



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

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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 2:7-9, 3:1-7

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that

they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-19

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is

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Bulletin Board

REGULAR MASS TIMES

(resumes beginning of December)

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
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WEEKEND MASSES

(Times on front page of this bulletin)

PRIEST ROSTER - WEEKENDS

(This roster may change if something unforeseen crops up)

25 Feb	5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy
26 Feb	8.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy 10.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

LENT

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Season of Lent, is a day of fast and abstinence that is meant to free us from all that binds, leading us to a conscious solidarity with the poor of the world, as we begin our Lenten journey.

What is Fasting and Abstaining?

Fasting is recommended for Catholics between the ages of 18 and 60 years, unless they have particular health requirements or are sick. Fasting is about being more alert, through limiting sensibly our intake of daily food. It helps us to heighten our senses and consciousness (as the monks in the desert discovered centuries ago), to aid our prayer, to enable us to recognise the deeper desires of our mind and heart, so that we can listen to God's action more readily in our lives.

Abstinence from meat is for Catholics between the ages of 14 and 60, unless they have particular health requirements or are sick. We are to abstain from meat only on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday. However, you could choose to do this every Friday of Lent as a penitential practice to be in solidarity with the poor – but this is not required by the Church.

Sr Margaret Ann

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

7.00pm, Friday March 3
St Joseph's Church, Willunga
(Followed by supper in "The Shed")



The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto: **"Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action,"** and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together people of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

The Annual World Day of Prayer continues to be a time for promoting action to make the world a better place and reiterate the importance of prayer. This year's service will focus on the people of Taiwan and tell of the concerns and issues they currently face as a nation.

Everyone is more welcome. Parishioners from other local Churches have also been invited and we would love to see you there.

For more information please contact: Anna Rogers (0414 266 528), Gael Maloney (0447 421 948) or Sr Margaret Ann (0488 287 552).

CRAFT GROUP

Galilee Creative Corner would appreciate donations of material remnants, (especially cotton). Please contact Sr Margaret Ann or Vivi Boucher 0490 331 935, or leave donations at Mass. The group meets alternate Tuesdays in Galilee Community Room from 11.00am until about 1.30pm. Share ideas, be guided, or bring your own individual activity.

WALK FOR LIFE

Congratulations to all who attended, or prayed for, the success of the "Walk for Life" rally.

4,500 people attended, about two thirds were family-aged or younger. The rally was well organised with sun umbrellas, a few chairs, bubbles and chupa chups for the children.

At 10.00am the first of five speakers began, with the fifth finishing at 11.00am - ten minutes each. We heard information not easily available to us in general.

At 11.00am people started to walk to Parliament House and back. By noon the official part was over. Some of us only attended the gathering. We all agreed how encouraging and satisfying it was to hear our Catholic Church mentioned as supportive and to see Fr Dean Marin VG and Fr Josy leading from the front! Thanks to both priests.

The walk is always scheduled for the second Saturday in February - 10 February in 2024. Let's try to improve again on the attendance.

Chris McWilliams

LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKS

Lenten Reflection books are available (free-of-charge) from the Church Foyer today. They are ideal for personal reflection or for group discussion.



PROJECT COMPASSION



Laxmi, 16, lives in in Jajarkot, a remote district in Nepal where almost half of the population live below the poverty line. Tragedy struck when Laxmi was 10 years old and her father passed

away. Her father worked hard to pay for his children's education and after losing him Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty.

With the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club at her school where she was encouraged to resume her education. Through the child's club, Laxmi developed the skills and confidence to become a leader, advocating for clean water taps at her school. Laxmi is now excelling in her studies and working towards her dream of becoming a civil engineer. She

continues to be involved in the child's club, serving as an advisor and mentoring the next generation of young leaders at her old school.

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 ph 1800 024 413.

WILLUNGA ROSTERS

Marie Andrews is preparing the new rosters for St Joseph's, Willunga for commentators, readers, eucharistic ministers, flowers, linen, etc for the next six months (beginning of April - end of September).

If you are not on the roster please consider offering your support. We would be delighted to hear from you. If you are currently on the roster and would prefer not to be, get in touch with Marie asap (phone or text 0423 302 746). If know you are going to be away during this time, Marie would also like to hear from you.

FRINGE ORGAN RECITALS

St Francis Xavier's' Cathedral Wednesdays March 1, 8 and 15

The Archdiocese of Adelaide with the Adelaide Fringe, invite you to attend the Lunchtime Organ Recitals at the Cathedral. The recitals are on March 1, 8 and 15 beginning at 1pm.

We welcome Val Estrella for the first recital in this series. Entry is free. All are welcome. Please phone the Cathedral Parish (8210 8155) for any further information.

