

# **Kangaroo Island Catholic Community**

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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 4pm
- PENNESHAW: St Columba's Anglican Church, Cnr North Terrace and Fourth Street Saturday before 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the greatgrandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

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'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

#### **SECOND READING** *1 Corinthians* 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, (Continued page 4)

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Ellen Clarke, Peter Clark, Ellen Denholm, Inez Frawley, Kathleen Gannon, Archbishop Gleeson, Alec Grant, Keith Hornby, Gladys Lewin, Jean Lonzar, Patrick Lyden, Kath Northcott , Denis O'Brien, James Palmer, Dilly Reynolds, Richard Semler, Sylvester Shannon, Cathy Smythe, Eunice Trethewey, Edie Willson, Glad Nash ... and all the faithful departed

## Prayers for the sick

Please pray for Clarence Cook, Phil Connell, Maureen Dunn, Veronica Farnden, Jayden Forster, Cynthia Fowler, 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

Express some 'righteous anger' this week about something that disorders our world, eg. Inequality, human rights, abuse, exclusion. How are Christians called to respond to these injustices?

## PARISH NOTICES -08/03/2015

**1.** Thank you to everyone who helped with the Liturgy today.

## 2. Next Sunday

There will be Mass with Mon Rob Egar.

**3.** This year's Sacramental preparation will begin in April.

If you have a child who is ready to make their First Holy Communion or Confirmation, Please ring Helen Mumford on 85595156.

## 4. Easter Raffle

Please support the youth of our Parish by supporting the Easter raffle with donated prizes and buying some tickets

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## PROJECT COMMASSION

## **CHOOSING FOOD FOR LIFE**

Karen is a First Australian living in a remote rural community. Like many, she can't always afford or access healthy food. At Centacare Wilcannia-Forbes, Karen gained the skills she needed to provide healthier food for her family.

Please donate to project compassion 2015 and help First Australian in remote communities gain the skills to make healthier choices, building a better future for their families.

## PRAYER AT HOME

This week's Psalm response offers great wisdom:

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Use it often this week.



#### FEAR MASKING ITSELF AS PIETY

It is easy to mistake piety for the genuine response that God wants of us, that is, to enter into a relationship of intimacy with Him and then try to help others have that same experience.

We see this everywhere in Scripture. For example, in Luke's Gospel, after witnessing a miraculous catch of fish, Peter responds by falling at Jesus' knees and saying: "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" At first glance that would seem the appropriate response, a wonderfully-pious one, an acknowledgement of his littleness and unworthiness in the face of God's abundance and goodness. But, as John Shea points out in his commentary on this text, Jesus names Peter's response differently and invites him to something else. What? Peter's response manifests a sincere piety, but it is, in Shea's words, "fearfully wrong": "The awareness of God makes him [Peter] tremble and crushes him down. If he clings to the knees of Jesus, he must be on his own knees. Peter does not embrace the fullness; he wants to go away. This is hardly the response Jesus wants. So he instructs Peter not to be afraid. Instead, he is to use what he experienced to bring others to the same experience. As Jesus has caught him, he is to catch others." Jesus is inviting Peter to move out of fear and into deeper waters of intimacy and God's abundance.

We see a similar thing in the First Book of Samuel (21, 1-6). King David arrives at the temple one morning, hungry, without food. He asks the priest for five loaves of bread. The priest replies that he hasn't any ordinary bread, only consecrated bread that can be eaten only after the appropriate fasting and rituals. David, nonetheless, knowing that, as God's king on earth he is

## **Ron Rolheiser column**

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expected to act resourcefully rather than fearfully, asks for the loaves and he eats the bread that, in other circumstances, he would have been forbidden to eat.

