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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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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
4th Sunday - Youth Mass - 6.00pm
- **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 UNIT

Sally Wellington (Manager)
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FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts,

‘Courage! Do not be afraid.

‘Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy in their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:6-10

Lord, come and save us.

SECOND READING

James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the



gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?’ Jesus answered, ‘Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.’

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: ‘What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No?

Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in

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DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Prudence Brook, Margaret Chapmann,
Ann Commerford, Ernest Commerford,
George Frauley, Annie Griffith, Graham
Hammat, Franziska Hiliz, Scott
Imboden, Geraldine Kent, Eileen Johnson,
John Kreffel, Anne Livingstone, Marcellina
Mamogay, Frederick Moore, Valma
Mumford, Sheila Norman, Denise
Pettigrew, Ernie Reynolds, Joel Riley,
Vernice Southern, Eric Tabor, Mary Tully,
Willard Wickham, Veronica Rue,
and all the faithful departed.

Prayers for the sick

Please pray for Eli Bellamarie, Jimmy Browne,
Cath Cantlon, Maureen Dunn, Kathleen
Feareer,
Charles and Sue Gorman, Tony Hodgens,
Ashtenna Langridge, Elijah Laundry, Howie
Laundry, Philip McDonald John Lavers, Peter
Murray, Jack Pitcher, Kingsley Pleadage,
Margaret Rich, Bill Roestenburg, Eddie
Schneemild, Bernie Schulz, John Slagter,
Darren Smith, John Smith, and Peter
Weatherstone,

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

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve : Penneshaw 4pm
Kingscote 7-30pm

Christmas Day : Kingscote 8-30am

Eight Characteristics of parishes in the process of renewal:

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 -011/12/16

1. Thank you to Fr Sam for saying Mass for us today.
2. Next week there will be Mass with Fr Sam.
3. **Church Cleaning** for Christmas will be at on
Wednesday 14th Dec from 9am on-wards. All
parishioners are asked to help, as many hands
make light work.
4. The Guild are running a Christmas Raffle to raise
funds for Jessica Sachse,
Please support the raffle by donating prizes.
Tickets will be \$1.00 each.



Ron Rolheiser column

Ronald Rolheiser, a Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is president of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas. He is a community-builder, lecturer and writer. His books are popular throughout the English-speaking world and his weekly column is carried by more than sixty newspapers worldwide.

THE MARTYRDOM OF INADEQUATE SELF-EXPRESSION

Art too has its martyrs and perhaps our greatest pain is that of inadequate self-expression. That's an insight from Iris Murdoch and it holds true, I believe, for most everyone.

Inside of each of us there's a great symphony, a great novel, a great dance, a great poem, a great painting, a great book of wisdom, a depth that we can never adequately express. No matter our wit or talent, we can never really write that book, do that dance, create that music, or paint that painting. We try, but what we are able to express even in our best moments is but a weak shadow of what's actually inside us. And so we suffer, in Murdoch words, a martyrdom of inadequate self-expression.

What underlies this? Why this inadequacy?

At its root, this is not a struggle with what's base or deficient inside us, pride, concupiscence, arrogance, or ignorance. It's not ignorance, arrogance, or the devil that create this struggle. To the contrary, we struggle with this tension because we carry divinity inside us. We are made in the image and likeness of God. This is fundamental to our Christian self-understanding. But this must be properly understood. We do ourselves a disservice when we understand this in an over-pious way, that is, when we imagine it as a holy icon of God stamped inside our souls which we need to honor by living a chaste and moral life. That's true enough, but there's more at stake here, particularly as it pertains to our self-understanding.

What we are forever dealing with is an immense grandiosity inside us. There's a divine energy in us which,

precisely because it is divine, never makes easy peace with this world. We carry inside of us divine energies, divine appetites, and divine depth. The spiritual task of our lives then, in essence, is that of ordering those energies, disciplining them, channeling them, and directing them so that they are generative rather than destructive. And this is never a simple task. Moreover our struggle to direct these divine energies triggers a whole series of other struggles.

