



Welcome to

# Willunga Catholic Parish

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

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## WILLUNGA CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRE

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## PARISH OFFICE

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## PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

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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

*Acts 9:26-31*

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 21:26-28, 30-32*

*I will praise you, Lord,  
in the assembly of your people.*

## SECOND READING

*1 John 3:18-24*

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be

certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Jn 15:4-5*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*John 15:1-8*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he

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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

(Times on front page of this bulletin)

## PRIEST ROSTER WEEKENDS

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

27 Apr 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy  
28 Apr 10.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Ps 97:1-2*

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

## MARIAN PROCESSION

*Sunday, 19 May at 2.00pm*



Each year the Adelaide Archdiocese hosts the annual Marian Procession in honour of Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church. This year, we celebrate its 75th Anniversary.

The procession will be held in the city. Assemble at Victoria Park (Wakefield Road) at 1.30pm. Procession to Victoria Square begins at 2.00pm.

For more information contact Archdiocesan Events (8210 8220 or [events@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:events@adelaide.catholic.org.au))

## MAY MASS COUNTS

The Archdiocese of Adelaide conducts a Count of Attendance for all Masses held on weekends during the month of May each year. This year, attendance counts are to be conducted over the four weekends of May, being the 4/5, 11/12, 18/19 and 25/26 in all Parish Mass Centres. The information gathered is used in pastoral planning and financial reporting.

Thank you to the people who have offered to help with this.

## ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH REPAIRS and MAINTENANCE

Special thanks to all the parishioners who stayed after Mass last Sunday to help move non fixtures to the Hall and Meeting Room for Masses and to the Shed for storage. Your assistance was very much appreciated.

While the repairs are being carried out the Church will be unavailable. Sunday Masses will be relocated to St Joseph's Hall and weekday Masses to the Meeting Room of the Parish House.

It would be appreciated if fit-and-able parishioners could park in their usual spots in the Church car park and walk up the hill to the Hall. If you are unable to manage this walk, there will be limited parking available in the Hall grounds. Please be aware that parking on both sides of St George Street greatly inconveniences locals living on that narrow street.

## COLES KITCHENWARE

Please consider claiming Coles free kitchenware and donating the pieces to refugees or Vinnies. I will collect any donations left at Willunga Parish Office or Galilee Church for distribution. *Chris McWilliams*

## WILLUNGA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

At our last meeting on 2 April, we discussed the sound system at St Joseph, Church signage at Galilee, feedback from the recent regional assembly and Sr Margaret Ann's upcoming retirement.

We next meet on the 28 May. If you have any agenda items, please let council members know by 14 May. *Kerri Gould*

## ADELAIDE BOTANIC GARDENS TOUR

The Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide invites you to the Adelaide Botanic Gardens Tour to celebrate Indigenous native flora for Laudato Si Week on Saturday, 18 May from 12.00pm to 1.30pm, meeting spot is at The Visitors Centre (North Terrace, Adelaide). Spots/places are limited so register early by clicking [www.trybooking.com/CQVLG](http://www.trybooking.com/CQVLG)

*Aladdin has been banned from the magic carpet races. Apparently he's been using performance enhancing rugs.*

## SR MARGARET ANN'S FAREWELL

The three communities that make up Willunga Parish - Mary of Galilee at Aldinga, St Peter's at Normanville and St Joseph's at Willunga - have decided to have small individual farewells for Sr Margaret Ann before she retires in June.

These will consist of a simple morning tea or supper at each Centre following a regular weekend Mass.

The events will take place at:

- St Peter's on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> May following 8.30am Mass
- Mary of Galilee on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> May following 5.30pm Mass
- St Joseph's on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June following 8.30am Mass.

Parishioners are most welcome to join in at any of our three centres. Please bring a plate to share.

## KIDS' CORNER

Everyone knew Saul was trouble. He'd been arresting Jesus' followers and getting them thrown in jail. So when people heard that Saul changed his mind about Jesus and was going by a different name, Paul, they were unsure and afraid. How could they trust him? But Barnabas took the risk of trusting Paul. He'd heard Paul telling the story of how he'd been blinded and how Jesus spoke to him and cured him. Barnabas could see that Paul spoke truthfully and be defended Paul.

Do you know someone like Paul, who needs a friend to stand up for them? Will you be a good friend, like Barnabas? *GPBS eNews*



*"My side of the family is full-blooded DOS and Windows, but you are one-quarter Mac with a bit of Linux and Android on your mother's side."*



**SR JASMINE LAWRENCE**



Sr Jasmine Lawrence was recently welcomed to the Cardijn College community.

As well as working three days a week at the Marian campus Noarlunga, Sr Jasmine is working at the Galilee campus on Tuesday and Thursday, where she assists with liturgies and the sacrament program, as well as with pastoral care of families.

Sr Jasmine Lawrence, cp is one of the Passionist Sisters of St Paul of the Cross. She is originally from India, but has been living in Adelaide for awhile. She lives with four other Sisters in a religious community. Her previous ministry was working in a Church as Pastoral Associate and part-time counsellor in a Catholic primary school. She is very excited about her ministry with the Cardijn College | community. *Kerri Gould*

**Proposed Closure of: St John the Evangelist Catholic Cemetery (ID: 2741820)**

Corner Leeds Street & Cameron Street.  
Port Elliot, SA, 5212

This notice is to advise families or personal representatives of those whose graves, plaques or memorials are at St John the Evangelist Catholic Cemetery, that they have interment rights under section 24 (9) of the Act, and should contact the Parish via email: catholicvhg@bigpond.com or Ph: 08 8552 1084 to exercise these rights

Date of Proposed Closure: 31st December 2024.  
There are no holders of unexercised interment rights. The last interment was in August 1972 and the cemetery is no longer requested by parishioners or their families.