What makes this story important is the Jesus, when confronted by the fear and piety of the Scribes and Pharisees, highlights it and tells us that David's response was the right one. He tells those who were scandalized by his disciples' lack of fear that David's response was the right one because David recognized that, in our response to God, intimacy and a certain boldness in acting resourcefully, are meant to trump fear. "The Sabbath," Jesus asserts, "was made for man, not man for the Sabbath". That axiom might be rendered this way: God is not a law to be blindly obeyed. Rather God is a loving, creative presence that invites us into intimacy and then gives us energy to be more-creative in the light of that relationship.

Some years ago, a young mother shared this story with me. Her son, six years-old and now in school, had been trained from his earliest years to kneel down by his bed each night and pray aloud a number of ritual prayers (the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary, a prayer to his guardian angel, and blessings and protection for his parents and siblings). One evening, shortly after starting school, when his mother took him to his room, he crawled into bed without first kneeling to say his prayers. His mother asked him: "What's wrong? Don't you pray anymore?" "No," he replied, "I don't pray anymore. My teacher at school (a nun) told us not to pray but to talk to God ... and tonight I'm tired and have nothing to say!" In essence, this is the response of King David, asking the priest for the consecrated loaves. This young boy had an intuitive grasp that God is not a law to be obeyed but an intimate presence that resources us.

A number of the great Christian mystics have taught that, as we grow more deeply in our relationship with God, we gradually become more bold with God, that is, fear gives way more and more to intimacy, legalism gives way more and more to resourcefulness, judgment gives way more and more to empathy, and the kind of piety that would have us clinging to the knees of Jesus paralyzed by our own sinfulness gives way more and more to a joyous energy for mission.

Of course, there's an important place for piety. Healthy piety and healthy humility are gifts from the Holy Spirit, but they do not paralyze us with an unhealthy fear that blocks a deeper, more-joyous, and moreintimate relationship with God. David had a healthy piety, but that didn't stop him from acting boldly and creatively inside the intimacy of his relationship to God. Jesus too had a healthy piety, even as he was constantly scandalizing the pious around him.

We too easily mistake unhealthy fear for genuine piety. We do it all the time, naively seeing fear as virtue; however the mark of genuine intimacy is never fearfulness, but bold, joyous energy. The healthiest religious person you know exhibits this boldness and joy rather than a dead, overly-fearful piety.

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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 11.00am (Spanish Mass) 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays 10.30am 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 8.30am 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 6.00pm

> **PARNDANA** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 4.00pm

#### PENNESHAW

St Columba, North Terrace (shared with Anglicans) Saturday before 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>) 9.00am 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 11.30am

#### WILLUNGA

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

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but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

#### GOSPEL John 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins. knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.<sup>7</sup> The Jews replied, 'It has taken fortysix years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

#### **EVANGELII GAUDIUM**

The poor person, when loved, 'is esteemed as of great value,' and this is what makes the authentic option for the poor differ from any other ideology, from any attempt to exploit the poor for one's own personal or political interest.

Para 199 from Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

#### WORDS OF WISDOM

In the sacraments, spirit and matter 'kiss.' Heaven and earth embrace in a union that will never end. (Christopher West)

## WE ALL NEED SOME SILENCE IN OUR LIVES

Jesus was not afraid of the marketplace - he spent a lot of time there, teaching, preaching and healing. But, when confronted with the same things in the Temple, he became angry. As someone who regularly went off to quiet places to pray, he knew how essential it was - and how disruptive a noisy, bustling place could be.

The authorities are understandably angry in return - who does Jesus think he is?



#### THIS WEEK'S READINGS (9 - 15 March)

- *Monday*, 9: Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> week Lent (2Kg 5:1-15; Lk 4:24-30)
- *Tuesday, 10:* Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> week Lent (Dan 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35)
- *Wednesday, 11:* Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> week Lent (Deut 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19)
- *Thursday, 12:* Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> week Lent (Jer 7:23-28; Lk 14-23)
- *Friday, 13:* Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> week Lent (Hosea 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34)
- *Saturday, 14:* Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> week Lent (Hosea 5:15 6:6; Lk 18:9-14)
- *Sunday, 15:* Fourth Sunday of Lent (2Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21)



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