



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

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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)

**LOVE GOD
LOVE PEOPLE
DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT**

FIRST READING

Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this:

"You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51

I love you, Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led

to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart,

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Bulletin Board

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)

28 Oct 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
29 Oct 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick
10.30am - N/ville, Fr Tom
04 Nov 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
05 Nov 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick
10.30am - N/ville, Fr Tom
11 Nov 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Tom
12 Nov 8.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy
10.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy
18 Nov 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
19 Nov 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick
10.30am - N/ville, Fr Dominick
25 Nov 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy
26 Nov 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom
10.30am - N/ville, Fr Dominick

ALL SOULS' DAY MASS

Thursday, November 2

Fr Tom will celebrate All Souls' Day Mass at St Joseph's, Willunga at 9.00am. Following Mass he will bless the graves in the adjoining cemetery. Everyone is most welcome.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.



Thank you for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs, like supporting Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters and their work through the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste.

Your gift is helping the Sr Carolina continue to provide life-saving treat-

ment and access to resources on health and well-being. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work, where you can also sign-up for our regular newsletter.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at catholicmission.org.au/timor. Your action will make a real, lasting impact.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The month of November is the time when we pray for the dead. Names of deceased people to be prayed for during November, can be entered in the Book of Remembrance, available in each of our three communities. These people will be remembered especially during our Parish Masses during November.

KIDS' CORNER

Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence. This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: Love others as well as you love yourself". (Matthew 22: 37 - 38)

At Mass, Julia looks at Jesus on the Cross and she's sure she can love Jesus with her whole heart, mind and soul every single day. But when she gets home, Julia won't let her little brother play with her. Later, when her mum asks her to clear the dinner dishes, Julia pretends she doesn't hear. That night, Julia looks back on her day. She realises that some of her action weren't very loving toward Jesus. She tells Jesus she's sorry. She asks for Jesus' help so she can do better tomorrow.

WALK FOR LIFE 2024 LAUNCH EVENT NIGHT

Monday 30 October 6.30pm for 7pm
Southlands Church, Pasadena Green Shopping Centre, PASADENA

Please contact Chris McWilliams (0451 144 776) for more information. She is also able to provide transport for a limited number of passengers.

ABORIGINAL LEADER 'HONOURED' TO ATTEND SYNOD



Above: John Lochowiak with Pope Francis (Photo: courtesy Fr Tom)

Adelaide Indigenous community leader John Lochowiak says he is "honoured" and "overwhelmed" to be among ten Catholics from the Oceania region chosen to participate in the Synod of Bishops in Rome.

Mr Lochowiak, chair of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council, is one of only five Australian representatives other than the bishops.

A participant in the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, Mr Lochowiak said it was a great honour to be selected.

"It's overwhelming, I've never even been to Europe and to be able to represent Aboriginal Catholics in Rome is huge. My family's connection with the Church has always been very strong, and that makes this even more important to me personally.

"For me it's about all of us as one."
(Excerpts from "Southern Cross")



AN URGENT PRAYER FOR PEACE

God of compassion, we turn to you with heavy hearts as we consider the needs of your family.

Israelis and Palestinians, we are all your people, each of us loved by you and called to live in peace and justice.

We lament the dreadful loss of life, destruction of property and loss of human dignity. We are pained by so much suffering. We beg you to bring healing to this ancient place.

Help your people find a way forward. Enable everyone to look each other in the eye and embrace each other as sisters and brothers, as they find your image in every face.

We ask that courage and grace will help create a wiser and more gentle future, where everyone has a home. God of wisdom, come to our aid. Amen

*Michael McGirr
(for Caritas Australia)*



PRELIMINARY NOTICE - PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE

St Joseph's on Sunday 28 January, 2024 - 3.00pm and 8.00pm. Put the date in your calendar now.

NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Feast Day - Thursday 2 November



FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE

May we be held by the God of compassion as we remember our loved ones who have died. May God be with us in our sorrow, and comfort us in our loss. May our God, our family and our friends, give us strength and confidence. May our spirit be lifted, may our hearts be filled with peace, and may the light of God's promise fill us with joy and hope.

Amen

QUOTE

"We too can be saints in our family, in our neighbourhood, wherever we live and work. Be a person who listens to what people need, communicating not only to grieve or tell others about your own problems. Listen in order to intercede and help out." Pope Francis

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre Boyd, Jim Smith, Stephen Bostock, Janette McIver, David Scott, Anne Maloney, Richard and Margaret Gleeson, Marie Andrews, Michael Casey (*Mary Faulkner's brother*)

Recently deceased: Mary Tierney (*Mary's funeral will be held at St Joseph's on 31 October at 11.00am*)

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

DATES

- 31 Oct Creative Corner - Aldinga
- 1 Nov All Saints' Day
- 2 Nov All Souls' Day
- 7 Nov Melbourne Cup Day
- 10 Nov Coffee - Louis, Aldinga
- 12 Nov Vinnies Christmas Appeal
- 14 Nov Creative Corner - Aldinga
- 24 Nov Coffee - Louis, Aldinga
- 28 Nov Creative Corner - Aldinga
- 3 Dec St Peter's Christmas BBQ
- 8 Dec Coffee - Louis, Aldinga
- 15 Dec Last day School term 4
- 25 Dec Catholic Charities Appeal

2024

- 14 Jan Women's Tour Down Under event - Willunga
- 20 Jan Men's Tour Down Under event - Willunga
- 28 Jan Philharmonia Cologne concerts 3.00pm and 8.00pm

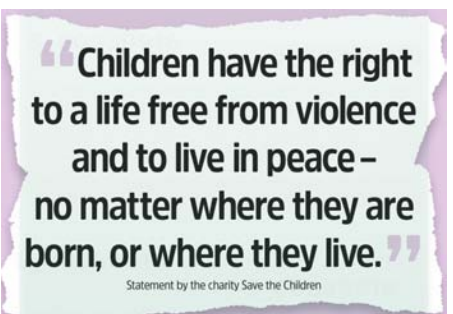
COLLECTIONS

14/15 & 21/22 October, 2023

First collection	\$925.00
Envelopes	\$561.00
Unpledged	\$637.00
Missions Appeal	\$641.00

(Direct debits not included)

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.



