

Kangaroo Island Catholic Community

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

Welcome to

KANGAROO ISLAND CATHOLIC PARISH

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Mrs Annette Roestenburg (8553 8281; <u>rostie2@bigpond.com</u>) (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
- PENNESHAW: St Columba's Anglican Church, Cnr North Terrace and Fourth Street Saturday before 4th Sunday - 7pm

SPONSORSHIP

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

CHILD PROTECTION UNIT

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FIRST READING

Job 7:1-4, 6-7 Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief.

Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'

Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

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So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway.

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Heather Barrett, Joan Marie Berden, Mary Clark, Phillip Deakin, Allice Ellick, Alfred Gray, Bernadette Hehir, Kenneth Howard, Ron King, Jamie Larcombe, Frank May, Tom Meaney, Allan Moray, Pat Pawelski, Horace Riley, Christopher Riley, Bert Willson And all the faithful departed

Prayers for the sick

Please pray for Clarence Cook, Phil Connell, Maureen Dunn, Veronica Farnden, Jayden Forster, Cynthia Fowler, Peter Gibbs, Charles & Sue Gorman, Robyn Guerney, John (BJ) Hardy, Rev Brad Henley, Toni Kempster, Leigh and Philip McDonald, Val Lockett, Fr Frank Perry, Jack Pitcher, Anne Redden,Harry and Margaret Rich, Bill Roestenburg, John Smith, Brian Travers,Angela Ward, Peter and Anthony Weatherstone and Rob Willmott., Joyce Pearson

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

MAKING CONNECTIONS

Make a special effort this week to extend a helping hand to someone in need. If you know someone who is gripped by some 'demon', offer them a word of encouragement.

PARISH NOTICES -08/02/2015

- 1. Thank you to Mon Rob Egar for celebrating Mass with us today
- **2. Next Sunday** there will be Liturgy of the word with Holy Communion.
- **3. Joint PPC and FC Meeting,** After Mass on 22nd Feb.
- **4.** Ladies Guild meeting Monday 23rd Feb at 9-30am
- **5. Youth Mass** Sunday 22nd Feb at 6-30pm with Fr Charles, followed by a shared meal. Everyone is welcome.

Please note there will still be Mass at 9-30am on this day.

6. Diary Date

World Day of Prayer on Friday 6th March. Details Later

DID YOU KNOW?

- In Capernaum, archaeological excavations have uncovered a house, close by the synagogue, which has ancient inscriptions suggesting that it is the house of Peter.
- Capernaum was a thriving town and was a centre for the local fishing industry.
- The Jewish Sabbath begins at sunset on Friday and lasts until sunset on Saturday. As the day of God's rest work was not permitted. That is why Jesus only begins his work of healing after sunset.



OUR EYES AS WINDOWS TO OUR SOULS

Most all of us worry about aging, especially in how it affects our bodies. We worry about wrinkles, bags under our eyes, middle-age fat, and losing hair where we want it only to find it on places where we don't want it. So every now and then, when we look in a mirror or see a recent photograph of ourselves, we are shocked at our own faces and bodies, almost not recognizing ourselves as we see an old face and old body where we are used to seeing a young one.

But examining ourselves for signs of aging isn't a bad practice, except that we should be looking for things other than wrinkles, loose skin, hair loss, and weight gain. With these bodily things, nature eventually has its way. Where we should be looking for signs of aging is in our eyes. It's there where the real signs of aging and senility reveal themselves.

If we were to set up a mirror and stare straight into our own eyes, what would we see? Are our eyes tired, unenthusiastic, cynical, lifeless, dead? Do they radiate mostly anger and jealousy? Is there any fire there? Are they so deadened so as to be incapable of being surprised? Have they lost their innocence? Is there still a child buried somewhere behind them?

The real signs of senility are betrayed by the eyes, not the body. Loose skin merely reveals that we are aging physically, nothing more. Bodies age and die in a process as inevitable and natural as the changing of the seasons, but dead eyes signify a more deadly senility, something less natural, a fatigued spirit. Spirits are meant to be forever young, forever childlike, forever innocent. They are not meant to deaden and die. But they can die through a lack of passion, through the illusion of familiarity, through a

Ron Rolheiser column

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loss of innocence and wonder, through a fatigue of the spirit, and through practical despair.

