



Welcome to

# Willunga Catholic Parish

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

**FIFTH 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**

*Ezekiel 37:12-14*

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps 129**

*With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.*

## **SECOND READING**

*Romans 8:8-11*

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he

who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Jn 11:25, 26**

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

## **GOSPEL**

**John 11:1-45 (abridged)**

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already.

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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
1 <sup>st</sup> Fri	9.00am - Willunga 12.00noon - Normanville

## WEEKEND MASSES

(Times on front page of this bulletin)

## PRIEST ROSTER

### WEEKENDS and EASTER

(This roster may change

if something unforeseen crops up)

25 Mar	5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
26 Mar	8.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy 10.30am - Willunga, Fr Josy
01 Apr	5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
02 Apr	8.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick 10.30am - N/ville, Fr Tom
06 Apr	5.00pm - N/ville, Fr Dominick 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy 7.30pm - Willunga, Fr Tom
07 Apr	9.30am - Aldinga, Fr Josy 3.00pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy 3.00pm - N/ville, TBA 3.00pm - Willunga, Fr Tom
08 Apr	5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick 7.30pm - Willunga, Fr Tom
09 Apr	8.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom 9.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy
15 Apr	5.30am - Aldinga, Fr Tom
16 Apr	8.30am - Willunga, Fr Josy 10.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy
22 Apr	5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
23 Apr	8.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy 10.30am - Willunga, Fr Josy
29 Apr	5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
30 Apr	8.30am - Willunga, Fr Josy 10.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy

## EASTER MASS TIMES



### • Holy Thursday (6 April) •

St Peter's, Normanville 5.00pm  
Mary of Galilee, Aldinga 5.30pm  
St Joseph's, Willunga 7.30pm

### • Good Friday (7 April) •

Mary of Galilee, Aldinga 9.30am  
(Stations of Cross)  
Mary of Galilee, Aldinga 3.00pm  
St Peter's, Normanville 3.00pm  
St Joseph's, Willunga 3.00pm

• **Saturday Vigil (8 April)** •  
Mary of Galilee, Aldinga 5.30pm  
St Joseph's, Willunga 7.30pm

• **Easter Sunday (9 April)** •  
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)

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday is always celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter, this year 16 April. Our celebration will be held at St Luke's Church, Noarlunga. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament starts at 2.00pm, with the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, with several priests available. This time includes the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Mass will begin at 3.00pm with the solemn blessing of the Divine Mercy Image. There will be no 5.30pm Mass at St Luke's that day.

Jesus spoke to Saint Faustina " *By this Novena I will grant every possible grace to souls*"

## PROJECT COMPASSION



Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have

been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu.

Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

Project Compassion is a demonstration of the faith, empathy and generosity of our supporters. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia – without it, we could not do the vital work we do. Thank you for helping transform lives today and for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion

donation boxes or envelopes, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or phone 1800 024 413.

## DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS NEXT WEEKEND



Turn your clocks back an hour at 3.00am next Sunday (2 April), or do it before you go to bed the night before and really enjoy that hour extra in bed.

## 7 LAST WORDS

### Lenten Retreat at St Luke's

Friday 31 March 7.00pm—9.30pm  
Saturday 1 April 9.30am—9.30pm  
Sunday 2 April 10.00am—5.15pm

Speaker: Fr Josy Sebastian

Cost \$20 covers Saturday and Sunday lunch, morning and afternoon tea, Saturday dinner.

Please complete the registration form and return it to Sr Margaret Ann or Gael Maloney by this weekend (25/26 March). Further details please contact Charl 0452 263 012). All ages welcome.

## SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

The Second Rite of Reconciliation will be held at St Luke's, Noarlunga on Tuesday 28 March at 7.30pm.

There will be several Priests available. All are welcome.

## MARIAN PROCESSION

The 2023 Marian Procession will be held on Sunday May 21 beginning at the Pioneer Women's Memorial Gardens (next to the Torrens Parade



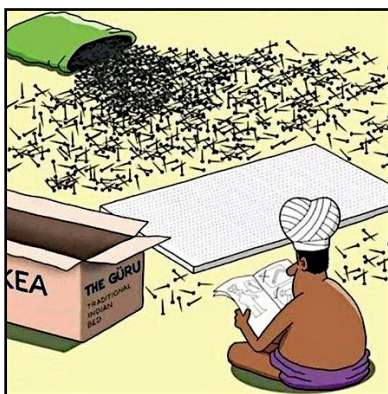


Ground on King William Road) procession up King William Street into Victoria Square. The Procession will commence at 2.00pm and all are invited to attend with their parish or community. Group assembly will begin from 1.30pm. For more information, please contact the Events Office (8210 8220)

**EACH PERSON IS UNIQUELY PRECIOUS AND DESERVING OF RESPECT**

In recent years we have become much more sensitive to the extent of discrimination in our society. We have come to see more clearly how easily we can take it for granted and fail to notice it. People who are discriminated against have found a voice and called us out when we tolerate wounding and scornful ways of speaking and behaving.

Celebration of the Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (21 March) may seem more urgent now after the protests of the Black Lives Matter movement against police discrimination and the routine killings of Black citizens in the United States. Followed by similar movements in Australia, they showed how common and routine are racist attitudes. More



recently other groups of people have protested against the discrimination and brutal treatment of people who are homosexual or have changed gender. They have also allowed us to see from inside how hurtful and debilitating discrimination is.