ROSTERS

ALDINGA *Saturday 28 October*
 Welcomer A Woodhouse, N Ellis
 Commentator Tricia Dundon
 Readers Michelle Cormack
 David Manders
 Eucharistic Minister Maria Jarvis-Maack

Saturday 04 November
 A Woodhouse, N Ellis
 Michelle Cormack
 Chris McWilliams
 Jill McHendrie
 Brigid Grimwood

NORMANVILLE *Sunday, 29 October*
 Welcomer Leo Montgomery
 Commentator Jim Fitzpatrick
 Reader Thia van Kuyk
 Altar/Cleaning Patsy & Jim Fitzpatrick

Sunday, 05 November
 Peter Lloyd
 Ann Henriksen
 Ena Harvey
 Patsy & Jim Fitzpatrick

WILLUNGA *Sunday, 29 October*
 Commentator Gael Maloney
 Reader Ian La Ronde
 Eucharistic Minister Marie Cester
 Flowers Tony Harding
 Church Linen Viv Zagajewska

Sunday, 05 November
 Michael Hynes
 Andrew Beach
 Norman Lee
 Michael Hynes
 Anna Rogers

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 26/10/23)



- 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?

- The commandment which Jesus quotes first is part of a famous Jewish declaration of faith known as the Shema from Deut 6:4. 'Hear O Israel, the Lord, our God, is one ...' This text is written out and placed inside small boxes called mezuzah which are placed on the door posts of Jewish homes. Each time a person passes through the door, they touch the mezuzah, thus making this declaration of faith several times a day.
- The second commandment quoted comes from Leviticus. Both statements are part of the Jewish Law.
- The term 'the Law and the prophets' implies the whole teaching of Judaism. The Books of the Law, known as the Torah, are the first five books of the Bible, often called the Pentateuch.



In November 2023
we pray
for all who have died.
May they rest in peace.

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with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

THE BOTTOM LINE

(Matthew 22: 34 - 40)

Moses drew the bottom line for the people of God when he presented the stone tablets to them at the base of Sinai: Here are ten things you must, and must not do. Love God, honour your parents; don't steal, kill. Most of us know the commandments well enough to know when we break them, without peeking back at Exodus.

To ask - which commandment of God is the greatest? - is a bit like asking for a hierarchy of evil for future reference. The popularity of lists of sins is that they give us guidelines as to how far we can go in sin before we're over our heads. As Robert Orbin says, most of us would like to be delivered from evil - but would like to keep in touch. The great commandment of Jesus doesn't give us that option. Loving God with heart, soul, and mind is a pretty exclusive commitment. When it comes to monogamy, even a little infidelity is too much.

RULE NUMBER ONE

Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence. This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: Love others as well as your love yourself. These two commands are pegs; everything in God's Law and the Prophets hangs from them".
(Matthew 22: 37 - 40)

Mr Williams was rehearsing his lines in his mind. His daughter had missed curfew once again, and she'd already been warned. How often had he told her about curfew - rule number one? Now, he was going to lower the boom. Ground her for weeks. Take away her driving privileges. Let her know there are consequences to her actions.

And the minutes dragged on. And his worry increased. And his anger

increased along with his worry. The phone rang. "Mr Williams, your daughter is here at the police station. She's OK. There was an accident. It wasn't her fault. We'll be bringing her home shortly, but she didn't want to worry you so she asked me to call".

When his daughter arrived home, he saw the look on her face. He could see all that she'd gone through, the apology already on her lips. It softened his heart. He opened his arms and she came swiftly into his embrace. As if singing a duet, they said simultaneously, "I was so worried for you". The Williams home discovered its new "rule number one": Love God and one another.

God's strong and all-embracing love will go with us, a love nurtured in this faith community. A love that we sense as we come quietly before God. A love that supports us in the hard times. A love that gives permission to question and doubt. A love that binds us together in ministry. A love that sometimes seems absent, but a love that is there for us always, even when we least expect it. A love we know in Jesus through his teachings, his relationships, his stories, and his love that took him to the cross. With God's love we leave this space joyfully and hopefully. Nothing can separate us from the love of God. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(30 October - 5 November)

- **Monday, 30:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 30 (Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17)
- **Tuesday, 31:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 30 (Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21)
- **Wednesday, 1:** ALL SAINTS (Apoc 7:2-4, 9-14; 1Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12)
- **Thursday, 2:** Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) (From Masses for the Dead)
- **Friday, 3:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 30 (Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6)
- **Saturday, 4:** St Charles Borromeo (Rom 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29; Lk 14:1, 7-11)
- **Sunday 5:** 31st Sunday Ordinary Time (Malachi 1:14 - 2:2, 8-10; 1 Thess 2:7-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12)

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.