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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
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

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FIRST READING

Wisdom 7:7-11

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.

I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing.

I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, or compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud.

I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps.

In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Fill us with your love, O Lord,
and we will sing for joy!*

SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

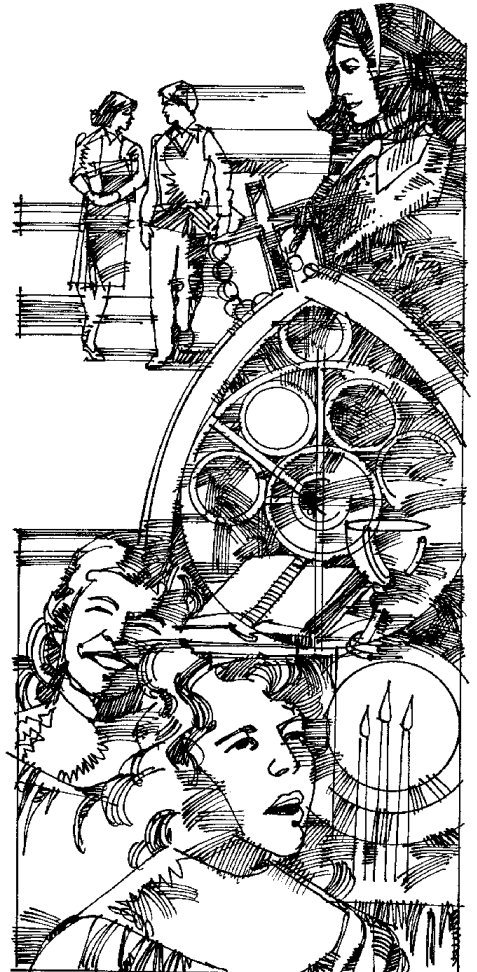
Alleluia, alleluia!

*Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!*

GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-30

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill;



You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words,

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OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Murray Brook, Leo Clark, William Commerford, Trish Dennes, Clifford Dow, Leo Dunn, James Gibbs, Mary Alice Gibbs, Rosie Grace, Harry Hughes, Thomas Hughes, Kath Hutton, Licci Longzaer, Philis Lorimer, John Lowry, Winifred Lydon, Mary Morrissey, Noel Perkins, Alf Rombout, Betty Walsh, Bernard Williams, Ethel Willson, Joan Wilson and all the faithful departed.

Prayers for the sick

Please pray for Cath Cantlon, Clarence Cook, Thea & Manning Depold, Thea Depold, Don Duffy, Pam Elliott, Tony Fisher, Veronica Farnden, Sue and Charles Gorman, Scott McCreary, Leigh and Phillip McDonald, Kate Palmer, Jack Pitcher, Anne Redden, Bill Roestenburg, John Smith, Greg Turner, Karen Williams, Margaret & Harry Rich, Nicki and Craig Hoar, Noel Grace,

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

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Making Connections

Undertake works of charity this week. Be generous with your wealth but also with your time and your attention to those who are in need.

PARISH NOTICES –11/10/2015

1. Thank you to Fr Sam for celebrating Mass with us today
 2. **Next Sunday** there will be Mass with Mon Rice
 3. **Invitation from St Alban’s Ladies Guild**
You are invited to afternoon tea on Wednesday 21st October at 2-30pm at the St Albans Church Hall to hear their guest speaker Lynlee Heinrich talk about her work as a carer.
 4. **Working Bee on 18th October after Mass**
At 1pm there will be a BBQ lunch provided for the workers. Please come along and lend a hand.
 5. **Confirmation and First Holy Communion**

9-30 Sunday 25th October at the Kingscote Catholic Church.
There will be a shared brunch after Church, so please join the children and their families in this celebration.

Please pray for Dallas, Regan, Shakira and Liam as step by step they move towards completing their initiation into the Catholic faith community.
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Ron Rolheiser column

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INNOCENCE, COMPLEXITY, AND SANCTITY

Some years ago, I officiated at a wedding. As the officiating priest, I was invited to the reception and dance that followed upon the church service. Not knowing the family well and having church services the next morning, I left right after the banquet and the toasts, just as the dancing was about to start. When I was seemingly out of earshot, I heard the bride's father say to someone: "I'm glad that Father has gone; now we can celebrate with some rock music!"

I didn't take the remark personally since the man meant well, but the remark stung nevertheless because it betrayed an attitude that painted me, and others like me, as religious but naïve, as good to sit at the head table and be specially introduced, but as being best out of sight when real life begins; as if being religious means that you are unable to handle the earthiness and beat of rock music, as if church and earthy celebration are in opposition to each other, as if sanctity demands an elemental innocence that precludes human complexity, and as if full-blood and religion are best kept separate.

