



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

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

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

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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

Wisdom 9:13-18

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17

*In every age, O Lord,
you have been our refuge.*

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. <R>
2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. <R>
3. Make us know the shortness of our

life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever. Show pity to your servants. <R>

4. In the morning fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. <R>

SECOND READING

Philemon 1:9-10,12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

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Bulletin Board

the LORD MASS TIMES 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 6.00pm - Willunga

WEEKEND MASSES

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

06 Sep	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Tom
07 Sep	8.30am, Willunga, Fr Dominick 10.30am, N/ville, Fr Dominick
13 Sep	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Dominick
14 Sep	8.30am, N/ville, Fr Tom 10.30am, Willunga, tba
20 Sep	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Dominick
21 Sep	8.30am, Willunga, Fr Tom 10.30am, N/ville, Fr Dominick
27 Sep	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Dominick
28 Sep	8.30am, N/ville, Fr Tom 10.30am, Willunga, Fr Dominick

ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr Julius is on leave until October.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

BLESSING OF MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday September 21, 2025

Celebrations of significant wedding anniversaries will be held in local Parish communities again this year.

WEDNESDAY SMALL GROUP

'Come back and be still, and all shall be well with you, in quietness and trust will be your strength' Isaiah 30:15

Mrs Leonie Staunton is keen to facilitate a small group on Wednesday mornings from about 10.30am, for meditation and a cuppa. Fr Tom will join in. The group will read the following Sunday's Gospel, reflect, respond/share and rest (meditate). If you are interested contact Leonie (0402 404 379).

Leonie Staunton

SEPTEMBER IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES MONTH

Help make a difference to the lives of South Australians.

In the month of September, we are promoting the Catholic Charities Appeal which supports the following agencies in South Australia: Hutt St Centre, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry,

Centacare Catholic Family Services, Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's Special Schools. Please take an envelope with you to find out more about the September Appeal.

Donations can be made via the reply-paid slip on the envelope or online at <https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/qr/cc>.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

We extend a warm welcome to children from any schools in our Parish to join us. Please contact Kim Calderbank (08 8550 2200).

Sacramental Program Dates

- Parent Information Session
Tuesday 9 September 5.00pm
- Reconciliation Workshop 1
Tuesday 28 October 5.00pm
- Workshop 2
Tuesday 4 November 5.00pm
- Celebration of Reconciliation
Tuesday 11 November 5.00pm

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL

We need your help! We are looking for more members to join the Parish Pastoral Council. The Parish Pastoral Council, under the authority of the Parish Priest exercises authority to investigate, consider and propose practical priorities and strategies about the spiritual and pastoral life and activity of the parish. We currently meet six times a year usually on a Tuesday afternoon.

If you, or someone you know are interested, please speak with Fr Dominick. If you have any questions about membership, please speak with your local PPC representative.

Kerri Gould (PPC Chair)

COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2026

Orders are now being taken for the 2026 Columban calendar - a beautiful and meaningful resource that has been part of Catholic life in Australia for over a century. Each calendar sold supports the missionary work of the Columbans in fifteen countries where they accompany the poor, advocate for justice, care for creation and share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Calendars cost \$9.00 each. Please contact Gael Maloney (0447 421 948) if you would like to place an order.

CUPPA after 8.30am MASS at ST JOSEPH'S

In the last couple of months we have been trialling having a cuppa after every 8.30am Mass (rather than only the first Sunday of the month). This arrangement has been very well-received and we intend to continue with it. Everyone is welcome after Mass this Sunday.

FOCUS ON FRAGILE CREATION

As South Australian Catholics celebrate the Season of Creation this month, a priority for prayers and action will be the devastating impact of the algal bloom outbreak.

The thousands of dead fish and other marine life washing up on the State's shores has reinforced the message of Pope Francis in Laudato Si' that "we are co-creatures and part of all that God has made".

Candlelight vigils have been held at some beaches, including Brighton where McAuley Community School, Emmaus Mount Barker, Holy Family and Brighton Catholic Earthcare and ecology groups attended.

In the 10th anniversary year of the trailblazing encyclical Laudato Si', Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will celebrate a Season of Creation outdoor Mass at Stockade Botanical Park on September 6.

