visit: [catholicearthcare@caritas.org.au](http://catholicearthcare@caritas.org.au)

## MEET THE RISEN JESUS WEEKEND RETREAT AT SEVENHILL

4.00pm Friday 27 September until 3.00pm Sunday 29 September

We warmly welcome you to a time of rest and prayer for this weekend retreat at JISA Sevenhill in the heart of South Australia's Clare Valley. Who do you say Jesus is? In this retreat, we introduce imaginative contemplation, a practice of prayer that can give you an encounter with the risen Jesus.

When: Friday 27 September 4pm – Sunday 29 September 3pm.

Where: JISA Sevenhill, College Road, Sevenhill SA

Price: \$380 including two days/ nights' accommodation, all meals, retreat facilitation and input, prayer materials, guided meditations, prayer materials and take-home resources

Retreat Director: Iain Radvan SJ with guest facilitator Susie Hii.

Book by: Friday 30 August

For bookings and enquiries: Contact Megan on +61 8 8843 5935 or [sevenhill@jisa.org.au](mailto:sevenhill@jisa.org.au)



Congratulations and best wishes to Rod and Vivi Boucher who celebrate their 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August.





**LONG TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**AUSTRALIA-PACIFIC**

*The Cagliero Project,  
Salesians of Don Bosco*

We are seeking long term (6 -12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2025 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia. Applications close October 31. Send us an enquiry - [www.cagliero.org.au](http://www.cagliero.org.au) or [lhichaaba@salesians.org.au](mailto:lhichaaba@salesians.org.au)

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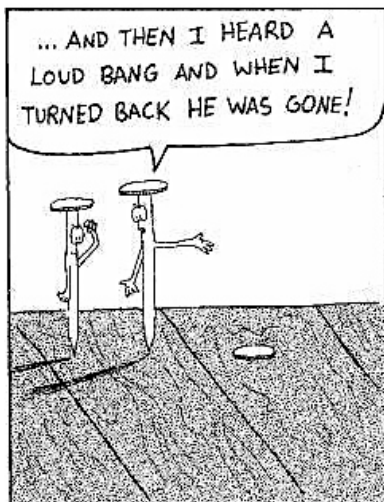
**COMMUNITY CELEBRATION**

1a Old Coach Road, Aldinga

**Friday August 30,  
3.00pm - 10.00pm**

Food Trucks - Local Gin and Wine -  
Live Music - Family Friendly -  
Raffles - Silent Auction

Raising funds to bridge the gap of access to Mental Health, Self Care and Welfare Services for our community.



**SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY**



Social justice Sunday is observed every year on the final Sunday of August. This year's commemoration is on the Sunday (August 25). The 2024 theme is "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World".

The Catholic Church in Australia has a long tradition of commemorating Social Justice Sunday. The Catholic Bishops have issued an annual Social Justice Statement practically every year since 1940. The social justice remarks are made on behalf of the entire bishops' conference in time for Social Justice Sunday.

These declarations are issued with the hopes of provoking thought and action throughout the year. This year's declaration is at: <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/resources/socialjustice-statements/>

**SEASON OF CREATION EVENT  
MERCY GROVE**

The Holy Family Catholic Parish invites you for a prayerful and reflective afternoon at the Mercy Grove-Belair National Park, to celebrate the Season of Creation. The event will occur on Sunday September 22 at 2.00pm.

For registration and further information, please access the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CULAQ>

**PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Healing list:** Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre Boyd, Janette McIver, Michael Casey, Paul Hancock, Paul Cormack, Roger Fishlock, John Tregeagle, Walter Litvensky.

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

**DATES**

- 31 Aug - Sep 8 Adelaide Show
- September Catholic Charities month
- 27 Sep Last day School term 3
- 28 Sep AFL Grand Final
- October World Mission month
- 5/6 Oct Supporting Clergy Appeal
- 07 Oct Labour Day holiday
- 14 Oct First day School term 4
- 20 Oct World Mission Day Appeal
- 05 Nov Melbourne Cup
- 10 Nov St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal
- 13 Dec Last day School term 4
- 25 Dec Catholic Charities Appeal

**COLLECTIONS**

*10/11 and 17/18 August*

First collection	\$979.00
Envelopes	\$430.00
Unpledged	\$599.00
Vocations Appeal	\$342.00

*(Not including direct debits)*

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.

**MOBILITY AIDS**

A recently-widowed parishioner is keen to sell some surplus mobility aids. This equipment is in excellent condition (some hardly used) and is available at very reasonable prices.

- Aspire toilet surround, adjustable aluminium frame
- Ritecare toilet seat and lid with frame, height raise adjustable - ideal shower chair
- Walker with seat and carry basket, fold up four wheels|
- Commode chair on wheels

For more information, or to negotiate a sale, please contact Anna Rogers (0414 266 528).

