



Welcome to

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## KANGAROO ISLAND CATHOLIC PARISH

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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

Mrs Annette Roestenburg  
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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/Todd Sts  
Sunday - 9.30am
- PARNDANA: Uniting Church,  
Cook Street  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 3.00pm
- 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



## FIRST READING

*Wisdom 6:12-16*

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 62:2-8*

*My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

## SECOND READING

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.*

*Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 25:1-13*

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. (Continued page 4)

# Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jim Airton , Francis E Bannan, Vic Banner, Clorice Bates, Toni Berden, Leon Bourke , Imogen Brinkley, Harold Burgess, Donald Chalmers, Tim Clark, Evelyn Drane, John and Dien Hendrix, Carmel Higgins, Agnes Hughes, Margaret Hughes, Peggy Imboden, Andrew Kelly, Thomas Lydon, John McDonald, Colleen Moore, Roger Pahl, Teresa Paniza, Sam Perkins, Roy Rayson, Helen Redden, Patricia Ross, Harold Semler, Marie Slagter, Pat Smith, Graham Turner, Gwen Willson and all the faithful departed.

## Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for Pat Barrett, Annemeike Berden, Marj and Jimmy Browne, Denice Carter, Lloyd & Aileen Dodson & family, Jenny Fechner, Diane Florenance, Charles & Sue Gorman, John Lavers, Elijah & Magenta Laundry and family, Ben Martin, Janice Mills, Dianne McCarthy, Philip McDonald, Peter Murray, Max Moss, Darren Morris, Deidre Morrison, Mick Muller, Jill Oldfield, Jack Pitcher, Margaret Rich, Anthony Roestenburg, Bill Roestenburg, Darren Smith, John Smith, Peter Smith, Linda Tippet, Greg Turner, Patrick Walsh and Rob Wilkinson.

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

## PARISH NOTICES –12/11/17

1. Thank you to Fr Josy for saying Mass today.
2. Next Sunday there will be Mass with Fr Josy
3. Confession is available every Sunday in Kingscote at 30 minutes before Mass.
4. Parish Shared Lunch, change of date

Now Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. After Mass at the Howson's. Please bring a plate of food to share and your drinks.

## **8. Eucharistic communities that are viable will be enabled to continue.**

There will be times when there will be a need to discern whether particular communities remain viable. But smaller Eucharistic communities can be closer to the people, and are to be maintained in our new and emerging pastoral structures, as long as they have the capacity, and the ministers, to be a genuine centre of Christian life, to have formation in discipleship, outreach to those in need and life-giving Eucharistic celebrations.

It is important to recognize the value of other forms of prayer in such communities, including Services of the Word, and Liturgies of the Word with Holy Communion.

## 1900-Keeping the Faith on K.I. -2017

### OUR CATHOLIC PARISH LEGACY

#### Aspect one.

The beacon within the ebb and flow of 117 years of following Jesus on this beautiful Island is our first Parish Priest, Fr Robin Sutherland, his far-flung Parishioners and band of other workers.

During Fr Robin's presence on K.I. (1954-1960), Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church the presbytery at Kingscote, and the Blessed Trinity War Memorial Church at Pardana were built.

As well, Fr Sutherland handed over a vibrant, worshipping Catholic Community that had grown up across the whole of Kangaroo Island



## Ron Rolheiser column

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### PARALYSIS, EXASPERATION, AND HELPLESSNESS AS PRAYER

Several years ago I received an email that literally stopped my breath. A man who had been for many years an intellectual and faith mentor to me, a man whom I thoroughly trusted, and a man with whom I had developed a life-giving friendship, had killed both his wife and himself in a murder-suicide. The news left me gasping for air, paralyzed in terms of how to understand and accept this as well as how to pray in the face of this.

I had neither words of explanation nor words for prayer. My heart and my head were like two water pumps working a dry well, useless and frustrated. Whatever consolation I had was drawn from an assurance from persons who knew him more intimately that there had been major signs of mental deterioration in the time leading up to this horrible event and they were morally certain that this was the result of an organic dysfunction in his brain, not an indication of his person. Yet ... how does one pray in a situation like this? There aren't any words.

And we have all experienced situations like this: the tragic death of someone we love by murder, suicide, overdose, or accident. Or, the exasperation and helplessness we feel in the face of the many seemingly senseless events we see daily in our world: Terrorists killing thousands of innocent people; natural disasters leaving countless persons dead or homeless; mass killings by deranged individuals in New York, Paris, Las Vegas, Florida, San Bernardino, Sandy Hook, among other places; and millions of refugees having to flee their homelands because of war or poverty. And we all we know people who have received terminal sentences in medical clinics and had

to face what seems as an unfair death: young children whose lives are just starting and who shouldn't be asked at so tender an age to have to process mortality and young mothers dying whose children still desperately need them.

