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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 and Todd Streets
Sunday - 9.30am
- **PARNDANA:** Uniting Church, Cook Street
4th Sunday - 4pm
- **PENNESHAU:** St Columba's Anglican Church, Cnr North Terrace and Fourth Street
Saturday before 4th Sunday - 7pm

SPONSORSHIP

**KANGAROO ISLAND
TRANSFERS** (0427 887 575)
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CHILD PROTECTION UNIT

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FIRST READING

Ezekiel 2:2-5

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,
pleading for his mercy.*

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, "My grace is enough for you: my power

is at its best in weakness,' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to
the poor.*

GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-6

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him?'

This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and

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JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Alma Adams, Eadie Adams, Sid Adams, Peg Anderson, Lill Buick, Henry Dravitzki , Paul Glynn, Joyce Grant, Mick Grant, Bill Higgins, Monica Hughes, Barry Jameison, Judith Jeffs, Kym Moses, Ron Mumford, Alexander Nash, Alice O'Neill, Alice O'Driscoll , Charles Reynolds , Nora Ridge, Johnny Tully, John Walsh, Tony Walker, Robyn Williams and all the faithful departed

Prayers for the sick

Please pray for Nari Clifford, Clarence Cook, Phil Connell, Manning Depold, Thea Depold, Pam Elliott, Tony Fisher, Veronica Farnden, Sue and Charles Gorman, Val Lockett, Leigh and Phillip McDonald, Kate Palmer, Jack Pitcher, Anne Redden, Bill Roestenburg, John Smith, Greg Turner, Karen Williams, Ken Willson,

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

Making connections

This week, try to become aware of those things which hinder your growth in faith. Work actively in overcoming them.

PARISH NOTICES –05/07/2015

1. Thank you to Fr Morris for celebrating Mass with us today
2. Next Sunday there will be Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
3. **Over head Projector Appeal**
Please consider making a one-of donation to help the parish purchase a new digital over head projector
4. Liturgy Group to meet on Sunday 26th July at 8-30am.
5. PPC meeting 26th July at 11am.



PRAYER AT HOME

Ponder the mystery contained in these phrases from the Gospel this week:

*Where did the man get all this?
What is this wisdom that as been granted him?*



Ron Rolheiser column

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A LESSON IN CONTINGENCY

If only! How often we feel those bitter words of regret: If only! If only I had noticed earlier! If only I had been more attentive! If only I could see that person again, even for five minutes! If only I hadn't been there just then! If only the storm hadn't happened just as I was on the highway! If only I hadn't had that extra drink! If only I had left the party ten minutes earlier! If only!

We all live with certain regrets and the bitter knowledge that if only we had been more attentive or patient or courageous or loving at a given moment our lives would now be very different. If only we could have certain moments of our lives back, to do over differently.

I had such one such moment recently. It wasn't one that in the grand scheme of things was very huge, but it did in its own small way contain all the dynamics of the bitter regret that we feel when we say: If only!

What happened? I had my briefcase (containing passport, Green-Card, laptop, 2 years of personal diaries and planned agendas, and numerous other personal papers and photos) stolen from me as I was buying a subway ticket in the London Underground. I'm an experienced traveler and tend to be paranoid in terms of keeping vigilance on my luggage but, as anyone who has ever lost a purse or a briefcase (or, infinitely more tragic, a child) in a public place knows, it only takes a few seconds of inattention for disaster to strike.

In my case, it happened this way: I had just got off a train after speaking at a conference and, shepherding three pieces of luggage, made my way down an escalator to the Underground. I was trying to purchase a ticket for the subway and the self-service machine was not

being particularly cooperative and that little distraction, for a period of perhaps one minute, was all it took: I briefly forgot about my luggage. When I looked down to pick it up, my briefcase was gone. It took an instant to realize what had happened and as I ran to get a security guard my heart sank in the sick recognition that it was too late, I would never see the contents of that briefcase again. As I sat with the police, making a report of the incident, I kept involuntarily repeating to myself: If only! If only I hadn't lost my concentration! If only I had kept my passport and green-card on my person! If only I could rewind the last ten minutes of my life! If only!

We've all been there, in ways big and small!

What's the lesson? What might I – or anyone else – learn from moments like these?

First of all, we need to learn to keep things in perspective. Sometimes a moment of carelessness has huge, irrevocable consequences, as in the loss of a child or a serious accident that causes a death; but for me it meant only the loss of some personal effects, some money, and the loss of the better part of two days (spent in Embassies recouping my passport and Green-card). It was an irritating inconvenience which in the grand scheme of things is, in essence, a mosquito-bite. When I come to die, I doubt this incident will be remembered. But that isn't easy to see at the time. In the moment it's easy to lose perspective.

