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(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 - 4.00pm
- **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

Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I
have let myself be seduced; you have
overpowered me: you were the
stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt. Each time I speak
the word, I have to howl and proclaim:
'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for
me insult, derision, all day long. I used
to say, 'I will not think about him, I
will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning
in my heart, imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me, I
could not bear it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 62:2-6, 8-9

*My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.*

SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers,
and worship him, I beg you, in a way
that is worthy of thinking beings, by
offering your living bodies as a holy
sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not
model yourselves on the behaviour of
the world around you, but let your
behaviour change, modelled by your
new mind. This is the only way to

discover the will of God and know
what is good, what it is that God
wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Eph 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia!

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the
hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his
disciples that he was destined to go to
Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the
hands of the elders and chief priests
and scribes, to be put to death and to
be raised up on the third day. Then,
taking him aside, Peter started to
remonstrate with him. 'Heaven
preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this must
not happen to you.' But he turned and
said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan!
You are an obstacle in my path,
because the way you think is not
God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If
anyone wants to be a follower of mine,
let him renounce himself and take up
his cross and follow me. For anyone
who wants to save his life will lose it;
but anyone who loses his life for my

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SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Frank Berden, Mary Bowery, Terrence Browne, Gwen Caldicott, Audrey Carslake, Peg Dow, Thomas Drane, Christopher Glynn, Loretta Hartley, Catherine Hughes, Patrick Hughes, Pearl Malycha, Elvie Meaney, Dean Larcombe, Julia Martienses, Eileen Morris, Reginald Pahl, Maise Rooney, Vera Shannon, James Smith and all the faithful departed.

Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for Marj and Jimmy Browne, Denice Carter, Carmel Dodson, Charles & Sue Gorman, John Lavers, Elijah & Magenta Laundry and family, Ben Martin, Janice Mills, Philip McDonald, Peter Murray, Darren Morris, Mick Muller Jill Oldfield, Margaret Rich, Bill Roestenburg, 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

RENEWING PARISHES

6. The parish witnesses to God's love for all the creatures of Earth.

When the community gathers for Eucharist, we bring the whole creation with us. The Third Eucharistic prayer reads: "All you have created rightly gives you praise." Pope Francis in his latest message to us writes: ". . . The whole cosmos gives thanks to God. Indeed the Eucharist itself is an act of cosmic love." (*Laudato Si. Par 236*)

- " How do you understand this piece of writing about the whole of creation?
- " Pope Francis calls us to 'ecological conversion'. How can we witness to the use of resources e.g water, solar power, recycling, supporting community gardens and tree planting?

PARISH NOTICES –03/09/17

1. Thank you to Fr Peter for saying Mass today.
Next week there will be Mass with Fr Josy.

Just



Ron Rolheiser column

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STUCK IN TRAFFIC

There's a famous billboard that hangs along a congested highway that reads: *You aren't stuck in traffic. You are traffic!* Good wit, good insight! How glibly we distance ourselves from a problem, whether it is our politics, our churches, the ecological problems on our planet, or most anything else.

We aren't, as we want to think, stuck in a bad political climate wherein we can no longer talk to each other and live respectfully with each other. Rather we ourselves have become so rigid, arrogant, and sure of ourselves that we can no longer respect those who think differently than we do. *We are* a bad political climate and not just stuck in one.

Likewise for our churches: We aren't stuck in churches that are too self-serving and not faithful enough to the teachings of Jesus. Rather we are Christians who too often, ourselves, out of self-interest compromise the teachings of Jesus. We aren't stuck in our churches, we *comprise* those churches.

The same is true apposite the ecological challenges we face on this planet: We aren't stuck on a planet that's becoming oxygen-starved and a junkyard for human wastage. Rather it's we, not just others, who are too careless in how we are using up the earth's resources and how we are leaving behind our waste.

Admittedly, this isn't always true. Sometimes we are stuck in negative situations for which we bear no responsibility and within which, through no fault of our own, we are simply the unfortunate victim of circumstance and someone else's carelessness, illness, dysfunction, or sin. We can, for instance, be born into a dysfunctional situation which leaves us stuck in a family and an environment that don't make for easy freedom. Or, sometimes simple

circumstance can burden us with duties that take away our freedom. So, metaphorically speaking, we can be stuck in traffic and not ourselves be part of that traffic, though generally we are, at least partially, part of the traffic we're stuck in.

