



Welcome to

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Mrs Annette Roestenburg
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(All items for the newsletter must be
received no later than Wednesday
evening.)

MASS CENTRES

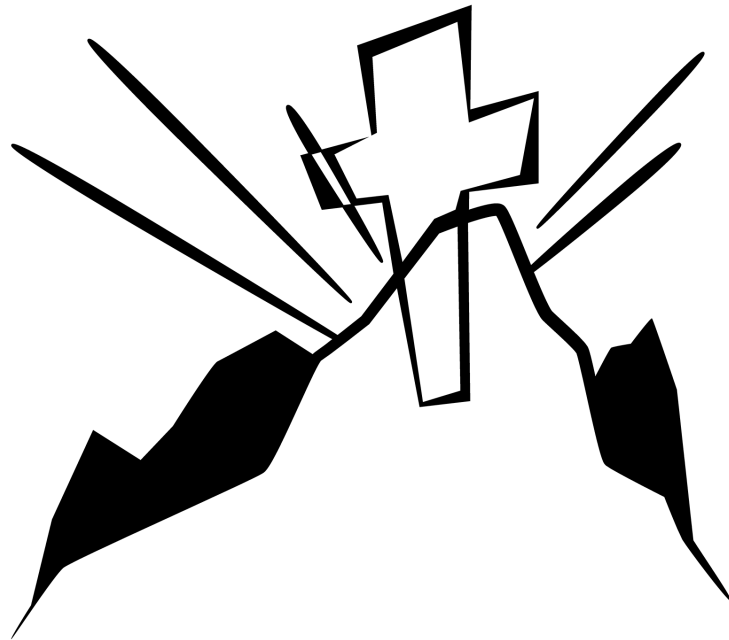
- **KINGSCOTE:** Our Lady of
Perpetual Help, Cnr Giles/Todd Sts
Sunday - 9.30am
- **PARNDANA:** Uniting Church,
Cook Street
2nd and 4th Sunday - 4.00pm
- **PENNESHAW:** St Columba's
Anglican Church, Cnr North
Terrace and Fourth Street
1st Sunday - 2.00pm

SPONSORSHIP

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

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159



FIRST READING

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched:

Thrones were set in place and one of
great age took his seat. His robe was
white as snow, the hair of his head
as pure as wool. His throne was a
blaze of flames, its wheels were a
burning fire. A stream of fire poured
out, issuing from his presence. A
thousand thousand waited on him,
ten thousand times ten thousand
stood before him. A court was held
and the books were opened. I gazed
into the visions of the night. And I
saw, coming on the clouds of
heaven, one like a son of man. He
came to the one of great age and was
led into his presence. On him hwas
conferred sovereignty, glory and
kingship, and men of all peoples,
nations and languages became his
servants. His sovereignty is an
eternal sovereignty which shall
never pass away, nor will his empire
ever be destroyed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 96:1-2, 5-6, 9

*The Lord is king, the most high over
all the earth.*

SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-19

It was not any cleverly invented
myths that we were repeating when
we brought you the knowledge of
the power and the coming of our
Lord Jesus Christ: we had seen his
majesty for ourselves. He was
honoured and glorified by God the
Father, when the Sublime Glory
itself spoke to him and said, 'This is
my Son, the Beloved: he enjoys my
favour.' We heard this ourselves,
spoken from heaven, when we were
with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what
was said in prophecies; and you will
be right to depend on prophecy and
take it as a lamp for lighting a way
through the dark until the dawn
comes and the morning star rises in
your minds.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 17:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

*This is my Son, my beloved, in whom
is all my delight: listen to him.*

Alleluia!

