



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

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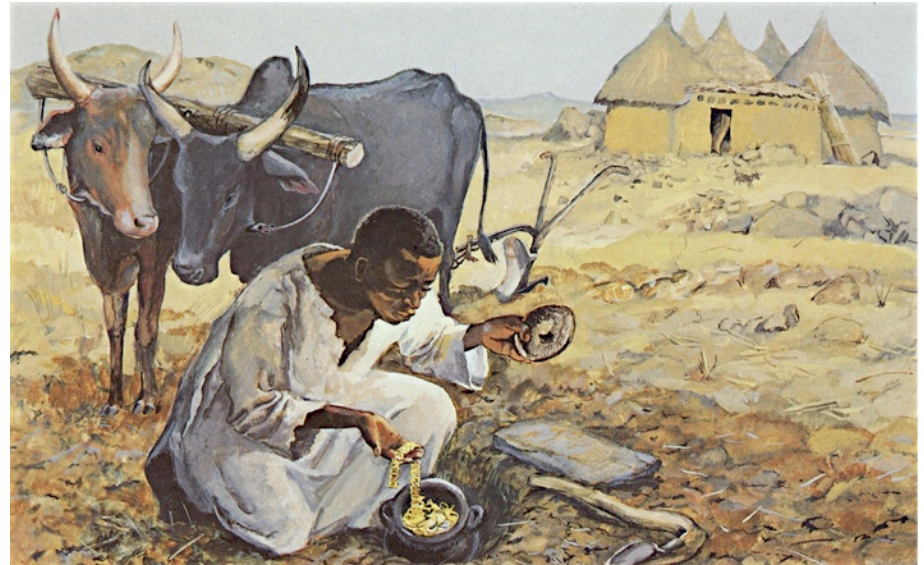
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MASS CENTRES

- 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

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130
Lord, I love your commands.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his

purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. *(Continued page 4)*



Bulletin Board

REGULAR MASS TIMES

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)

29 July 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
30 July 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Josy
10.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy
5 Aug 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
6 Aug 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick
10.30am - N/ville, Fr Tom
12 Aug 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Tom
13 Aug 8.30am - N/ville, Fr Dominick
10.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick
19 Aug 5.30am - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
20 Aug 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Josy
10.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy
26 Aug 5.50am - Aldinga, Fr Josy
27 Aug 8.30am - N/ville, Fr Dominick
10.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.



SALT + LIGHT

Art Exhibition
Bethany Hall, Willunga

Six local artists are excited to launch their new exhibition entitled Salt + Light at Bethany Hall this August. The theme reflects on the salt of the earth and our unique Australian light and environment.

The official opening is always a highlight and the exhibition will be launched by Gavin Malone.

Gavin Malone is a visual artist and cultural geographer who has been instrumental in the development of Lot 50 - Kanyanyapilla, a 16 hectare ecological and cultural regeneration project located on ancient Kaurna Meyunna complex and is a registered aboriginal site.

The six artists participating are a blend of established and emerging artists: Roe Gartelmann, Chris Olsen, Elizabeth Bradley, Raylene Pearce, Lesley Redgate and Helen Sherriff.

The exhibition launch is on Friday, August 4 at 6.00pm at Bethany Hall, 33 St Andrews Terrace, Willunga. This invigorating exhibition will be open on weekends throughout August from 1.00pm - 4.00pm. Entry is free. Visitors can also look forward to meeting the artists and hearing about their art story, there will also be a popular vote prize. *Jenny Esots*

BLESSING OF MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday September 17

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 Sr Margaret Ann (0488 287 552) or Gael Maloney (0447 421 948) know of the details so they may be acknowledged at the Anniversaries Mass on that weekend.

EVERY GENERATION ONKAPARINGA

2023 AWARDS NOW OPEN

These awards recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements and valuable contributions that people of all ages, cultures and abilities make to positive ageing in our communities.

Help us share these achievements by nominating now. Nomination forms and guidelines are available online – visit onkapingacity.com/EGO

Nominations close at 5pm Monday 14 August 2023. For more information visit onkapingacity.com/EGO or call 8384 0666.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

Over the next two weekends throughout the Church in Australia we celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week. In the first week, we acknowledge the unique call or vocation that God has for each of us through our baptism. In the second week, we acknowledge the unique call to the Consecrated Life of Sisters and Brothers, to the Diaconate and to the Priesthood.

TOGETHER ON THE WAY: JOURNEY TO THE SYNOD – SECOND SESSION

You are invited to join the second of three gatherings with Archbishop Patrick O'Regan as we journey toward the Global Synod in October.