In the face of these things, we aren't just exasperated by the senselessness of the situation we struggle too to find both heart and words with which to pray. How do we pray when we are paralyzed by senselessness and tragedy? How do we pray when we no longer have the heart for it?

St Paul tells us *that when we don't know how to pray, the Spirit in groans too deep for words prays through us*. What an extraordinary text! Paul tells us that when we can still find the words with which to pray this is not our deepest prayer. Likewise when we still have the heart to pray, this too is not our deepest prayer. Our deepest prayer is when we are rendered mute and groaning in exasperation, in frustration, in helplessness. Wordless exasperation is often our deepest prayer. We pray most deeply when we are so driven to our knees so as to be unable to do anything except surrender to helplessness. Our groaning, wordless, seemingly the antithesis of prayer, *is* indeed our prayer. It is the Spirit praying through us. How so?

The Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit, is, as scripture assures us, the spirit of love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, longsuffering, fidelity, mildness, faith, and chastity. And that Spirit lives deep within us, placed there by God in our very make-up and put into us even more deeply by our baptism. When we are exasperated and driven to our knees by a tragedy which is too painful and senseless to accept and absorb our

groans of helplessness are in fact the Spirit of God groaning in us, suffering all that it isn't, yearning for goodness, beseeching God in a language beyond words.

Sometimes we can find the heart and the words with which to pray, but there are other times when, in the words of the Book of Lamentation, *all we can do is put our mouths to the dust and wait*. The poet, Rainer Marie Rilke, once gave this advice to a person who had written him, lamenting that in the face of a devastating loss he was so paralyzed that he did not know what he could possibly do with the pain he was experiencing. Rilke's advice: *Give that heaviness back to the earth itself, the earth is heavy, mountains are heavy, the seas are heavy*. In effect: Let your groaning be your prayer!

*When we don't know how to pray, the Spirit in groans too deep for words prays through us*. So every time we are face-to-face with a tragic situation that leaves us stuttering, mute, and so without heart that all we can do is say, *I can't explain this! I can't accept this! I can't deal with this! This is senseless! I am paralyzed in my emotions! I am paralyzed in my faith! I no longer have the heart to pray*, it can be consoling to know that this paralyzing exasperation is our prayer – and perhaps the deepest and most sincere prayer we have ever offered.

*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 Honeypt Rd and Goldsmith Dve*  
Saturday 6.00pm  
Sunday 9.00am

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays 11am (Spanish Mass)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)

Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm

Monday 9.00am

Tuesday 9.00am

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> week 9.00am and 9.45am  
(later Mass followed by Tuesday Chats)

Wednesday 7.30pm

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

2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 3.00pm

## 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 (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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The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him."

At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- A solemn procession from the house of the bride's father to the house of the bridegroom was an important part of the Jewish wedding ceremony. These bridesmaids are a 'guard of honour' to greet the groom on his return with his bride. Sometimes problems with the marriage contract or the unhurried exchange of gifts between families lead to long delays in their return.
- Jesus referred to himself as a bridegroom (Mk 2:19-20) and the Church is sometimes referred to as the bride of Christ.

### EXPLORING THE WORD

As the public ministry of Jesus draws to a close, Matthew introduces the themes of delay and the need to be ready for the second coming of Christ. Matthew's community were living in the 'in-between' times. Christ's victory over death through his resurrection had begun a new phase in history but it was not yet complete. Completion would only

come with his return in glory. We again hear the familiar imagery of the messianic banquet or wedding feast to which all are invited. But only those who live with an attitude of openness and readiness will come into the great hall. Today's parable speaks strongly of the need to live in the present with an eye to the future. We cannot live only for the 'now' with no thought for our ultimate goal, nor can we ignore the sufferings and responsibilities of the present and set our hearts only on heaven.

### THE YEAR OF YOUTH



The Australian Bishops have identified the liturgical year of 2018, beginning on the first Sunday of Advent (3 December 2017), as a national Year of Youth.

The Year of Youth in Australia is an opportunity to reflect on the gift of young people in the Church and society and to consider what we do as parishes, agencies, schools, and communities through the lens of young people.

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(13 - 17 November)

- **Monday, 13:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 32 (Wis 1:1-7; Lk 16:1-6)
- **Tuesday, 14:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 32 (Wis 2:23- 3:9; Lk 17:7-10)
- **Wednesday, 15:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 32 (Wis 6:11; Lk 17:11-19)
- **Thursday, 16:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 32 (Wis 7:22 - 8:1; Lk 17:20-25)
- **Friday, 17:** St Elizabeth of Hungary (Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37)
- **Saturday, 18:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 32 (Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8)
- **Sunday 19:** 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, Ordinary Time (Prov 31:10-13, 19-20m 30-31; 1 Thess 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30)

### 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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