Because we carry divine energy within our very make-up, we should expect that, this side of eternity, to struggle perennially with *four* things.

First, we will struggle, at some level, always, to keep a balance between the pressures inside us pushing towards creativity and other voices inside that are telling us to keep a firm grip on our own sanity. We see this played out large in the lives of many artists in their struggle with normalcy, to keep their feet solidly planted within what's ordinary and domestic because their push for creativity is also pushing them towards the dark, rich chaos that lies more deeply inside. All of us, according to more or less, struggle in the same way as do great artists. We too are lured towards the rich chaos inside us, even as we fear for what it might do to our sanity.

Second, we will struggle perennially with an overstimulated grandiosity. The divine fires inside of us, like all fires, easily flame out of control. In a world where everything is shown to us on a screen in our hands and where the successes, beauty, achievements, and talents of others are forever in front of our eyes, we are forever being over-stimulated in our grandiosity. This is felt in our restlessness, in our sense of missing out on life, in our jealousies, in our anger for not being recognized for our talents and uniqueness, and in

our constant dissatisfaction with our own lives.

Third, because there is an innate connection between the energy for creativity and sexuality, we will struggle with sexuality. The algebra is clear: Creativity is inextricably linked with generativity and generativity is inextricably bound up with sexuality. No accident, great artists often struggle with sex, which doesn't give them an excuse for irresponsibility but helps explain the reason. In sharp contrast, many religious people are in denial about this connection. Unfortunately that only serves to drive the struggle underground and make it more dangerous.

Finally, we all struggle perennially to find that equilibrium between inflation and depression. We are forever finding ourselves either too full of ourselves or too empty of God, that is, either identifying with the divine energies inside of us and becoming pompous or, through false humility, over-sensitivity, and wound, not letting the divine energy flow through us and consequently living in depression because we have stunted our own creativity.

James Hillman suggests that a symptom suffers most when it doesn't know where it belongs, and so it is important that we try to name all of this. Divine energy living inside of fallible human beings is a formula for tension, disquiet, and, yes, for martyrdom; but it's meant to be a creative tension, a mystery to be lived not a problem to be solved. Proper naming doesn't take away the pain and frustration, but at least it affords us a noble, poetic canopy under which to suffer.

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
4th Sunday (Youth Mass) 6.00pm

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 (2nd, 4th, 5th week) 9.00am
Tuesday (1st, 3rd week) 9.45am
Wednesday 7.00am, 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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palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says:

'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you.

'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This Sunday is so named because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John's arrest in chapter 14:3-12. In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But

salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.

NET MINISTRIES AUSTRALIA SPONSORSHIP

Jessica Sachse is a young Adelaide woman who has been accepted to serve as a volunteer with NET ministries, from January until November, 2017. NET stands for National Evangelisation Team and is a Catholic peer-to-peer youth ministry organisation that encourages young people to love Jesus and embrace the Church through retreats, youth groups and other forms of ministry.

Jessica will spend the first five weeks being trained in both practical youth ministry tools and Christian living principles, before beginning ten months of ministry that will take teams throughout Australia.

Each of the team members selected have been asked to raise a minimum sponsorship of \$6,400. The money Jessica raises will contribute to costs associated with serving with NET including training, food, accommodation, vehicle maintenance, transportation, etc.

If you can help Jessica with either a one-off or a monthly donation, please visit her fundraising page (for an electronic donation) at www.youcaring.com/NETsponsorship2017-jesssache or contact Fr Charles. *Fr Charles Gauci*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS (12 - 18 December)

- **Monday, 12:** Monday, 3rd week of Advent (Num 24:2-7, 15-17; Mt 21:23-27)
- **Tuesday 13:** St Lucy (Zeph 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32)
- **Wednesday 14:** St John of the Cross (Is 45:6-8, 18, 21-26; Lk 7:19-23)
- **Thursday 15:** Thursday, 3rd week of Advent (Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30)
- **Friday 16:** Friday, 3rd week of Advent (Is 56:1-3, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36)
- **Saturday 17:** Saturday, 3rd week of Advent (Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17)
- **Sunday 18:** FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24)