



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)



FIRST READING

Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10

I am a great king, says the Lord of Hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of Hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of Hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 130

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 23:9.10

Alleluia, alleluia! You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 23:1-12

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they!

Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted

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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) 04 Nov 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick 05 Nov 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 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick 18 Nov 19 Nov 8.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick 10.30am - N/ville, Fr Dominick 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy 25 Nov 8.30am - N/ville, Fr Dominick 26 Nov

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

10.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE - PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE

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

CHERISHED WOMEN'S RETREAT

St Luke's Catholic Church, Noarlunga Downs Saturday, 25 November 9.30am - 4.30pm

CHERISHED is an annual retreat for Catholic women living in South Australia. The inaugural CHERISHED retreat was held in 2019 and was highly successful with over 80 women in attendance. Although is was intended to run every year, we took a break during the pandemic. We are excited to announce that this year CHERISHED is back!

The theme for this year's retreat is "For such a time as this" (from Esther 4:14) and the retreat will be comprised of inspiring talks, testimonies, prayer and worship and opportunities for quiet prayer. You do not have to be Catholic to attend

CHERISHED. Women from all backgrounds and walks of life are welcome.

All food, drink and materials are provided in the ticket cost of \$40. All funds raised from the retreat go towards Diamond Women SA which is an incredible pregnancy help centre for vulnerable women facing an

unplanned or crisis pregnancy. We would also be grateful for any additional donations you can make by

using the 'donate' button when you purchase your ticket.

Through your donations vulnerable women will be supported to continue in their pregnancies and in the first twelve months after birth.

If you can't get the QR code to work for bookings, go to www.eventbrite.com.au and search for Cherished Women's Retreat.

Further information is available through Chris McWilliams (0451 144 776).

ST PETER'S NORMANVILLE



3 December following 10.30am Mass

Everyone is most welcome to join with St Peter's parishioners for a BBQ Christmas lunch in the Annie O'Connor Centre. The cost is \$10 per person (meat, bread etc) plus a salad or sweet to share and your own drinks.

Please RSVP to Ann Henriksen (0458 783 901) by 23rd November.

"THE SOUTHERN CROSS"

The November edition of "The Southern Cross" will be available at Mass centres on the weekend. This issue includes coverage of the Synod in Rome, the conflict in the Holy Land and the launch of the document "Drawn into the Joy of the Gospel".

The December edition of "The Southern Cross" will once again be inserted into "The Advertiser", as well as being available for free in parishes.

THE MONASTERY MEMORIAL GARDEN

The Memorial Garden that sits adjacent to St Paul of the Cross Church is a tranquil final resting place for loved ones' ashes to be interred. The garden has recently undergone some landscaping and we encourage the public to come and have a look at the new upgrade. Head to https://themonastery.net.au/memorial-garden/ for more information or contact 8338 8700 for all enquires.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR DECEASED BISHOPS, CLERGY & RELIGIOUS

Wednesday November 15 at 5.45pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral
All are welcome to attend a Mass in honour of all deceased Bishops,
Clergy and Religious in our
Archdiocese. For more information contact Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220 or via email events@adelaide.catholic.org.au.

YOUNG ADULT SUMMER ECO CAMP

February 7-12 2024

This four-day event is for students and any young adults (18-35) who have a concern for the care of Earth. Participants will engage with the local natural environment, hear inspiring speakers and have time to reflect and share. Through attentiveness to Earth and each other, it is envisaged that participants will feel empowered to



act for the care of our planet with hope. For more details see https:// iisa.org.au/2024-young-adultsummer-eco-camp/

GOD'S RISK... OUR FREEDOM

Why doesn't God make things easier?

Perhaps the most vexing faith question of all time is the problem of God's silence and his seeming indifference: Why does God allow evil? Why do bad things happen to good people? If there is an allpowerful and all-loving God, how do you explain that millions of innocent people suffer and die in all sorts of horrible situations.

Where is God in all of this? Why is God (seemingly) hidden? If God is so massively real, why do so many people not recognize, acknowledge, or care about his existence? Why do believers have to



live, almost always it seems, on the edges of doubt? Why doesn't God make his (her) existence clear, a fact beyond doubt? Why doesn't God silence his critics?

Classical Christian theology taught that evil exists because God respects freedom, both in nature and in human beings. When we are confronted with the problem of evil in the world, the conclusion we might draw is not that God doesn't exist or doesn't care, but rather that God respects and values freedom in a way that we don't. What does this mean?

God doesn't make things easier because God can't make things easier, at least not without making us and the world into something far less than we are. When God made us, we were given as much freedom, creativity, and spunk as was possible. God didn't play it safe but gave us as much godliness as he could without making us into gods ourselves. Simply put, in making us. God went so far as to give us a freedom that even God won't tamper with.

God is perceived as silent because he allows human freedom and ingenuity to be precisely what they are meant to be, non-coerced, even by God.

Things could only be simpler if God had made us Swiss clocks wonderfully tuned to pre-set rhythms, with no mess, no sin, no evil, and the beauty of perfect crystal. But then there wouldn't be any love, freedom, creativity, or meaning. No. God built us on a razor's edge, so full of godly fire that we are capable of both martyrdom and murder.