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Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Banner, Joyce Bowbridge, Steven Browne, Terence Browne, David Buick, Irene Darcy, Don Christie, John Commerford, David Cooper, Allan Forst, Paul Glynn Jr, Henry Hughes, Annemie Huys, Mary Kildea, Daniel Lydon, Dot May, John Mertens, Rebecca Murch, Lorna Murphy, Winifred O'Daly, Joseph Ryan, Simon Slagter, Chris Slattery, Kathy Slotegraaf, Florence Tabor, Bracken Walker, Bill Willson, Owen Willson and all the faithful departed.

Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for, Marj and Jimmy Browne, Denice Carter, Charles & Sue Gorman, John Lavers, Elijah Laundry, Ben Martin, Janice Mills, Philip McDonald, Peter Murray, Darren Morris, Mick Muller, Jill Oldfield, Margaret Rich, Bill Roostenburg, Peter Smith, Linda Tippet, Greg Turner, and Rob Wilkinson.

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

EAST AFRICA FAMINE

LEAVING COLLECTION TODAY

By now I am sure that you have heard the terrible reports on the famine sweeping through East Africa. Upwards of 23 million people are currently facing starvation.

To this end, the Archdiocese of Adelaide will be having a collection on Sunday, August 6th 2017. This will be administered by Caritas Aus.

From

Archbishop Philip Wilson DD JCL

RENEWING PARISHES

5. The parish community is visibly engaged with those who experience poverty and need, and with those at the margins of society and church.

Our parishes and communities will need to go out to both their own members in need, including those who are old, isolated, sick, and those who are in need in their neighbourhoods and in the wider world. Pope Francis tells us that he wants "a Church which is poor and for the poor" (*Joy of the Gospel, Par 198*)

- .. What is your reaction to this passage?
- .. Share with someone else how we in our parish might do what Pope Francis asks of us?

PARISH NOTICES – 6/08/17

1. Thank you to Fr Josy for saying Mass today
2. Diary Date- Sausage Sizzle
Sunday 12th August after Mass.
Every one is welcome.
3. Vigil Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of obligation) Will be held on 14th August at 7pm.
4. Helen is wanting to update her list for the church roster, especially the cleaning, so can you let her know if you are no longer able to or wanting to be on the list for any church roster jobs. Also if you would like to be added to the roster please let Helen know. Phone 85595156

**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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GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone.

There in their presence he was transfigured: His face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said, 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

EXPLORING THE WORD

In the Hebrew Scriptures high mountains were seen as holy places; places where one could encounter God. It was on the summit of Mt Sinai that Moses received the Law from God's own hand (Ex 19); it was on Mt Horeb that Elijah encountered God in the gentle breeze (1 Kings 19:9). When Jesus takes the three disciples to the top of the mountain, it should come as no surprise that they encounter the glorified divinity of Christ. In Christ, both the Law, represented by Moses, and the Prophets, represented by Elijah, is fulfilled. This fleeting moment of revelation to the disciples leaves them gasping and speechless. Peter wants to retain the memory of this glimpse of the glorified Christ by commemorating it with three tents but the gesture has a hollow ring when they have the Christ with

them as a constant reminder. 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' It is the word of Jesus which will bring life and glorification. This glimpse of who Jesus really is should sustain them and yet the disciples still wonder what the mission and ministry of Jesus means. The true nature of Jesus will only be revealed at his resurrection.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The event of the Transfiguration is traditionally associated with Mt Tabor where a beautiful church with magnificent mosaics commemorates this event.
- The three disciples who witness Jesus' glory will be the same ones who witness his agony in the garden prior to his arrest and crucifixion.
- There is great debate among scholars about the meaning of the term 'Son of Man' and whether Jesus used this title of himself or whether his disciples used it of him after his death. In the Book of Daniel, it is used as a term for God's final agent of salvation at the end times.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(7 - 13 August)

- **Monday, 7:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 18 (Num 11:4-15; Mt 14:13-21)
- **Tuesday, 8:** St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (1Kg 17:8-16; Col 3:12-17; Mt 6:25-34)
- **Wednesday, 9:** Weekday, Ord Time 18 (Num 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28)
- **Thursday, 10:** St Lawrence (2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26)
- **Friday, 11:** St Clare (Deut 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28)
- **Saturday, 12:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 18 (Deut 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20)
- **Sunday 13:** 19th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (1Kg 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33)