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Muriel Smith, Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews

Recently deceased: Veronica Shortland, Trevor Keller

DATES

- 3 Mar Coffee group - Louis
- 3 Mar World Day of Prayer
- 7 Mar Creative Corner
- 7 Mar Adelaide Cup Day
- 17 Mar St Patrick's Day
- 17 Mar Coffee group - Louis
- 21 Mar Creative Corner
- 31 Mar Coffee group - Louis
- 14 Apr Last day School term 1
- 4 Apr Creative Corner
- 6 Apr Thursday of Lord's Supper
- 7 Apr Good Friday
- 8 Apr Holy Saturday
- 9 Apr Easter Sunday
- 10 Apr Easter Monday
- 14 Apr Coffee group - Louis
- 16 Apr Divine Mercy Sunday
- 18 Apr Creative Corner
- 21 Apr Marian Procession
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day
- 28 Apr Coffee group - Louis
- 1 May First day School term 2
- 12 Jun King's birthday
- 7 Jul Last day School term 2
- 24 Jul First day School term 3
- 29 Sep Last day School term 3
- 2 Oct Labour Day
- 16 Oct First day School term 4
- 15 Dec Last day School term 4

TÜRKIYE AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE DISASTER

The 7.8 magnitude earthquake has unleashed devastation on Türkiye and Syria, leaving thousands of people dead, with this number expected to rise dramatically.

Your support to help those affected by this catastrophe is invaluable. Your generous donation means our partners in Turkey and Syria can respond swiftly to support the survivors of this unimaginable tragedy.

Visit: www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

O Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Grant peace and protection to the people of Ukraine. Give them strength and courage to defend what is good, right, and holy. Keep them safe from harm and provide for all their needs, both temporal and spiritual.



ROSTERS

ALDINGA

Welcomer
Commentator
Readers

Eucharistic Minister

Saturday 25 February

Kate M, Rose S
Michelle Cormack
David Manders
Brianna McIver
Kerri Gould

Saturday 04 March

Andre W, Christina T
Chris McWilliams
Heidi Davidson
David Manders
Brigid Grimwood

NORMANVILLE

Welcomer
Commentator
Reader
Altar/Cleaning

Sunday, 26 February

Peter Bohnsack
Ann Henriksen
Michael Steller
Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery

Sunday, 05 March

Leo Montgomery
Jim Fitzpatrick
Thia Van Kyuk
Patsy & Jim Fitzpatrick

WILLUNGA

Commentator
Reader
Eucharistic Minister
Flowers
Church Linen

Sunday, 26 February

Wayne Best
John Tregagle
Andrew Beach
Vanda Farrall
Anna Rogers

Sunday, 05 March

Anna Rogers
Norman Lee
Marie Cester
Michael Hynes
Margaret Guley

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 23/02/23)

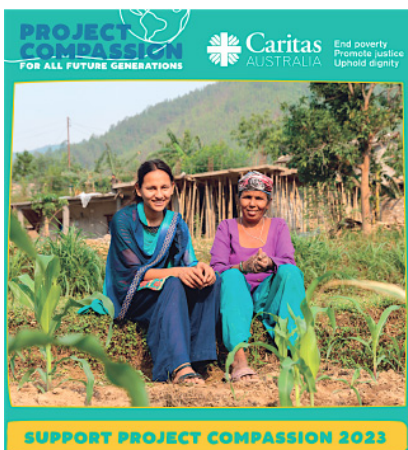


- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Wearing of face-masks in Church is strongly recommended.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- Procession of gifts has resumed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

As we begin our Lenten journey today, we need to recall and remember that we are not setting out on this journey on our own. God is with us walking by our side every step of way. When we are tempted, we need to follow the example of Jesus. He did not rely on his own strength. He turned to God and asked for help which he received. We will not be able to walk the Lenten journey on our own. We need to realise that like Jesus, we too need God's help, support, guidance and protection. Whenever we feel tired or ready to give up or give in, we need to turn to God for encouragement. We know that God will be with us during Lent as God was with Jesus when he was in the desert. God will never leave us alone.

Michael Moore OMI



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even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: *You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'*

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

A SINGLE ACT OF GOODNESS

(Matthew 4: 1 - 11)

Israel wandered for decades in the desert, not yet having learned how to be a faithful, holy people. They demanded that God "turn stones into bread," or at least to send bread from heaven and water from a rock. Israel demanded continual signs of God's intervention and interest. They even worshipped the golden calf, hoping that it would safeguard them better than Moses and his God.

When Jesus enters the desert, he faces the same Exodus temptations. But where Israel falters, Jesus remains steadfast. What does this single victory over the devil mean, against the sad tribulation of centuries of failure on the part of the rest of us? What can Jesus' victory mean, when I fall to the lure of sin again and again?

The example of Jesus' faithfulness may keep the saints on course during great trials; but a common sinner like me can keep an eye of Jesus' example while still fainting under the spell of self-interest. The real power of Jesus' victory over temptation is that it destroyed the necessary relationship between sin and death. I may fall to sin along the way, but the ultimate victory belongs to God.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(27 February - 5 March)

- **Monday, 27:** Monday, first week of Lent (Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46)
- **Tuesday, 28:** Tuesday, first week of Lent (Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15)
- **Wednesday, 01:** Wednesday, first week of Lent (Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32)
- **Thursday, 02:** Thursday, first week of Lent (Esther 14:1, 3-5, 12-14 ; Mt 7:7-12)
- **Friday, 03:** Friday, first week of Lent (Ezek 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26)
- **Saturday, 04:** Saturday, first week of Lent (Deut 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48)
- **Sunday 05:** SECOND SUNDAY of LENT (Gen 12:1-4; 2 Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9:)

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.