Second, incidents like this are meant to teach patience. Haste makes waste! It also makes for momentary carelessness and accidents. This happened to me because I was in a hurry. I had wanted to buy my ticket at the customer-counter, but there

was a line-up and, although I had no pressing agenda, I was too impatient to wait in the line-up. I was trying to save five minutes and that impatience ended up costing me, among other things, the better part of two days of lining up at Embassies and Immigration offices. Hopefully the lesson will be learned.

Finally, incidents like this are meant to teach us to recognize and forgive contingency. Philosophically, contingency means that, unlike God who is self-sufficient and perfect, we live with limit and imperfection. For us, every one of us, there will be moments of inattention, carelessness, accidents, stupid impatience, and moral lapses. The philosopher, Leibnitz, famously stated that we don't live in the best of all possible universes.

Thus, there will always be lost purses, stolen briefcases, broken heirlooms, and, much worse, tragic accidents that result in lost children and lost lives. Sometimes too there will be moments of moral carelessness that we will also bitterly regret. We aren't God. We're contingent.

So the next time someone accidentally drops and breaks your priceless vase, don't respond with that chastising frown that says: How can you be so clumsy! What an awful thing you've done! Instead, make old Leibnitz proud, give off a knowing smile that says: Now there's contingency for you!

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 Howe 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 Honeypot Rd and Goldsmith Dve*
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 9.00am
1st Sunday 11.00am (Spanish Mass)
2nd Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)
Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm
Monday 9.00am
Tuesday 8.00am
Wednesday 7.00am
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

4th Sunday 4.00pm

PENNESHAW

*St Columba, North Terrace
(shared with Anglicans)*
Saturday before 4th Sunday 7.00pm

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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Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us? And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM

People in every nation enhance the social dimension of their lives by acting as committed and responsible citizens, not as a mob swayed by the powers that be. Let us not forget that "responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation". Yet becoming a people demands something more. It is an ongoing process in which every new generation must take part: a slow and arduous effort calling for a desire for integration and a willingness to achieve this through the growth of a peaceful and multi-faceted culture of encounter.

*Para 220 from Evangelii Gaudium,
Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013*

GOSPEL REFLECTION

There is a pattern of behaviour in this week's Gospel scene that is both familiar and very human. Jesus has come back to his home town and disturbed the normal - of thinking of his family and the locals. How they see Jesus, how he fits into their view of life is accurate: he is the son of Mary, he does have relatives that they know and he is a carpenter. They even recognise that he has the power to work miracles and that he has a special sort of wisdom.

But they are closed to other possibilities and want to keep a tight control on the world that is familiar and safe for them. They seem unable to allow themselves to be led or drawn to see things differently, to allow new possibilities or a new horizon into their world. By clinging to their fixed attitude, they are effectively deaf and blind.

They can't let go of their familiar way of seeing things and see God at work. This is seen in the wisdom of

Jesus as a prophet or in the signs of God's power and presence found in miracles. To do so assumes in faith that God is constantly and, at times, unexpectedly at work in the ordinary and the everyday. Jesus will not force them. God's way respects our freedom: to allure and persuade rather than coerce and intimidate.

Perseverance in the face of opposition is a grace given to the Prophet. We see it embodied in Jesus, where he is patient and firm but also realistic in acknowledging the limitations of his mission. Elsewhere, he tells his disciples that if people do not respond to their teaching, to shake the dust from their shoes and move on.

SHARING THE TRADITION

Prophets and prophecy have always been part of the heritage of the people of Israel. The prophets of the Hebrew scriptures were charged with the difficult task of speaking God's words to a people who did not always want to hear such a difficult message, often about their own failings. Prophets were not people who foretold the future but those who had a clear understanding of what God wanted and called the people back to fidelity to God's plan and covenant when they had strayed. Even today, there are people who speak out against the status quo, who refuse to accept that the ways things are is the ways things should be. Sometimes, the way things are is not the way God intended!

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(6 July - 12 July)

- **Monday, 6:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 14 (Gen 28:10-22; Mt 9:18-26)
- **Tuesday, 7:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 14 (Gen 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38)
- **Wednesday, 8:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 14 (Gen 41:55-57, 42:5-7, 17-24; Mt 10:1-7)
- **Thursday, 9:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 13 (Gen 44:18-21, 23-29, 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15)
- **Friday, 10:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 14 (Gen 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23)
- **Saturday, 11:** St Benedict (Gen 49:29-33, 50:15-26; Mt 24:33)
- **Sunday, 12:** 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Amos 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13)