



Welcome to

Kangaroo Island Catholic Community

(Part of the Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Cluster of Catholic Parishes)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

Vol 6 : No 01

KANGAROO ISLAND CATHOLIC PARISH

Parish House: 22 Giles Street,
KINGSCOTE, SA 5223
Phone: 8553 2132
Postal address: PO Box 749,
KINGSCOTE, SA 5223
Email: cphkings@adam.com.au
Web: www.kicatholic.org.au

NOARLUNGA DOWNS CATHOLIC PRESBYTERY

Phone: 8382 1717

PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

Fr Charles Gauci (Parish Priest -
involved in another ministry in 2017)
Fr Tony Telford-Sharp (Parish
Administrator - 8382 1717)
Fr Peter Zwaans (Associate Priest)
Fr Josy Sebastian (A/P - 0452 524 169)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mr Peter Clark (8559 5131)

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Mrs Annette Roestenburg
(8553 8281; rostie2@bigpond.com)
(All items for the newsletter must be
received no later than Wednesday
evening.)

MASS CENTRES

- KINGSCOTE: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Cnr Giles/Todd Sts Sunday - 9.30am
- PARNDANA: Uniting Church, Cook Street 2nd and 4th Sunday - 3.00pm
- PENNESHAW: St Columba's Anglican Church, Cnr North Terrace and Fourth Street 1st Sunday - 2.00pm

SPONSORSHIP

KANGAROO ISLAND TRANSFERS (0427 887 575) generously donate transport for our visiting Priests.

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159



FIRST READING

Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, 'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down! – at your Presence the mountains would melt.

No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and

(Continued page 4)

Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Prudence Brook, Margaret Chapmann, Ann Commerford, Ernest Commerford, George Frauley, Annie Griffith, Graham Hammat, Franziska Hilz, Scott Imboden, Geraldine Kent, Nora Kerin RSJ, Eileen Johnson, John Kreffel, Anne Livingstone, Marcellina Mamogay, Frederick Moore, Valma Mumford, Sheila Norman, Denise Pettigrew, Ernie Reynolds, Joel Riley, Vernice Southern, Kevin Steinwedel, Eric Tabor, Mary Tully, John Wallace, Willard Wickham, Veronica Rue,

and all the faithful departed.

Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for Pat Barrett, Annemeike Berden, Marj and Jimmy Browne, Denise Carter, Lloyd & Aileen Dodson & family, Jenny Fechner, Diane Florenance, Charles & Sue Gorman, John Lavers, Elijah & Magenta Laundry and family, Ben Martin, Janice Mills, Dianne McCarthy, Philip McDonald, Peter Murray, Max Moss, Darren Morris, Deidre Morrison, Mick Muller, Jill Oldfield, Jack Pitcher, Margaret Rich, Anthony Roestenburg, Bill Roestenburg, Darren Smith, John Smith, Peter Smith, Linda Tippett, Greg Turner, Patrick Walsh and Rob Wilkinson.

May they know the healing love of Christ through our actions and His healing presence

8. **Eucharistic communities that are viable will be enabled to continue.**

There will be times when there will be a need to discern whether particular communities remain viable. But smaller Eucharistic communities can be closer to the people, and are to be maintained in our new and emerging pastoral structures, as long as they have the capacity, and the ministers, to be a genuine centre of Christian life, to have formation in discipleship, outreach to those in need and life-giving Eucharistic celebrations.

It is important to recognize the value of other forms of prayer in such communities, including Services of the Word, and Liturgies of the Word with Holy Communion.

PARISH NOTICES –03/12/17

1. Thank you to Fr Tony for saying Mass today.
2. Next Sunday there will be Mass with Fr Peter.
3. Confession is available every Sunday in Kingscote at 30 minutes before Mass.
4. Parish Shared Lunch, Today

Sunday 3rd Dec. after Mass at the Howson's. Please bring a plate of food to share and your drinks. Every one is most welcome.

5. Invitation Catholic Charities Thanksgiving Mass. Tues Dec. 5th, 12.10pm at St Xaviers Cathedral.
6. Christmas Bowl Appeal - If you wish to support this appeal envelopes are on the table at the back of the church. Please send your donation directly in the envelope provided.