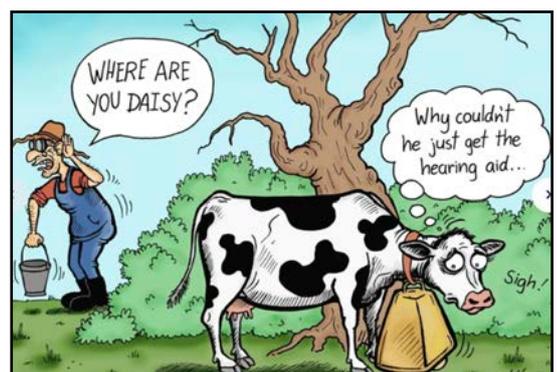
Other local Season of Creation activities include a guided tour of the Seacliff Dunes on September 13 organised by the Brighton parish Ecology Group.

From "Southern Cross" article

ONE LINERS

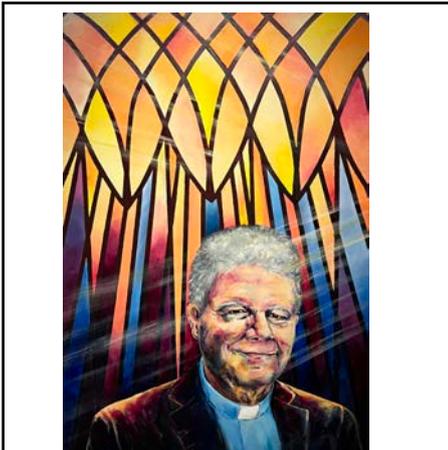
There's a fine line between fishing and standing on the shore like an idiot.

It doesn't matter what temperature the room is, it's always room temperature.





St Peter's community farewelled Pam Kelly, who has played the organ at Mass for fifteen years, with morning tea after Mass last Sunday. We are sad to see her go, but are very lucky to have Oonagh Cook take her place.



Above: A portrait of Bishop Charles currently on display in an Art Gallery in Alice Springs (photo provided)

PREGNANCY HELP AUSTRALIA

If you have a heart for women experiencing a crisis pregnancy or grieving after loss, this may be the perfect opportunity for you to make a real difference. We are looking for compassionate, non-judgmental listeners to join our National Helpline Support Team. For more information email info@pregnancyhelpaustralia.org.au or check out our website at <https://pregnancyhelpaustralia.org.au>

HOMESHARE: CONNECTION, CONVERSATION AND COMPANIONSHIP

Shared living for women aged 50+
If you have a home of your own and an extra bedroom, you could help change another woman's life - and perhaps your own - through Homeshare.

Homeshare gently connects two women in similar life stages - both seeking companionship, mutual support and a sense of home.

A partnership between St Vincent de Paul Society SA, Westside Housing and Shelter SA, the Homeshare Pilot Program is a fee free service that carefully matches female householders aged 50+ living on their own who have a spare bedroom, with female Homesharers who need affordable accommodation from a similar age group who can offer some help around the house.

If you're interested in learning more about becoming a Householder or a Homesharer, please visit: <https://www.vinnies.org.au/sa/get-involved/homeshare>

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Michael Casey, Kathy Ralston, John Tregeagle, Karoline Hermann, Laura Curtis, Michael Campbell, Marie Andrews, May Dunn.

Recently deceased: Ken Creevey (husband of Françoise)

2025 DATES

- Sep Catholic Charities Month
- Oct World Mission Month
- 19 Oct Mission Day Appeal
- 26 Sep Last day School term 3
- 6 Oct Labour day holiday
- 13 Oct First day School term 4
- 9 Nov Supporting our Clergy Campaign
- 16 Nov St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal
- 12 Dec Last day School term 4
- 25 Dec Catholic Charities Appeal
- 17 Jan Women's Tour Down Under Start and finish at Willunga. 11.10am start, 3.02pm finish
- 24 Jan Men's Tour Down Under Finishes Willunga 3.02pm
- 25 Jan Cologne Philharmonia Two concerts at St Joseph's 2.00pm and 7.00pm

YCW

Celebrating 100 years of the Young Christian Workers Movement
Adelaide Young Christian Workers (YCW) invites everyone connected to any Cardijn-inspired movement to Cardijn College (Marian Campus), Noarlunga Downs, on Saturday September 20 (11am-3pm) to celebrate a century of faith, action and youth empowerment. Contact Ashish: ashish.chaulagain@ycw.org.au

ROSTERS

ALDINGA

Welcomer
Commentator
Readers

Eucharistic Minister

Saturday 06 September

André Woodhouse
Cristina Tiedje
Jill McHendrie
Chris McWilliams
Mario Bacchin

Saturday 13 September

André Woodhouse
Michelle Cormack
David Manders
Carla Thomas
Maria Jarvis-Maack

NORMANVILLE

Welcomer
Commentator
Reader
Data Projector
Altar/Cleaning

Sunday, 07 September

Leo Montgomery
Michael Steller
Ann Henriksen
Riter Steller
Rita Steller, Trish Bohnsack