Ron Rolheiser column

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SUICIDE – REDEEMING THE MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

One year ago, virtually everyone who knew him was stunned by the suicide death of the most prominent American Hispanic theologian that we have produced up to now, Virgilio Elizondo. Moreover, Virgil wasn't just a very gifted, pioneering theologian, he was also a beloved priest and a warm, trusted friend to countless people. Everyone dies, and the death of a loved one is always hard, but it was the manner of his death that left so many people stunned and confused. Suicide! But he was such a faith-filled, sensitive man. How could this be possible?

And those questions, like the muddy waters of a flood, immediately began to seep into other emotional crevices, leaving most everyone who knew him with a huge, gnawing question: What does this do his work, to the gift that he left to the church and to the Hispanic community? Can we still honor his life and his contribution in the same way as we would have had he died of a heart attack or cancer? Indeed, had he died of a heart attack or cancer, his death, though sad, would undoubtedly have had about it an air of healthy closure, even of celebration, that we were saying farewell to a great man we had had the privilege to know, as opposed to the air of hush, unhealthy quiet, and unclean grief that permeated the air at his funeral.

Sadly, and this is generally the case when anyone dies by suicide, the manner of that death becomes a prism through which his or her life and work are now seen, colored, and permanently tainted. It shouldn't be so, and it's incumbent on us, the living who love them, to redeem their memories, to not take their photos off our walls, to not speak in guarded terms about their deaths, and to not let the particular manner

of their deaths color and taint the goodness of their lives. Suicide is the least glamorous and most misunderstood of all deaths. We owe it to our loved ones, and to ourselves, to not further compound a tragedy.

So each year I write a column on suicide, hoping it might help produce more understanding around the issue and, in a small way perhaps, offer some consolation to those who have lost a loved one in this way. Essentially, I say the same things each year because they need to be said. As Margaret Atwood once put it, some things need to be said and said and said again, until they don't need to be said any more. Some things need still to be said about suicide.

What things? What needs to be said, and said again and again about suicide? For the sake of clarity, let me number the points:

1. First, in most cases, suicide is the result of a disease, a sickness, an illness, a tragic breakdown within the emotional immune system or simply a mortal biochemical illness.
2. For most suicides, the person dies, as does the victim of any terminal illness or fatal accident, not by his or her own choice. When people die from heart attacks, strokes, cancer, and accidents, they die against their will. The same is true in suicide.
3. We should not worry unduly about the eternal salvation of a suicide victim, believing (as we used to) that suicide is the ultimate act of despair. God's hands are infinitely more understanding and gentler than our own. We need not worry about the fate of anyone, no matter the cause of death, who leaves this world honest, over-sensitive, over-wrought, too bruised to touch, and

emotionally-crushed, as is the case with most suicides. God's understanding and compassion exceed our own. God isn't stupid.

4. We should not unduly second-guess ourselves when we lose a loved one to suicide: *What might I have done? Where did I let this person down? What if? If only I'd been there at the right time!* Rarely would this have made a difference. Most of the time, we weren't there for the very reason that the person who fell victim to this disease did not want us to be there. He or she picked the moment, the spot, and the means precisely so we wouldn't be there. Suicide seems to be a disease that picks its victim precisely in such a way so as to exclude others and their attentiveness. This is not an excuse for insensitivity, but is a healthy check against false guilt and fruitless second-guessing. Suicide is a result of sickness and there are some sicknesses which all the love and care in the world cannot cure.

5. Finally, it's incumbent upon us, the loved ones who remain here, to redeem the memory of those who die in this way so as to not let the particular manner of their deaths become a false prism through which their lives are now seen. A good person is a good person and a sad death does not change that. Nor should a misunderstanding.

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