Ron Rolheiser column

Ronald Rolheiser, a Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is president of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas. He is a community-builder, lecturer and writer. His books are popular throughout the English-speaking world and his weekly column is carried by more than sixty newspapers worldwide.

PLAYING LOOSE WITH THE TRUTH

It can be quite disheartening to watch the news these days. Our world is full of hatred, bigotry, racism, and over-stimulated greed and ego. The gap between the rich and poor is widening and random, senseless violence is an everyday occurrence. One lives with hope, but without much optimism.

Among all of this, perhaps the most distressing thing of all is the erosion of our capacity to recognize and acknowledge the truth. From the highest government offices, to the major media outlets, to our local newspapers, to the thousands of bloggers, down to our dinner tables, we are becoming irresponsible, manipulative, and outright dishonest with the truth, denying it where it's inconvenient, bending it to suit our own purposes, or labeling it as "fake news", "an alternative fact", "misinformation", "a truth that's no longer operative", or as "political correctness" with no truth value. Studies from major scientific institutes are dismissed as just another opinion with the result that we are creating an entire society within which it's becoming more and more difficult for any of us to trust what's a fact and what isn't. That's dangerous territory, not just politically but especially spiritually.

Scripture tells us that *Satan is the Prince of Lies* and Jesus makes it clear that, among all sins, failure to acknowledge the truth is far and away the most dangerous. We see this motif particularly in the text that warns us that we can commit a sin that's *unforgiveable* because it's a blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. .

What's this sin? Why is it unforgiveable? And what has it got to do with telling lies?

The unforgiveable sin is precisely

the sin of lying which can become unforgiveable because of what lying can do to us. Here's how the biblical text unfolds: Jesus has just cast out a demon. Part of the Jewish faith at that time was the belief that only someone who came from God had power to cast out a demon. Jesus had done that, but the Scribes and Pharisees who have just witnessed this found it to be an inconvenient truth since they denied Jesus' goodness. So in the face of truth they had to either acknowledge something that they did not want to or they had to manipulate the truth to give it a different meaning. They chose the latter and, clearly aware that they were manipulating the truth, accused Jesus of performing the miracle through the power of Satan. They knew better, knew they were lying, but the actual truth was too difficult to accept.

Jesus initially tries to argue with them, pointing out that there's no logic in suggesting that Satan is casting out demons. They persist, and it's then Jesus utters his warning: "In truth I tell you, all human sins will be forgiven, and all the blasphemies ever uttered, but anyone who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven, but is guilty of an eternal sin." (Mark 3,28-29 parallel text in Matthew 12, 31-32). What exactly is this warning?

Jesus is saying this: Be careful about what you are doing just now, putting a false spin on something because it is too awkward to accept as true. The danger is that if you continue doing this you may eventually come to believe your own lie. That will be unforgiveable, given that you will no longer want to be forgiven because you will see truth as a lie and a lie as the truth. The sin cannot be forgiven, not because God doesn't want to

forgive it but because we no longer want to be forgiven.

Dictionaries tell us that blasphemy is the act of insulting or showing contempt or lack of reverence for God. We don't blaspheme when we use foul language when we're frustrated; nor do we blaspheme when we shake our fists at God in anger or turn away from him in bitterness. God can handle that. The one thing God cannot handle is lying, where we lie to the point of believing our own lies (the real danger in lying) because that eventually warps our consciences so that we can no longer tell truth from falsehood or falsehood from truth.

Theology teaches us that God is *One*, this means that God's inner integrity assures that all of reality also has an inner integrity, an intelligibility, meaning that something cannot be and not be at the same time; meaning that two plus two cannot equal anything but four; meaning that a tree is always a tree no matter what you say it is; and meaning that black can never be white. God's Oneness allows us to both trust reality and trust our normal perception of it.

That's what's under attack today, most everywhere. It's the ultimate moral danger: God is One and so two plus two can never be five – and if it is then we are no longer in touch with God or with reality, are warped in conscience, and are blaspheming the Holy Spirit.