Sunday, 14 September

Peter Lloyd
Jim Fitzpatrick
Anna Vnuk
Nigel Pile
Chris Symes, Anna Vnuk

WILLUNGA

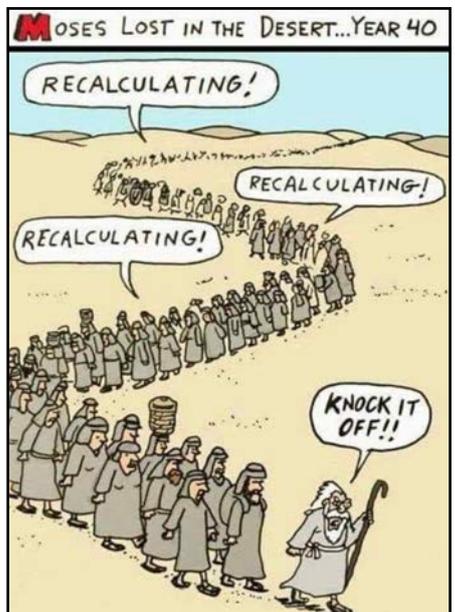
Commentator
Reader
Eucharistic Minister
Flowers
Church Linen

Sunday, 07 September

Gael Maloney
Vanda Farrall
Wayne Best
Volunteer please
Margaret Guley

Sunday, 14 September

Garry Triffett
John Tregeagle
Viv Zagajewska
Volunteer please
Margaret Guley



WILLUNGA PARISH
(Aldinga, Normanville, Willunga)
NGARRINDJERI, RAMINDJERI,
PERAMANGK, KAURNA land

*Willunga Catholic Parish is a
welcoming and hope-filled
community led by the Spirit
to love and serve all in faith.*

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- **Aldinga** - Kerri Gould, Lorraine Ellis, Kim Calderbank
- **Willunga** - Michael Hynes
- **Normanville** - Nigel Pile, Christopher Symes

FINANCE COUNCIL

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

CEMETERY CONTACTS

- **St Joseph's, Willunga** - Curator Martin Morgan (0417 851 902) - in his absence please contact: Michael Hynes (0490 677 314)
- **St Peter's, Normanville** - Please contact Willunga Parish Office (08) 8556 2132 or 0447 421 948

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES

Please contact the Parish Office
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SACRAMENTS

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INTEGRITY AND SAFEGUARDING DEPT

We are a Child Safe Organisation which is committed to the care, well-being and protection of children and young people.

Willunga Parish contact - Michael Hynes *or* Child Protection Unit (8210 8159).

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

NO HALF-BUILT DISCIPLES: COUNTING THE COST, LIVING THE CALL

A young couple bought a block of land on the edge of town. They had big dreams – a family home with a wide verandah, a veggie garden, and plenty of room for the kids to run. They started strong: plans were drawn, foundations poured, and walls began to rise. Neighbours stopped to admire their vision. But as time went on, costs mounted, sacrifices grew, and their enthusiasm faded. The house stood half-finished – walls exposed, roof missing, weeds creeping through the site. What began with promise became a monument to what could have been.

Jesus speaks directly into this kind of

reality in this week's Gospel. He tells the crowd to "*sit down and calculate the cost*" before following him. In other words, discipleship cannot be a half-finished project. Following Christ requires commitment – not just when it's easy of inspiring, but especially when it's costly.

And costly it is. In our world today, being a disciple means making choices that set us apart: prioritising family prayer when weekends are full of sport, being generous with time and money when everything urges us to protect our own comfort, forgiving when the world says "*cut them off*." Jesus is blunt – if we are not prepared to take up the cross, to go all the way, we risk becoming like that half-built house: a life of good intentions but no true witness.

This is not meant to crush us – it is meant to wake us up. Jesus is not asking for half-hearted fans; he is calling for faithful followers. The "*cost*" he asks us to count is real – but so too is the joy. A finished house is a home where love is lived. A life given fully to Christ becomes a witness that draws others to hope, healing, and salvation.

The question for us is simple but piercing: *Do I want to be a half-built house, or am I ready to let Christ complete his work in me, no matter the cost?*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(08 - 11 September)

- **Monday, 08:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Micah 5:1-4; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23)
- **Tuesday, 09:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19)
- **Wednesday, 10:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26)
- **Thursday, 11:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38)
- **Friday, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Tim 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42)
- **Saturday, 13:** St John Chrysostom (1 Tim 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49)
- **Sunday 14:** 24th THE EXALTATION of the HOLY CROSS (Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32)

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. In an emergency call Fr Dominick (0421 074 212).