Pt Elliot Catholic Cemetery is about to close. This advertisement was in the weekend paper and I realised that there might be Willunga parishioners who have relations buried there, as it was originally part of our Parish. *Michelle Cormack*  
*Willunga Parish Archivist*



*I was once abducted by aliens. They made me clean my room, wash my hands and eat my vegetables. Turns out I was on the mothership.*

**ROSTERS**

**ALDINGA**

Welcomer  
Commentator  
Readers

Eucharistic Minister

**Saturday 27 April**

A Woodhouse, N Ellis  
Tricia Dundon  
Jill McHendrie  
Tricia Dundon  
Lorraine Ellis

**Saturday 04 May**

A Woodhouse, N Ellis  
Cristina Tiedje  
Brigid Grimwood  
Ken Creevey  
Mario Bacchin

**NORMANVILLE**

Welcomer  
Commentator  
Reader  
Altar/Cleaning

**Sunday, 28 April**

Leo Montgomery  
Ena Harvey  
Trish Bohnsack  
Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery

**Sunday, 05 May**

Tim Fleming  
Antoinette Fleming  
Rosemary Ayles  
Trish Bohnsack, Rita Steller

**WILLUNGA**

Commentator  
Reader  
Eucharistic Minister  
Flowers  
Church Linen

**Sunday, 28 April**

Marie Andrews  
Megan Chapman  
Anna Rogers  
No flowers - Mass in Hall  
Volunteer please

**Sunday, 05 May**

Gael Maloney  
John Tregeagle  
Marie Cester  
No flowers - Mass in Hall  
Wayne Best

**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, Roger Fishlock

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

**DATES**

- 29 Apr First day School term 2
- 10 May Coffee morning Louie's 10am
- 12 May St Vincent de Paul Appeal
- 19 May Marian Procession
- 24 May Coffee morning Louie's 10am
- 10 Jun King's Birthday holiday
- 30 Jun Holy Father's Appeal
- 05 Jul Last day School term 2
- 07 July NATSICC Appeal
- 22 Jul First day School term 3
- 11 Aug Vocations Appeal
- 15 Aug Assumption Blessed Virgin Mary
- 31 Aug - Sep 8 Adelaide Show
- Sep Catholic Charities month
- 27 Sep Last day School term 3
- 28 Sep AFL Grand Final
- 05/06 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 Appeal
- 13 Dec Last day School term 4 (Yrs 10, 11, 12 vary)
- 25 Dec Catholic Charities Appeal

**PARISH COLLECTIONS**

**13/14, 20/21 April**

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| First collection | \$994.00 |
| Envelopes        | \$620.00 |
| Unpledged        | \$638.00 |

*(Direct debits not included)*

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.

*A truck loaded with thousands of copies of Roget's Thesaurus crashed yesterday losing its entire load. Witnesses were stunned, startled, aghast, taken aback, stupefied, confused, shocked, rattled, paralysed, dazed, bewildered, mixed up, surprised, awed, dumbfounded, nonplussed, flabbergasted, astounded, amazed, confounded, astonished, overwhelmed, horrified, numbed, flummoxed, speechless, perplexed, and gobsmacked.*

*Meanwhile, those waiting for the shipment were at a loss for words.*

## **WILLUNGA PARISH**

(Aldinga, Normanville, Willunga)  
NGARRINDJERI, RAMINDJERI,  
PERAMANGK and KAURNA land

### **PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Kerri Gould, Lorraine Ellis, Kim Calderbank (Aldinga); Rick Zagajewski, Michael Hynes (Willunga); Nigel Pile, Christopher Symes (Normanville)

### **WILLUNGA PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL**

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

### **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 contact - Sr Margaret Ann)  
Child Protection Unit 8210 8159



### **EXPLORING THE WORD**

Jesus continues to speak to the disciples through imagery which they understood from their everyday experience and with symbols that come from their Jewish tradition. The vine is a staple part of Israel's agricultural life, it carries the idea of the life that flows into the branches from the thick stalk of the vine. Jesus becomes that giver of life and prosperity, but behind his life-giving presence is the Father. Like the vine dresser, the Father must cut away anything which impedes that life or comes from a source which is not nourished from the 'true vine'. Jesus exists to make the Father known and so it must be with the disciples of Jesus. We must 'remain with' Jesus and thus make the Father known.

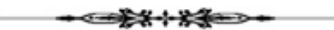
### **DID YOU KNOW?**

In John's Gospel, the term 'I am' has a special significance. When Moses encountered God on Mt Sinai, God revealed himself as "I am who am." Jesus reveals himself as Son of God in the use of this term and tells something of his mission.

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prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'



### **BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING**

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfilment of God's promises to Israel.

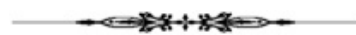
In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us

through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbour. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

*Loyola Press*



### **THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

*(29 April - 5 May)*

- **Monday, 29:** St Catherine of Siena (Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26)
- **Tuesday, 30:** Tuesday of the 5<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31)
- **Wednesday, 1:** Wednesday of the 5<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8)
- **Thursday, 2:** St Athanasius (Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11)
- **Friday, 3:** Sts Philip and James (1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14)
- **Saturday, 4:** Saturday of the 5<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21)
- **Sunday 5:** SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17)

### **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.