Ronald Rolheiser

ROSTERS

ALDINGA Welcomer Commentator Readers

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

Eucharistic Minister Brigid Grimwood

NORMANVILLE

Welcomer Commentator Reader Altar/Cleaning

WILLUNGA Commentator Reader

Eucharistic Minister Norman Lee **Flowers** Church Linen

Sunday, 05 November

Peter Lloyd Ann Henriksen Ena Harvey

Patsy & Jim Fitzpatrick

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

Saturday 11 November

Clarissa Kelly, Noah Ellis Chris McWilliams Cristina Tiedje Ken Creevey Kerri Gould

Sunday, 12 November Rita Steller Thia van Kuyk Nigel Pile Volunteer, Ann Henriksen

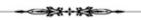
Sunday, 12 November Vanda Farrall Marie Andrews Michael Hynes Michael Hynes Wayne Best

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 Casev

Recently deceased: Mary Tierney

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

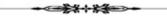


DATES

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 St Peter's Christmas BBQ 3 Dec Coffee - Louis, Aldinga 8 Dec 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



APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR **AUSTRALIAN YOUNG CATHOLIC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP 2024/2025**

The National Centre for Evangelisation (Australian Catholic Bishops Conference) has opened applications for the 2024/2025 Australian Young Catholic Women's Fellowship. The Fellowship will support eight young women aged between 25-35 years with financial and pastoral support to complete a Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies (ACU's Leadership for Mission course), while enhancing networking, spiritual direction and discernment of charisms and leadership potential. A more detailed outline of Fellowship inclusions and schedule can be found at www.nce.catholic.org.au/ womensfellowship. Applications close Thursday November 16. If you would like to learn more, please contact Sharon Brewer via info@nce.catholic.org.au.

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 02/11/23)

- 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.



EXPLORING THE WORD

At first reading we may be shocked by Jesus' attack on the Pharisees. Over the last few weeks we have read of several encounters where they try to entrap Jesus so perhaps this attack is warranted. What we need to remember, however, is that Matthew is primarily writing for his own, predominantly Jewish, community. There must have been some members who had come to faith in Jesus from positions of prestige and authority in the Synagogue. Jesus is making it clear that within the Christian community, leadership must be different. There is to be no exulting of self, no leadership of dominance or misuse of power. The old structure of Masters, Lords or Rabbis no longer holds. There is but one Master in heaven and one teacher, Jesus Christ. Real leadership within the community must be a leadership of service.

DID YOU KNOW?

Phylacteries and tasseled garments are part of the traditional garb worn by Jewish men at prayer. A phylactery is a small leather box with long black straps. It contains texts from the Scriptures including the great Jewish acclamation of faith, the Shema. Two are worn at prayer; one on the forehead and one on the upper left arm, signifying acceptance of God's law and its dominance of one's body and mind.



In November we pray for all who have died.

May they rest in peace.

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'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

KNOWING WHO'S BOSS (Matthew 23: 1 - 12)

Rabbi, father, master. In the time of Jesus, there were terms of respect reserved for people in authority. Jesus was a controversial figure precisely because of his power to command. He seemed to have a natural authority expressed in his words and extraordinary works, whereas the leaders with lofty titles often failed to demonstrate any real signs of leadership. We can safely say this is a modern problem as well. The titles and trappings of leadership do not necessarily identify people with the ability to lead. Someone may be a president, prime minister, priest, or professor, but authority has to be earned personally and not simply academically or electorally.

We have to be careful in deciding whom to follow and how to lead. We choose the leaders, thinkers, and do-ers who will serve as our moral guides. Some we will outgrow, and some will continue to inform our consciences. In turn, we have authority over others around us – the young, the voiceless – and we have to use our power for their benefit. The way to make both choices well is to reflect on how Jesus is our ultimate master and teacher. Jesus is anointed with God's authority. All legitimate leadership imitates his example. What kind of authority does Jesus wield in your life?

YOUR HUMBLE SERVANT

Jesus said, "Do you want to stand out? Then step down. Be a servant. If you puff yourself up, you'll get the wind knocked out of you. But if you're content to simply be yourself, your life

will count for plenty".

Politicians, civil servants, and business and religious leaders get themselves into trouble when they hold themselves above accepted and expected moral and ethical standards. Not a day goes by where we don't read in the newspaper or hear on the nightly news the sorry story of someone abusing their authority or taking unfair advantage of their position. A politician accepts a free trip here, a financial officer fudges with a few numbers there, a clergy member closes his or her eyes to the serious problems of others in ministry.

Let's face it, people in power protect their own mainly for self-preservation. If one bad apple gets exposed, they fear the worst – that the whole bunch gets thrown out. So they cover-up, distract, and evade. Little by little their attention gets so focused on keeping up appearances, that they have no time for real leadership.

These leaders will, of course, deny that they've been remiss in their duties. They'll count off their achievements and good works until we're persuaded that there really is no need to worry about their frequent moral lapses.

Jesus sees things much differently. Though perfection is not required from those in power, humility is. Humbled servants are who Jesus calls to leadership. Anyone else less is not worthy of the public trust.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(6 - 12 December)

- *Monday, 6:* Weekday, Ordinary Time 31 (Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14)
- *Tuesday, 7:* Weekday, Ordinary Time 31 (Rom 12:5-16; Lk 14:25-33)
- *Wednesday, 8:* Weekday, Ordinary Time 31 (Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33)
- *Thursday, 9:* The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Jn 2:13-22)
- *Friday, 10:* St Leo the Great (Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8)
- *Saturday, 11:* St Martin of Tours (Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15)
- *Sunday 5:* 32nd Sunday, Ordinary Time (Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13)

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.