Racial discrimination is unjustifiable because it is built on a shallow and dangerous understanding of what it means to be human. It assumes that the most important and defining quality of people is their race. From that belief follows the conclusion that race controls the way in which people should be treated. In reality, although racial identity is an important aspect of human lives, each person is uniquely precious simply because they are human. Because we share a common humanity we are all are entitled to an equal respect. We should not privilege one group over others on the grounds of race, wealth, gender religion or political allegiances.

In Australia many people complain of meeting different kinds of prejudice and discrimination in their daily lives. Some are abused and discriminated against on the grounds of their race, others on the grounds of their religion, their political views or their gender.

In any society discrimination against minority groups in society displays a lack of respect for the humanity of the people who are discriminated against. Societies often need laws against racial, and other forms of, discrimination. But such laws cannot create respect. Respect is the business of the whole community. That is why we have a World Day to remind us of this call.

*Fr Andrew Hamilton  
"Australian Catholics"*

**PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Sick:** Muriel Smith, Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre Boyd, Derek Wade

**Recently deceased:** Stephen Beach (*Andrew's brother*), Sarah Brawley, Sandra Jones

**Anniversary:** Graeme Kennedy

**DATES**

- 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

**I WILL OPEN YOUR GRAVES**

*(John 11: 1 - 45)*

How we long to hear these words of Jesus when those we love become ill: "This sickness is not fatal". How we want to believe our loved ones will not leave us, and how betrayed we feel when our loving arms are not enough to hold them in life. Human life is a passing shadow. We're not called mortal for nothing.

So what are we to make of this story of Lazarus? He's not saved from death in the long run; Lazarus will surely die again. But Jesus demonstrates graphically what it means to be the Lord of life. The Son of Man has power over death. No one passes beyond the limits of his kingdom. None of us is lost to life by moving beyond its tangible boundaries. Even the dead respond to the sound of Christ's voice. The shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. The gift of Christianity is this assurance in the continuance of life, its fulfillment and transfiguration beyond mortality. Our loved ones are not lost. They are called into more and greater life. *GPBS eNews*

**ROSTERS**

**ALDINGA** *Saturday 25 March*  
 Welcomer L & N Ellis, C Tiedge  
 Commentator Tricia Dundon  
 Readers Christina Tiedge  
 Tricia Dundon  
 Eucharistic Minister Judy Driscoll

*Saturday 01 April*  
 Palm Sunday  
 TBA

**NORMANVILLE** *Sunday, 26 March*  
 Welcomer Peter Bohnsack  
 Commentator Ann Henriksen  
 Reader Michael Steller  
 Altar/Cleaning N Pile, L Montgomery

*Sunday, 02 April*  
 Leo Montgomery  
 Antoinette Fleming  
 Ena Harvey  
 M Kennedy, A Henriksen

**WILLUNGA** *Sunday, 26 March*  
 Commentator Vanda Farrall  
 Reader Chris Dzamko  
 Eucharistic Minister Marie Cester  
 Flowers No flowers - Lent  
 Church Linen Margaret Guley

*Sunday, 02 April*  
 Wayne Best  
 Margaret Guley  
 Andrew Beach  
 No flowers - Lent  
 Wayne Best

## COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

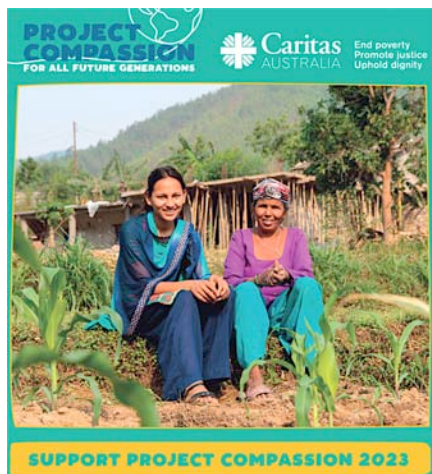
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- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Wearing of face-masks in Church is strongly recommended.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- 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

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Mary, Martha and Lazarus, named as special friends of Jesus, lived in Bethany, a small town on the outskirts of Jerusalem, just over the Mount of Olives.
- Popular Jewish belief was that the soul hovered near the body for three days after death. The 'fourth day' indicates that Lazarus is well and truly passed away, thus making his resuscitation even more amazing.
- The Pharisees believed in the resurrection of the dead at the end of time but the Sadducees did not.



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When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

## DEATH NO LONGER PROUD

A mother came up to me with her second-grade son at her side. She told me he had something he wanted to ask me. He held on to her hand tightly. The words clearly difficult for him to formulate. After some squirming and hesitating, he finally asked me if he could bury his deceased pet dog in the soil on the side of the church. I assured him that I could think of no more fitting a resting place for his pet to be buried. He was very relieved.

Among all the other benefits and good reasons for a child caring for a pet is that they often do teach a lesson in the reality of death. In our society, death seldom is experienced at home. We try to make it more palatable with wakes and memorial services. But it remains an unknown reality for many of us. And we tend to fear what we do not know. Witness how often the word death is used in titles of movies or books created to frighten us.

Death was much more visible in Jesus' time. Warm climates meant the necessity for quick burials. There is a finality about it. That is, until Jesus comes and rolls back the stone and calls his friend Lazarus out. After that moment, we realise death will never have the same hold over us.

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### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(27 March - 02 April)

- **Monday, 27:** Mon, 5<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11)
- **Tuesday, 28:** Tues, 5<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Num 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30)
- **Wednesday, 29:** Wed, 5<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Dan 3:14-20, 24-25, 28; Jn 8:31-42)
- **Thursday, 30:** Thur, 5<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Gen 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59)
- **Friday, 31:** Fri, 5<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42)
- **Saturday, 01:** Sat, 5<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Ezek 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56)
- **Sunday 02:** PALM SUNDAY (Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66)

### 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.