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### **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

Mrs Annette Roestenburg (8553 8281; rostie2@bigpond.com) (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 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**

Amos 7:12-15

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer, get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah 'I was a shepherd and looked after sycamores; but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "'Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation

## **SECOND READING**

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.

Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus

Christ, for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved, in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the foregiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight.

He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he

Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you too have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of

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## **JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

Alma Adams, Eadie Adams, Sid Adams, Peg Anderson, Lill Buick,Phil CFonnell, Henry Dravitzki, Paul Glynn, Joyce Grant, Mick Grant, Bill Higgins, Monica Hughes, Barry Jameison, Judith Jeffs, Kym Moses, Ron Mumford, Alexander Nash, Alice O'Neill, Alice O'Driscoll, Charles Reynolds, Nora Ridge, Johnny Tully, John Walsh, Tony Walker, Robyn Williams and all the faithful departed

## **Prayers for the sick**

Please pray for Nari Clifford, Clarence Cook, Manning Depold, Thea Depold, Pam Elliott, Tony Fisher, Veronica Farnden, Sue and Charles Gorman, Val Lockett, Leigh and Phillip McDonald, Kate Palmer, Jack Pitcher, Anne Redden,Bill Roestenburg, John Smith, Greg Turner, Karen Williams, Ken Willson,

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

## **Making connections**

Find ways to share your faith and your journey with others this week. This is taking a risk and you may be ridiculed. Are you able to rise to the challenge.

### **PARISH NOTICES –12/07/2015**

- **1.** Thank you to to everyone who help with our Liturgy today
- 2. Next Sunday there will be Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

## 3. Over head Projector Appeal

Please consider making a one-of donation to help the parish purchase a new digital over head projector. Envelopes are at the back of the Church

4. Liturgy Group to meet on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 8-30am.

PPC meeting 26<sup>th</sup> July at 11am.

- **6.** Phil Connell, Helen Mumford and Marie Perkins father died last week- end, please keep them and their families in your prayers.
- **7.** Next week there will be a Leaving Collection for the Apostleship of the Sea.

## PRAYER AT HOME

Today's gospel acclamation makes a wonderful prayer for this week:

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we may see how great is the hope to which we are called.



## THE BEST ONE CAN DO IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES

Recently I led a weeklong retreat for some sixty people at a renewal center. Overall, it went very well, though ideally it could have gone better. It could have gone better if, previous to the retreat, I would have had more time to prepare and more time to rest so that I would have arrived at the retreat well-rested, fully-energetic, and able to give this group my total undivided attention for seven days.

Of course, that wasn't the case. The days leading up to the retreat were consumed by many pressures in my regular ministry; these were long days that kept me preoccupied and tired. Indeed, in the days leading up to the retreat, I had to do many extra hours of work simply to free myself up to lead this retreat. So I arrived for this retreat partly exhausted and carrying with me still a lot of pressures from my regular duties.

In spite of this, the retreat still went pretty well. I had enough energy and focus to make things essentially work. But it wasn't the best I could do ideally, though it was the best I could do given the circumstances.

Given that confession, it's fair to ask: Didn't those retreatants have a right to have me arrive for this retreat more-rested, more-prepared, and more-ready to give them my full, undivided attention? Fair enough. They did have that right; except that this was mitigated by the fact that all the people who are daily affected by my regular duties also had that same right. They too had a right to my time, my un-fatigued self, my full energies, and my undivided attention. During that week of retreat, my office also got second best: I was not giving it my ideal best; but only what I could do, given the circumstances.

I suspect most time-management

## Ron Rolheiser column

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experts, and not a few counselors and spiritual directors, would tell me that the reason this tension exists in my life is because of my failure to set clear priorities and be faithful to them and that this sloppy indecisiveness is unfair to everyone on every side. If am over-extended, it's a fault in my life, pure and simple, which I have a moral responsibility to correct.

But is it really that simple? Are we really meant to have this much control over our lives? Don't circumstance and need perennially trump that? Aren't the generative years of our lives about much more than ensuring our own health and rest? Even if the purpose of our own self-care is not selfish but intended for the better service of others, isn't that service itself the final culprit? There are needs all over and our resources are finite, isn't that always a formula for tension?