This gathering will explore the Synod theme of mission – August 1, 7.00pm at the Monastery, 15 Cross Road, Urrbrae and online via Zoom.

Bookings via www.trybooking.com/CJDR

In preparation for this event, participants are encouraged to read the Synod for a prayer for use by parishes and communities. Resources and a video recording from Session 1 are available at

www.adelaidediocesanassembly.org/resources

LOCAL WORLD

YOUTH DAY CELEBRATION

The Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults (COYYA) is organising a local World Youth Day (WYD) celebration in solidarity with young people from all over the world. Saturday August 5: World Youth Day Adelaide celebration from 1.30pm - 9.30pm at Sacred Heart College Marcellin Campus, Somerton Park.

Young people (aged 16-35) are invited to participate in workshops delivered by Gianna Lucas, hear from local guest presenters and engage in community conversations. This is followed by an evening of encounter through a special WYD liturgy, dinner and a concert with interstate duo Gus & Iggy and supported by local musicians. \$20 per ticket includes access to all workshops, food and drinks, liturgy and concert.

WYD Adelaide 2023 information: www.cathoyouthadelaide.org.au/world-youth-day



**BISHOP TO DEFEND
'VALUE OF CHRISTIAN LIFE'
AFTER NT EUTHANASIA
PANEL ANNOUNCED**



On July 22, the NT Government announced a panel would carry out community consultation about voluntary assisted dying and provide an independent report to policy makers by July next year.

As the Church's chief advocate and president of the Northern Territory's Council of Churches, Bishop Gauci expects to be in the public eye defending "the dignity of the human person" and pointing out the pitfalls of euthanasia.

"I certainly won't be watering anything down," Bishop Gauci said.

"I intend to have a respectful but clear and solid conversation about the whole issue and to share information about what the experience has been in other places where euthanasia has been legalised, not just in Australia but in other countries.

"In the end we surrender to God's will. As Christians, we trust in God's will ... and in the end God has the final say when it's time to go – we don't make that decision ourselves."

NT Chief Minister Natasha Fyles said an advisory panel would examine the structure of how voluntary assisted dying policy could be developed, not whether it should be implemented.

Bishop Gauci, who celebrates 46 years as a priest this year, has written

a letter to all NT Catholics explaining his own experience ministering to the elderly and coming to understand the importance of dying.

Bishop Gauci said he would use public discussion about euthanasia to press for improved quality of palliative care offered in the Northern Territory as well as ways to improve pastoral care for people suffering from serious and terminal illnesses.

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HIROSHIMA DAY MEMORIAL

*Sunday August 6,
7.45 - 8.30am at The Peace Park
(opp Women & Children's Hospital)*

Join the annual commemoration of the first use of nuclear weapons at Hiroshima and Nagasaki which killed 210,000 people. Stand with Pope Francis who has called for the banning of all nuclear weapons.

Organised by the Graham F Smith Peace Foundation, Romero Community, Medical Association for the Prevention of War, and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Contact Peter Laffan 0488 062 112 for further information.

KI PARISH FUNDRAISER

Adelaide Catholic Cathedral Parish invites you to a fundraiser for the Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish to watch the upcoming Hercule Poirot film, "A Haunting in Venice". There will be raffle prizes too.

Tickets \$25 (incl movie, choc top, popcorn and bottle water) on September 24, 2.00pm at Regal Theatre, 275 Kensington Road
Purchase tickets: (08) 8210 8155 or acp@adelaide.catholic.org.au

**PLEASE KEEP THESE
PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Sick: Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre Boyd, David Guley, Paul Hancock, Msg Robert Aitken

Recently deceased: Beth Thomas, Marion McCormack

DATES

- 1 Aug World Youth Day
- 8 Aug St Mary of the Cross feast
- 13 Aug Vocations Appeal
- 15 Aug Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sep Catholic Charities Month
- 3 Sep Fathers' Day
- 29 Sep Last day School term 3
- 2 Oct Labour Day
- 16 Oct First day School term 4
- 22 Oct World Mission Day
- 12 Nov Vinnies Christmas Appeal
- 15 Dec Last day School term 4
- 25 Dec Catholic Charities Appeal

**AUTHOR TALK AT
ALDINGA LIBRARY**

*Aldinga Library
Saturday 5 August: 10.30 - 11.30am*

Join us for morning tea with author Liz Harfull as she shares fascinating true stories of tenacious and resilient rural Australian women.

