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*(All items for the newsletter must be  
received no later than Tuesday  
evening.)*

## **MASS CENTRES**

- **KINGSCOTE:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Cnr Giles/Todd Sts Sunday - 9.30am
- **PARNDANA:** Uniting Church, Cook Street 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday - 2.30pm
- **PENNESHAW:** St Columba's Anglican Church, Cnr North Terrace and Fourth Street 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday - 2.00pm

## **SPONSORSHIP**

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

## **CHILD PROTECTION**

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159



## **FIRST READING**

**Acts 13:14, 43-52**

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

*I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'*

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city

and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Psalm 99:1-3,5**

*We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

## **SECOND READING**

**Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17**

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

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# Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish

## **PARISH NOTICES**

**Mass next week: Kingscote 9:30 AM**

**Fr Paul Rourke here next week.**

### **Mass Roster 19<sup>th</sup> May:**

Readers: C Pahl M Slagter.

Gifts: Mumford family.

Sp. Ministers: H Mumford A Gibbs.

Cleaning / Coffee: C Berden

## **Please pray for those who have died...**

Monsignor Denis Edwards

### **MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

Bill Berden, Mary Bradley, Peter Bradley, Baby Burden, Henry Carslake, Bob Clare, Charles Darcy, Timothy Hamm, Lorraine Holohan, Brian Kildea, Mildred Lashmar, Anthony Lonzar, Peter Lonzar, Dorothy McMahon, John Reynolds, Vikki Reynolds, Fiona Smith, Ann Wallace, Sr. Pauline Wallace, John Williams, Heather Willmott, Ross Wohling and all the faithful departed

## **And for those who are sick.....**

Charles Gorman, Maureen Dunn.

May all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ through our actions and His healing presence.

*The names of people to be prayed for will remain on this list for four weeks only unless we are informed otherwise. (Contact Peter Clark or use the sheet on the table at the back of the Church). For privacy reasons permission is required before names are submitted for entry in this bulletin.*

## **You're in Good Hands**

There was an insurance company commercial running for many years that assured people they were in "good hands" with the company's policies.

Security. Insurance. Protection. At some level, isn't that what we all are looking for?

I worry about young people today because I've seen so many stressed out because they think security comes only from becoming the smartest, the richest, the most popular, or the most athletic. They work or worry all day and night for their goals. And the stress takes a toll on them. Some get sick. Some start using drugs or alcohol. Some get involved in gangs. Some have problems with friends or family.

I wish they would all read this week's Gospel over and over. It is clear. We're in good hands – God's hands. And nothing can change that. We can't flunk out of God's hands. We can't get cut from or kicked out of God's hands. You need not be rich or popular to be in God's hands. Why do we worry so?

We can have an eternal life of meaning and loving starting right now if we just recognise where we live – in God's hands. Who is this God? Ignore false images of God as judgmental and punishing. Jesus says he and God are one. So look at Jesus to understand God. You'll be reminded that God is a loving, merciful, and compassionate parent who cares in a special way for the people most forgotten.

Sure, it's not easy to remember and live each moment aware that nothing can snatch us from God's hands – even our worst failures and most serious shortcomings. That's why a strong spiritual life is key. Take time each day to close your eyes and visualise yourself leaning back into God's arms like a little kid with a parent. Sit with that picture for several minutes. Ignore any thoughts about any tests, practices, or worries. Just rest in God's arms. Over time you'll notice that you worry less. You'll become more aware in your gut that, regardless of what happens, God will always be there to comfort, strengthen, and guide you.

So do your best. Develop your mind, body, and spirit. Reach for lofty goals. But always remember who embraces you every moment of every day.

## **Cherished Women's Retreat**

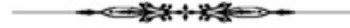
You are warmly invited to attend *Cherished* - a Catholic retreat for women aged 13 and above. The retreat will provide an opportunity for prayer, fellowship and reflection amidst the business of life. St Luke's Catholic Church, Noarlunga on May 18 - 10am-4pm. Registration is \$30 and \$15 concession.

To register: E: [cherishedretreat@gmail.com](mailto:cherishedretreat@gmail.com) or contact Jo Howe for further information on 0413 219 590.



## Ron Rolheiser column

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### WHO GOES TO HELL AND WHO DOESN'T?

Hell is never a nasty surprise waiting for a basically happy person. Nor is it necessarily a predictable ending for an unhappy, bitter person. Can a happy, warm-hearted person go to hell? Can an unhappy, bitter person go to heaven? That's all contingent upon how we understand hell and how we read the human heart.

A person who is struggling honestly to be happy cannot go to hell since hell is the antithesis of an honest struggle to be happy. Hell, in Pope Francis' words, "is wanting to be distant from God's love." Anyone who sincerely wants love and happiness will never be condemned to an eternity of alienation, emptiness, bitterness, anger, and hatred (which are what constitute the fires of hell) because hell is wanting not to be in heaven. Thus there's no one in hell who's sincerely longing for another chance to mend things so as to go to heaven. If there's anyone in hell, it's because that person truly wants to be distant from love.

But can someone really want to be distant from God's love and from human love? The answer is complex because we're complex: What does it mean to want something? Can we want something and not want it all at the same time? Yes, because there are different levels to the human psyche and consequently the same desire can be in conflict with itself.

We can want something and not want it all at the same time. That's a common experience. For instance, take a young child who has just been disciplined by his mother. At that moment, the child can bitterly hate his mother, even as at another, more inchoate, level what he most desperately wants is in fact his mother's embrace. But until his sulk ends he wants to be distant from his

mother, even as his deepest want is to be with his mother. We know the feeling.