**ROSTERS**

**ALDINGA**

Welcomer  
Commentator  
Readers  
  
Eucharistic Minister

**Saturday 24 August**

Andre Woodhouse  
Michelle Cormack  
Cristina Tiedje  
Ken Creevey  
Judi Driscoll

**Saturday 31 August**

Andre Woodhouse  
Chris McWilliams  
David Manders  
Jill McHendrie  
Brigid Grimwood

**NORMANVILLE**

Welcomer  
Commentator  
Reader  
Data Projector  
Altar/Cleaning

**Sunday, 25 August**

Rita Steller  
Michael Steller  
Ann Henriksen  
Thia van Kuyk  
Patsy & Jim Fitzpatrick

**Sunday, 01 September**

Leo Montgomery  
Chris Symes  
Thia van Kuyk  
Nigel Pile  
Patsy & Jim Fitzpatrick

**WILLUNGA**

Commentator  
Reader  
Eucharistic Minister  
Flowers  
Church Linen

**Sunday, 25 August**

Gael Maloney  
Norman Lee  
Wayne Best  
Michael Hynes  
Wayne Best

**Sunday, 01 September**

Marie Andrews  
Anna Rogers  
Viv Zagajewska  
Michael Hynes  
Wayne Best

**WILLUNGA PARISH**  
(Aldinga, Normanville, Willunga)  
NGARRINDJERI, RAMINDJERI,  
PERAMANGK, KAURNA land

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

- **Aldinga** - Kerri Gould, Lorraine Ellis, Kim Calderbank
- **Willunga** - Rick Zagajewski, Michael Hynes
- **Normanville** - Nigel Pile, Christopher Symes

### FINANCE COUNCIL

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

### CEMETERY CONTACTS

- **St Joseph's, Willunga** - Curator Martin Morgan (0417 851 902) - in his absence please contact: Michael Hynes (0490 677 314) or Tony Harding (0488 330 748)
- **St Peter's, Normanville** - Curator Peter Bohnsack (0400 525 690)

### BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES

Please contact the Parish Office  
(8556 2132 or 0447 421 948)

### SACRAMENTS

For more information please contact:

- Parish Office  
([admin@willungparish.org.au](mailto:admin@willungparish.org.au) : 8556 2132, 0447 421 948)  
or
- Kim Calderbank  
([kim.calderbank@cardijn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kim.calderbank@cardijn.catholic.edu.au) : [08] 8550 2200)

### CHILD PROTECTION

We are a Child Safe Organisation which is committed to the care, well-being and protection of children and young people.

We believe that all God's children and young people have the right to be healthy and safe, and to have their voice heard, respected, and valued. A safe environment for all.

Willunga Parish contact - Michael Hynes or Child Protection Unit (8210 8159).

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become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Jn 6:63, 38**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

**John 6:60-69**

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

### TOUGH CALL

In the first frame of a comic strip by Tom Toles, a man slouched in an armchair watches TV and hears, "Worldwatch Institute says we need to stop consuming the planet immediately or we lose it. It's as simple as that." In the next two frames there is silence until, at last, the fellow - dare we call him "Everyman"? - responds: "Decisions, decisions," and we laugh at his self-delusion.

When Joshua asks, bare-faced, "Who are you going to serve?" the people answer as if it's obvious: "Far be it

from us to serve any other God!" In the gospel, Jesus asks the wrenching question: "Do you also want to leave?" and we can shake our heads at those who do walk away because Jesus' demands are so hard.

If only we humans were not so complicated. In daily life, most choices do not present themselves as "Am I going to serve the one God or not?" or "Am I going to stick with Jesus or walk away from him?" We just read them as ordinary choices, unrelated to our spiritual life. So in case we've missed the point that we often frame life's questions a self-referential way, there is a footnote in the cartoon's last frame where the question is restated in painful honesty: "How much longer am I going to need (the planet)?"

To be part of this believing community of faith implies that your answers are, "Far be it from me to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods." You are answering Jesus in your heart: "Lord, to whom shall I go but you?" The problem is that when you cross the church's threshold, life instantly becomes so much more complicated and it's easy to complain, "Decisions, decisions."

*GPBS eNews*

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

*(August 26 - September 01)*

- **Monday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (2 Thess 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22)
- **Tuesday, 27:** St Monica (2 Thess 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22)
- **Wednesday, 28** St Augustine (2 Thess 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32)
- **Thursday 29:** The Passion of St John the Baptist (Jer 1:17-19; Mk 6:17-29)
- **Friday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13)
- **Saturday, 31:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30)
- **Sunday 01:** 22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Deut 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

### 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 0447 421 948.