You can read, or download, Ron Rolheiser's weekly columns from his website at: www.ronrolheiser.com

REGULAR MASS TIMES IN OUR CLUSTER CHURCHES

ALDINGA

*Mary of Galilee, the First Disciple
cnr Quinliven and How Roads*
Saturday 5.30pm
Tuesday 9.15am

GOOLWA

St John the Apostle, 10-14 Gardiner St
Sunday 9.00am
Wednesday 9.30am

KINGSCOTE

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
cnr Todd and Giles Streets*
Sunday 9.30am

NOARLUNGA

*St Luke, the Evangelist,
cnr Honeypt Rd and Goldsmith Dve*
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 9.00am
1st, 3rd Sundays 11am (Spanish Mass)
2nd Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)
Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm
Monday 9.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Tuesday 1st week 9.00am and 9.45am
(later Mass followed by Tuesday Chats)
Wednesday 7.30pm
Thursday 9.00am (St John's School)
Friday 10.00am

NORMANVILLE

St Peter, Cape Jervis Road
1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 10.30am
2nd, 4th Sundays 8.30am
1st Friday 6.00pm

PARNDANA

2nd, 4th Sunday 3.00pm

PENNESHAW

*St Columba, North Terrace
(shared with Anglicans)*
1st Sunday 2.00pm

SEAFORD

*Seaford Ecumenical Mission,
Grand Bvd*
Sunday 10.45am
Wednesday 9.00am

VICTOR HARBOR

St Joan of Arc, 30 Seaview Road
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 11.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Thursday 9.00am
Friday (other than 1st) 9.00am
1st Friday 11.30am

WILLUNGA

St Joseph, 12 St Judes Street
1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 8.30am
2nd, 4th Sundays 10.30am
Wednesday 9.00am
Thursday 9.00am
Friday 9.00am

(Continued from page 1)

left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!

DID YOU KNOW?

• Advent is a four-week season of preparation for Christmas. During this time we reflect on the coming of Christ into human history as a small baby, the coming of Christ at the end of time and the coming of Christ into our own lives each day. Thus Advent has a past, present and future dimension.

• The season of Advent is the beginning of the Church's liturgical year. The Church's liturgical year follows a three-year cycle and we move today into the second of those, Year B. The gospel readings for this year come predominantly from the Gospel of Mark.

SHARING THE TRADITION

The celebration of a feast to honour the birth of Jesus did not emerge in the West until the fourth century. Scholars generally note that by 336 AD such a feast was in place and celebrated in Rome on 25 December. This comparatively late development of a feast to celebrate the birth of Christ may seem surprising to contemporary Christians for whom Christmas is so central. However, we must remember that the early Christians expected the glorious return of Christ in their own lifetimes. It was only with time and an obvious delay to the Second Coming that such a feast could emerge. Furthermore, time provided the opportunity for a greater and more mature theological reflection on the mysteries of the Incarnation and the Second Coming.

Advent, as a period of preparation for the feast of Christmas, developed later still. There is no evidence of such a preparatory time in Rome until well into the sixth century. It was Pope Gregory the Great (590–604 AD) who established a four-week liturgical preparation for Christmas but the eschatological (end times) themes of the Second Coming were not established until the Middle Ages.

‘Advent has a two-fold character—as a season of preparation for Christmas when Christ's coming in history is remembered; and as a season when that first coming directs the mind and heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time’ (General Norms of the Liturgical Year).

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(4 - 10 December)

- **Monday, 4:** Monday of 1st week Advent (Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11)
- **Tuesday, 5:** Tuesday of 1st week Advent (Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24)
- **Wednesday, 6:** Wednesday of 1st week Advent (Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37)
- **Thursday, 7:** St Ambrose (Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27)
- **Friday, 8:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Saturday, 9:** Saturday of 1st week Advent (Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 6-8)
- **Sunday 10:** Second Sunday of Advent (Is 40:1-5m 9-11; 2 Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8)

THE YEAR OF YOUTH

Celebrate Youth
The Life You're Living
YEAR OF YOUTH 2018

PASTORAL CARE

If you (or someone you know) is house-bound, in hospital or in residential care and would appreciate a visit from a Priest or someone from the Parish, please let us know.
Contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552),
Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).