Hatred, as we know, is not opposite of love but simply one modality of love's grieving and so this type of dynamic perennially plays itself out in the befuddling, complex, paradoxical relationship that millions of us have with God, the church, with each other, and with love itself. Our wounds are mostly not our own fault but the result of an abuse, a violation, a betrayal, or some traumatic negligence within the circle of love. However this doesn't preclude them doing funny things to us. When we're wounded in love, then, like a reprimanded, sulking child who wants distance from his mother, we too can for a time, perhaps for a lifetime, not want heaven because we feel that we've been unfairly treated by it. It's natural for many people to want to be distant from God. The child bullied on the playground who identifies his or her bullies with the inner circle of "the accepted ones" will understandably want to be distant from that circle – or perhaps even do violence to it.

However that's at one level of soul. At a deeper level, our ultimate longing is still to be inside of that circle of love which we at that moment seemingly hate, hate because we feel that we've been unfairly excluded from it or violated by it and hence deem it to be something we want no part of. Thus someone can be very sincere of soul and yet because of deep wounds to her soul go through life and die wanting to be distant what she perceives as God, love, and heaven. But we may not make a simplistic judgment here.

We need to distinguish between what at a given moment we explicitly

want and what, at that same moment, we implicitly (really) want. They're often not the same. The reprimanded child seemingly wants distance from his mother, even as at another level he desperately wants it.

Many people want distance from God and the churches, even as at another level they don't. But God reads the heart, recognizes the untruth hiding inside a sulk or a pout, and judges accordingly. That's why we shouldn't be so quick to fill up hell with everyone who appears to want distance from love, faith, church, and God. God's love can encompass, empathize with, melt down, and heal that hatred. Our love should too.

Christian hope asks us to believe things that go against our natural instincts and emotions and one of these is that God's love is so powerful that, just as it did at Jesus' death, it can descend into hell itself and there breathe love and forgiveness into both the most wounded and most hardened of souls. Hope asks us to believe that the final triumph of God's love will be when the Lucifer himself converts, returns to heaven, and hell is finally empty.

Fanciful? No. That's Christian hope; it's what many of our great saints believed.

Yes, there's a hell and, given human freedom, it's always a radical possibility for everyone; but, given God's love, perhaps sometime it will be completely empty.

*You can read, or download, Ron Rolheiser's weekly columns from his website at: [www.ronrolheiser.com](http://www.ronrolheiser.com)*

## REGULAR MASS TIMES IN OUR CLUSTER CHURCHES ALDINGA

*Mary of Galilee, the First Disciple  
cnr Quinliven and How 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  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 11am (Spanish Mass)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)  
Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm  
Monday 9.00am  
Tuesday 9.00am  
Wednesday 7.30pm  
Thursday 8.15am (St Luke's)  
Thursday 9.15am (St John's - term time)  
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

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 2.30pm

### PENNESHAW

*St Columba, North Terrace  
(shared with Anglicans)*  
1<sup>st</sup> 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 9.00am  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday Benediction following Mass

### 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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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Jn 10:14*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the good shepherd, says the  
Lord; I know my sheep and mine know  
me. Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*John 10:27-30*

Jesus said:

‘The sheep that belong to me  
listen to my voice; I know them  
and they follow me.  
I give them eternal life; they will  
never be lost and no one will ever  
steal them from me.  
The Father who gave them to me  
is greater than anyone, and no one  
can steal from the Father.  
The Father and I are one.’

## EUREKA STREET e-magazine

“Eureka Street” is a publication of the Australian Jesuits. It is a vibrant online journal of analysis, commentary and reflection on current issues in the worlds of politics, religion and culture. It aims to participate in public discussion and influence public opinion regarding the things that matter in Australia and the world. “Eureka Street” is informed by the values of Jesuit spirituality and in particular the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

- The Latin word for shepherd is pastor. It is from this word that we derive many of the terms used in the church for people with a special role: pastor or priest, pastoral care, pastoral associate, pastoral council. These roles always imply a duty of love and care towards those for whom one is responsible.
- The Shepherd King was an ancient image of God used by the Hebrew people.
- In today's gospel text, John is

addressing one of the issues that confronted his community: the heretical voices of those who sought to lead people away from - rather than towards - God.

## EXPLORING THE WORD

Today's text in John's Gospel is set in Jerusalem, while Jesus is there for the Feast of Dedication, a feast celebrating the presence of God in the temple. The temple was not just a building for Israel. It was the visible place where God dwelt in the heart of God's people; to go to the temple and worship was to 'approach God'. Jesus is teaching something completely new here. He stands within the temple precinct and declares that it is only through him and through hearing his voice that people can come to the Father. The voice of Jesus is both seen and heard in the events of his life, death and resurrection. It is through all these events that the ways of God are made known to us.

## SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

The care that a shepherd showed for his flock remains a powerful image in the church, despite its origins in an ancient agricultural society. In our country, with its vast paddocks and endless fences, the work of a true shepherd has lost some of its meaning, but the intimacy and tenderness of the image still speaks to us of the closeness of Christ's relationship with all who believe in him.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(13 - 19 May)

- **Monday, 13:** Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10)
- **Tuesday, 14:** St Matthias (Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17)
- **Wednesday, 15:** Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 12:24 -13:5; Jn 12:44-50)
- **Thursday, 16:** Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20)
- **Friday, 17:** Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6)
- **Saturday, 18:** Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14)
- **Sunday 19:** FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER (Acts 14:21-27; Apoc 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35)

## PASTORAL CARE

If you (or someone you know) is house-bound, in hospital or in residential care and would appreciate a visit from a Priest or someone from the Parish, please let us know.  
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Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).