Despair is a curious thing. Mostly we despair not because we grow weary of the shortcomings and sufferings in life and, at last, find life too much to take. Rather we despair for the opposite reason, namely, we grow cynical of joy. Joy lies in experiencing life as fresh, as novel, as primal, as a child does, with a certain purity of spirit. This type of joy is not pleasure, though there's pleasure in it. Pleasure of course can be had without joy but that kind of pleasure is the product of a lack of wonder and reverence in experiencing. That kind of pleasure is initially experienced as a victory, as a throwing off of naiveté, as liberation; but it soon turns into defeat, into dullness, boredom, and a deadened eros. Our palate loses its itch for tasting. Our enthusiasm dies and a certain fatigue of the soul sets in. There is nothing left in us that's fresh and young, and our eyes begin to show this. They lose their sparkle, their childlikeness.

In her poignant novel, Stone Angel, Margaret Laurence describes her heroine, a despairing lady named Hagar, looking into a mirror and saying to herself: "I stood for a long time, looking, wondering how a person could change so much...So gradually it happens. The face – a brown and leathery face that wasn't mine. Only the eyes were mine, staring as though to pierce the lying glass and get beneath to some true image, infinitely distant."

A good look in the mirror for most of us, sadly, reveals much the same, a lifeless face that's not really ours and dull eyes, our own, but hidden beneath a lying glass. Somewhere the fire has gone out; our eyes and face are devoid of wonder and innocence. What's to be done? We need to take a good long look at ourselves in a mirror and study our eyes, long and hard, and let what we see shock us enough to move us towards the road of unlearning, of post-sophistication, of wonder, or renewed innocence. Here's the counsel: Go to mirror and stare into your eyes long enough until you see there again the boy or girl who once inhabited that space. In that, wonder will be born, a sparkle will return and, with it, a freshness that can make you young again.

Our eyes don't grow tired, rather they get buried. That's what causes the blank, passionless stare. Bodies tire, but eyes are windows to the soul and they are forever eager to see. One of the contrasts between Christianity and Buddhism has to do with the eyes. The Buddhist saint is always depicted with his or her eyes shut, while the Christian saint always has them open. The Buddhist saint has a sleek, harmonious body, but his or her eyes are heavy and sealed with sleep. The Christian saint's body is wasted to the bone, but his or her eyes are alive, hungry, staring. The Buddhist's eyes are focused inwardness. The Christian's eyes are staring outwards, hungry, full of wonder.

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

REGULAR MASS TIMES IN OUR CLUSTER CHURCHES

ALDINGA

Mary of Galilee, the First Disciple cnr Quinliven and Howe Roads Saturday 6.00pm 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 2nd Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass) Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm Monday 9.00am Tuesday 8.00am Wednesday 7.00am Thursday 9.15am (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 9.15am

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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He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.



The significance of Holy Week in our Liturgical Calendar.

Saturday, 21 February 10.00am until 3.30pm

Mary of Galilee Church (cnr Quinliven and How Rds) Aldinga

For more details or to enrol, contact Lyn (telephone 8152 7806 or email: worship@ow.adelaide.catholic.org.au)

EVANGELII GAUDIUM

"We may not always be able to reflect adequately the beauty of the Gospel, but there is one sign which we should never lack: the option for those who are least, those whom society discards."

Para 195 from Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

EXPLORING THE WORD

In touching Simon's mother-in-law and then allowing her to serve him, Jesus is breaking down traditional barriers. He brings wholeness and holiness to her by his prejudice, just as sickness and evil have no place in the Kingdom. This text today shows us a typical day for Jesus - the first of his ministry. He listens to the Word of God, then worships with his community; he relaxes in the home of a friends; he pursues his work of healing and preaching and, before dawn he withdraws alone to develop his relationship with the Father through prayers. There is a wonderful pattern of balance here between prayer, work and rest.

When the disciples find him, they want him to return to Capernaum to the acclaim he is receiving, Instead, Jesus insists the the boundaries of the Kingdom be pushed out. The Kingdom of God must reach further and further. It is for this that he came!

WORDS OF WISDOM *Prayer of St Teresa of Avila*

"Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you, All things are passing away:

"God never changes. Patience obtains all things Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(9 - 15 February)

- *Monday, 9:* Weekday, Ordinary Time 5 (Gen 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56)
- *Tuesday, 10:* St Scholastica (Gen 1:20 2:4; Mk 7:1-13)
- *Wednesday, 11:* Weekday, Ordinary Time 5 (Gen 2:4-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23)
- *Thursday, 12:* Weekday, Ordinary Time 5 (Gen 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30)
- *Friday, 13:* Weekday, Ordinary Time 5 (Gen 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37)
- *Saturday, 14:* Sts Cyril and Methodius (Gen 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10)
- *Sunday, 15:* 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45)