Henri Nouwen often highlighted this in his writings. We are not, he tells us, separate from the events that make up the world news each day. Rather, what we see written large in the world news each night simply reflects what's going on inside of us. When we see instances of injustice, bigotry, racism, greed, violence, murder and war on our newscasts we rightly feel a certain moral indignation. It's healthy to feel that way, but it's not healthy to naively think that it's others, not us, who are the problem.

When we're honest we have to admit that we're complicit in all these things, perhaps not in their crasser forms, but in subtler, though very real, ways: The fear and paranoia that are at the root of so much conflict in our world are not foreign to us. We too find it hard to accept those who are different from us. We too cling to privilege and do most everything we can to secure and protect our comfort. We too use up an unfair amount of the world's resources in our hunger for comfort and experience. As well, our negative judgments, jealousies, gossip, and bitter words are, at the end of the day, genuine acts of violence since, as Henri Nouwen puts it: Nobody is shot by a gun that isn't first shot by a word. And nobody is shot by a word before he or she is first shot by a murderous thought: *Who does she think she is!* The evening news just shows large what's inside our hearts. What's in the macrocosm is also in the microcosm.

And so we aren't just viewers of the evening news, we're complicit in it. The old catechisms were right when they told us that there's no such a thing as a truly private act, that even our most private actions affect everyone else. The private is political. Everything affects everything.

The first take-away from this is obvious: When we find ourselves stuck in traffic, metaphorically and otherwise, we need to admit our own complicity and resist the temptation to simply blame others.

But there's another important lesson here too: We are never healthier than when we are confessing our sins; in this case, confessing that we are traffic and not just stuck in traffic. After recognizing that we are complicit, hopefully we can forgive ourselves for the fact that, partially at least, we are helpless to not be complicit. No one can walk through life without leaving a footprint. To pretend otherwise is dishonest and to try to not leave a footprint is futile. The starting point to make things better is for us to admit and confess our complicity.

So the next time you're stuck in traffic, irritated and impatient, muttering angrily about why there are so many people on the road, you might want to glance at yourself in rearview mirror, ask yourself why you are on the road at that time, and then give yourself a forgiving wink as you utter the French word, *touché*.

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 4.00pm

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

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sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

‘For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.’

DID YOU KNOW?

- This text marks the beginning of the fourth major section of Matthew's Gospel which follows Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and death.
- The word 'Satan' originally meant adversary or accuser. Later it came to mean personified evil. Here Jesus uses it figuratively of Peter who does not yet understand the meaning of Jesus' mission.
- The name Peter comes from the Latin word for rock. In last week's gospel, Jesus named Peter the rock on which the Church would be built. Today that rock has become a stumbling block in Jesus' path!

SHARING THE TRADITION

Over the long history of the Church there have been many people who have literally taken up the cross of Christ and given their lives for their faith. They are the martyrs of the Church and have a special place of honour. The first martyrdom recorded in the Scriptures is that of Stephen (Acts 6:8-8:3). Over recent weeks we have explored the stories of some people who are modern day martyrs of the Church. Luckily, however, not all those who take up the cross are called to give their lives, but still many shoulder the burden of faith in the face of adversity. One such person was St Damien of Molokai, a Belgian priest of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, who volunteered to work as a missionary chaplain among the lepers of Hawaii at the leper colony on Molokai. Here he laboured for many years until he contracted the disease and finally died of it in 1889. Others Christians, like Mother Teresa, have chosen to live out their faith in difficult situations.

EXPLORING THE WORD

This gospel contains the first of three predictions of his passion and death that Jesus makes along his journey to Jerusalem. Matthew tells the story of that journey across the next four chapters of his gospel.

Peter is highly disturbed by the predictions of Jesus' suffering but is soundly rebuked.

The contrast between this text and the gospel of the previous week is stark! In the immediately prior episode, Peter is praised and rewarded for his sublime affirmation of faith, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God'. In this text, Peter's lack of understanding of what that means and the mission Jesus has causes him to be ridiculed as an obstacle to the divine mission.

While we may have some sympathy for Peter in wanting to spare Jesus the pain and suffering he predicts, what is at issue is Peter's failure to see that the cross is part of the plan and that discipleship will also involve the cross.

Taking up the cross, however, will result in great reward and ultimate vindication when the time of judgment comes.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(4 - 10 September)

- **Monday, 4:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Thess 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30)
- **Tuesday, 5:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Thess 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37)
- **Wednesday, 6:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44)
- **Thursday, 7:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11)
- **Friday, 8:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Micah 5:1-4; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23)
- **Saturday, 9:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 22 (Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5)
- **Sunday 10:** 23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20)

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.

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