Circumstance conscripts us and, in the words of Jesus, puts a rope around us and takes where we would rather not go, namely, beyond our comfort, beyond always being adequately rested, and beyond always being in control of our own timetable and energies. Admittedly it's dangerous to over-extend yourself, except that it's equally, perhaps more, dangerous to underextend yourself so as to always have full control of your own energy and commitments and be always well rested and not over-taxed. We can burnout, but we can also rust-out.

This, of course, can easily become a rationalization for not setting proper priorities and for letting ourselves be non-reflectively buffeted by circumstance. But the opposite can also be a rationalization used to over-protect our own comfort and rest. That's the tension, and it's meant to be a tension. Sometimes we

overextend ourselves and sometime we under-extend ourselves. Most of the people that I admire most in the world suffer from the former, overextension, and, paradoxically, it seems to give them more energy. Jesus, while cautioning proper selfcare (Let us go away by ourselves for a while and rest. Mark, 6, 31) also tells us that we should pour ourselves out completely for others without worrying too much about whether this will kill us or not.

I had all of this in mind as I struggled while giving a recent retreat, knowing that neither the retreatants nor my office were getting my best energies ... though both got the best that I could give, given the circumstance.

And isn't this a good image for the whole of our lives? We have finite energies, finite time, finite attention, and we are constantly swamped by circumstance, need, and pressure. There's always something! And so we are often caught in a major tension as regards our time, energy, and attention. In any given season within our lives, if we are honest, we might have to say: This wasn't the best I might have done ideally, but it's the best that I could do, given the circumstance!

Ultimately this is true for our whole lives. It's never ideal, but it's the best we can do, given the circumstance. And that should be more than enough when we stand before our Maker in judgment.

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 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 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) Saturday before 4th Sunday 7.00pm

### **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 (Continued from page 1)

our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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### **GOSPEL**

Mark 6:7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

# TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading
Amos 7:12-15

Amos is distancing himself from the bands of prophets-for-hire or professionals in the northern kingdom of Israel. His unpretentious background as a shepherd and tree-dresser makes clear that his call is "God's choice," not his, and that he might have been content to be left as he was. However, that was not to be.

## Second Reading Ephesians 1:3-14

This great blessing-prayer sets the stage for what the entire letter will develop. The phrases, God "chose us," and "we were also chosen" in Christ, as well as the twicementioned word "destined", create a link between the Amos-text and the Gospel, reminding us of the effectiveness of grace in the lives of believers.

### Gospel Mark 6:7-13

"God's choice" has a goal or purpose, and this sending-forth of the Twelve on their first apostolic mission spells it out. Like Amos, the Twelve have to be prepared for the possibility of acceptance or rejection, but, with the call comes the grace to do the work, something we might remember as we carry out our particular "prophetic" ministry through the witness of the everyday-life.

# EVANGELII GAUDIUM

Progress in building a people in peace, justice and fraternity depends on four principles related to constant tensions present in every social reality. These derive from the pillars of the Church's social doctrine, which serve as "primary and fundamental parameters of reference for interpreting and evaluating social phenomena". In their light I would now like to set forth these four specific principles which can guide the development of life in society and the building of a people where differences are harmonized within a shared pursuit. I do so out of the conviction that their application can be a genuine path to peace within each nation and in the entire world.

Para 221 from Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS (13 July - 19 July)

Monday, 13: Weekday, Ordinary
 Time 15 (Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34 - 11:1)

- *Tuesday, 14:* Weekday, Ordinary Time 15 (Ex 2:1-15; Mt 11:20-24)
- *Wednesday, 15:* St Bonaventure (Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27)
- *Thursday, 16:* Weekday, Ordinary Time 15 (Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30)
- *Friday, 17:* Weekday, Ordinary Time 15 (Ex 11:10 12:14; Mt 12:1-8)
- *Saturday, 18:* Weekday, Ordinary Time 15 (Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21)
- *Sunday, 19:* 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34)