This event is free, but bookings are essential - <https://Lizharfull.eventbrite.com.au>



ROSTERS

ALDINGA *Saturday 29 July*
Welcomer Kate Manders
Commentator David Manders
Readers Tricia Dundon
Brianna McIver
Eucharistic Minister Lorraine Ellis

NORMANVILLE *Sunday, 30 July*
Welcomer Leo Montgomery
Commentator Peter Bohnsack
Reader Jan Plumb
Altar/Cleaning Volunteer, Ann Henriksen

WILLUNGA *Sunday, 30 July*
Commentator Anna Rogers
Reader Vanda Farrall
Eucharistic Minister Steve Maglieri
Flowers Tony Harding
Church Linen Viv Zagajewska

Saturday 05 August
Rose Sulda
Michelle Cormack
Cristina Tiejie
David Manders
Maria Jarvis-Maack

Sunday, 30 July
Peter Lloyd
Antoinette Fleming
Michael Steller
Nigel Pile, Leo Montgomery

Sunday, 06 August
John Tregagle
Margaret Guley
Anna Rogers
Tony Harding
Wayne Best

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 27/07/23)



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

DID YOU KNOW?

- In ancient times people often buried their treasures as they fled from enemies or invaders. Sometimes their owners may return to recover the treasure but often it remained buried for many years. Among priceless discoveries of treasure buried as the owners fled invaders are the Dead Sea Scrolls, hidden from the Roman Army in the late first century.
- A scribe in the ancient world was someone who could read and write and often held government positions. At the time of Jesus, the scribes were influential teachers of the Jewish faith, well versed in Scripture and the Law.
- The householder who brings out things both old and new may be a reference to people like Matthew himself, who, as well as receiving the teachings of Jesus and believing in him, also retain a profound respect for the Law and traditions of Judaism.



"The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls"

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This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

KINGDOM STORIES

(Matthew 13: 44 - 52)

The last few weeks we've been treated with kingdom stories. Some are casual, like the woman kneading dough or the sower going out to plant a field. Some are loaded with suppressed excitement: the merchant finding the pearl, or the discovery of treasure in an unmarked field. What kind of kingdom can be glimpsed from a net cast lightly into the sea, emerging with the day's catch AND a year's worth of junk?

What's clear is that the kingdom of God isn't a simple idea. It's not the usual religious jaunt from a life of good works to a heavenly reward. The kingdom is known through fidelity to small tasks yet holds enormous surprises and can lead to high spiritual gambles. We may be willing to put a pinch or piety into the dough and watch the bread rise. But not all of us will sell everything, even to purchase the brightest pearl on earth. Gamble, with our nest egg?

In fact, every kingdom story has its own risk factor. Not every loaf will rise, not every field sown will produce a yield. The dragnet if human experience pulls up what's useful to spiritual growth and more garbage to haul around. We're choosing, in every minute, how much we will sacrifice, how much to risk.

A WORD FROM THE WISE

Jesus continued, "God's kingdom is like a treasure hidden in a field for years and then accidentally found by a trespasser. The finder is ecstatic – what a find! – and proceeds to sell everything he owns to raise money and buy that field". (Matthew 13: 44)

As a journalist gathered notes for a story on Monsignor Jack Egan, renowned priest, she would feel his eyes searching her face. Egan was 80 at the time and had already become a legend among Catholic activists as a man who spoke truth to power and fought racial discrimination and social injustice with the faith and ferocity of an Old Testament prophet. His virtues were many, but the one he displayed that day – an understanding heart – surprised his young admirer.

Egan had asked her some searing questions about what she said was doing with her life. She knew her accomplishments and concerns were minor and compared with the great things this courageous man had achieved. With Egan's prompting, she finally admitted to being stymied by a broken heart over a lost love. She then quickly dismissed her problem as petty and insignificant compared with the suffering of people around the world.

"Young lady," Egan said, "don't ever diminish the pain you feel. Your pain is as real as anyone else's and equally worthy of healing". She considers the wisdom shared that day as her pearl of great price. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(31 July - 6 August)

- **Monday, 31:** St Ignatius of Loyola (Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35)
- **Tuesday, 1:** St Alphonsus Liguori (Ex 33:7-11; 34:5-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43)
- **Wednesday, 2:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 17 (Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46)
- **Thursday, 3:** St Dominic (Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53)
- **Friday, 4:** St John Vianney (Lev 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37; Mt 13:54-58)
- **Saturday, 5:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 17 (Lev 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12)
- **Sunday 6:** The Transfiguration of the Lord (Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pet 1:16-19; 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.