But that's an attitude within most people, however unexpressed. The idea is that God and human complexity do not go together. Ironically that attitude is particularly prevalent among the over-pious and those most negative towards religion. For the both the over-pious and the militant-impious, God and robust life cannot go together. And that's also basically true for the rest of us as is evident in our inability to attribute complexity, earthiness, and temptation to Jesus, to the Virgin Mary, to the saints, and to other publicly-recognized religious figures such as Mother Theresa. It seems that we can only picture holiness as linked to a certain naiveté. For us,

holiness needs to be sheltered and protected like a young child. As a result we then project such an over-idealization of innocence and simplicity onto Jesus, Mary, and our religious exemplars that it becomes impossible for us to ever really identify with them. We can give them admiration, but very little else.

For example, the Virgin Mary of our piety could not have written the Magnificat. She lacks the complexity to write such a prayer because we have projected on to her such an innocence, delicacy, and childlikeness so as to leave her less than fully adult and fully intelligent. Ultimately this has a negative effect religiously. To identify an unrealistic innocence and simplicity with holiness sets out an unattainable ideal that has too many people believe that their own red blood, with its restless stirrings, makes them bad candidates for the church and sanctity.

In the Roman Catholic Rite of baptism, at a point, the priest or deacon pronounces these words: *See in this white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity. With your family and friends to help you by word and example, bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven.* That's a wonderful statement celebrating the beauty and virtue of innocence. But it celebrates an innocence that has yet to meet adult life.

The innocence of a child is stunning in its beauty and holds up for us a mirror within which to see our moral and psychological scars and the missteps we have taken as adults, not unlike the humbling we can feel when we look at bodies in a mirror when we get older. The beauty of youth is gone. But the disquiet and judgment we feel in the presence of a child's innocence is more a

neurosis and misconception than a genuine judgment on our sanctity and moral goodness. Children are innocent because they have not yet had to deal with life, its infinite complexities, and its inevitable wounds. Young children are so beautifully innocent because they are still naïve and pre-sophisticated. To move to adulthood they will have to pass through inevitable initiations which will leave more than a few smudges on the childlike purity of their baptismal robes.

A friend of mine is fond of saying this about innocence: As an adult, I wouldn't give a penny for the naïve purity of a child, but I would give everything to find true childlike innocence inside the complexity of my adult life. I think that what he means is this: Jesus went into the singles' bars of his time, except he didn't sin. The task in spirituality is not to try to emulate the naive innocence and non-complexity of our childhood. That's an exercise in denial and a formula for rationalization. The task is rather to move towards a second-naiveté, a post-sophistication which has already taken into account the full complexity of our lives. Only then will we have again the innocent joy of children, even as we are able to stand steady inside the rawness of rock music, the power and complexity of human sexuality, the concupiscent tendencies of the human heart, and the uncanny and wily maneuverings innate inside the human spirit. From there we can write the Magnificat.

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 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)*
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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but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

LAUDATO SI'

Pope Francis links all of us to creation: "We are part of nature, included in it, and thus in constant interaction with it" (No. 139). But our decisions, particularly about production and consumption, have an inevitable effect on the environment. Pope Francis links abuse of the environment with a "magical conception of the market" which privileges profit over the impact on the poor (No. 190).

POPE FRANCIS' VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES

In the wash-up of Pope Francis' visit to the United States, it will be interesting to see how his comments on the role of the laity are interpreted and applied in the months and years ahead.

To say the question of how the Church can most fully engage the laity is a source of constant dialogue and debate is somewhat of an understatement. But the Pope has left no doubt that lay men and women have a vital part to play in church life, moving forward. Speaking at a gathering focussing on

families, Pope Francis said there was a need for an "active participation of the laity" to ensure the Church's future in a rapidly changing society.

But the Pontiff stressed that collaborating with the laity did not mean clergy or religious folk had to relinquish their "spiritual authority." "This... means discerning and employing wisely the manifold gifts which the Spirit pours out upon the Church," he said.

"In a particular way, it means valuing the immense contribution which women, lay and religious, have made and continue to make, to the life of our communities."

Pope Francis told the World Meeting of Families that "one of the great challenges facing the Church in this generation is to foster in all the faithful a sense of personal responsibility for the Church's mission, and to enable them to fulfill that responsibility as missionary disciples, as a leaven of the Gospel in our world.

As with so much of Pope Francis' words, the world waits and watches to see how it filters through to our local communities and how our leadership responds to, and interprets, his statements.

*David McGovern
Editor, "Cathnews"*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(12 - 18 October)

- **Monday, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 28 (Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32)
- **Tuesday, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 28 (Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41)
- **Wednesday, 14:** Weekday, Ord Time 28 (Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46)
- **Thursday, 15:** St Teresa of Jesus (Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54)
- **Friday, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 28 (Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7)
- **Saturday, 17:** St Ignatius of Antioch (Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12)
- **Sunday, 18:** 29th Sunday in Ord Time (Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45)