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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/Todd Sts
Sunday - 9.30am
- 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

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159



FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:9-14

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

SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help

my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 129:5

*Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered.

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AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Banner, Joyce Bowbridge, Steven Browne, Terence Browne, David Buick, Irene Darcy, Don Christie, John Commerford, David Cooper, Allan Forst, Paul Glynn Jr, Henry Hughes, Annemie Huys, Mary Kildea, Daniel Lydon, Dot May, John Mertens, Rebecca Murch, Lorna Murphy, Winifred O'Daly, Joseph Ryan, Simon Slagter, Chris Slattery, Kathy Slotegraaf, Florence Tabor, Bracken Walker, Bill Willson, Owen Willson and all the faithful departed.

Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for Marj and Jimmy Browne, Denice Carter, Charles & Sue Gorman, John Lavers, Elijah & Magenta Laundry and family, Ben Martin, Janice Mills, Philip McDonald, Peter Murray, Darren Morris, Mick Muller Jill Oldfield, Margaret Rich, Bill Roestenburg, Peter Smith, Linda Tippett, Greg Turner, and Rob Wilkinson.

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

RENEWING PARISHES

5. The parish community is visibly engaged with those who experience poverty and need, and with those at the margins of society and church.

Our parishes and communities will need to go out to both their own members in need, including those who are old, isolated, sick, and those who are in need in their neighbourhoods and in the wider world. Pope Francis tells us that he wants "a Church which is poor and for the poor" (*Joy of the Gospel, Par 198*)

- “ What is your reaction to this passage?
- “ Share with someone else how we in our parish might do what Pope Francis asks of us?

PARISH NOTICES –13/8/17

1. Thank you to Fr Josie for saying Mass today.
Next week there will be Mass with Fr Frank.
2. Sausage Sizzle today after Mass
Every one is most welcome.
3. Vigil Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of obligation) Will be held on 14th August at 7pm.
4. Helen is wanting to update her list for the church roster, especially the cleaning, so can you let her know if you are no longer able to or wanting to be on the list for any church roster jobs. Also if you would like to be added to the roster please let Helen know. Phone 85595156



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.



OUR UTMOST IN DEALING WITH OUR FAITH

The complexity of adulthood inevitably puts to death the naiveté of childhood. And this is true too of our faith. Not that faith is a naiveté. It isn't. But our faith needs to be constantly reintegrated into our persons and matched up anew against our life's experience; otherwise we will find it at odds with our life. But genuine faith can stand up to every kind of experience, no matter its complexity.

Sadly, that doesn't always happen and many people seemingly leave their faith behind, like belief in Santa and the Easter Bunny, as the complexity of their adult lives seemingly belies or even shames their childhood faith.

With this in mind, I recommend a recent book, *My Utmost, A Devotional Memoir*, by Macy Halford. She is a young, thirty-something, writer working out of both Paris and New York and this is an autobiographical account of her struggle as a conservative Evangelical Christian to retain her faith amidst the very liberal, sophisticated, highly secularized, and often agnostic circles within which she now lives and works.

The book chronicles her struggles to maintain a strong childhood faith which was virtually embedded in her DNA, thanks to a very faith-filled mother and grandmother. Faith and church were a staple and an anchor in her life as she was growing up. But her DNA also held something else, namely, the restlessness and creative tension of a writer, and that irrepressible energy naturally drove her beyond the safety and shelter of the churches circles of her youth, in her case, to literary circles in New York and Paris.

She soon found out that living the faith while surrounded by a strong

supportive faith group is one thing, trying to live it while breathing an air that is almost exclusively secular and agnostic is something else. The book chronicles that struggle and chronicles too how eventually she was able to integrate both the passion and the vision of her childhood faith into her new life. Among many good insights, she shares how each time she was tempted to cross the line and abandon her childhood faith as a naiveté, she realized that her fear of doing that was "not a fear of destroying God or a belief; [but] a fear of destroying self." That insight testifies to the genuine character of her faith. God and faith don't need us; it's us that need them.

The title of her book, *My Utmost*, is significant to her story. On her 13th birthday, her grandmother gave her a copy of a book which is well-known and much-used within Evangelical and Baptist circles, *My Utmost for His Highest*, by Oswald Chambers. The book is a collection of spiritual aphorisms, thoughts for every day of the year, by this prominent missionary and mystic. Halford shares how, while young and still solidly anchored in the church and faith of her childhood, she did not read the book daily and Chamber's spiritual counsels meant little to her. But her reading of this book eventually became a daily ritual in her life and its daily counsel began, more and more, to become a prism through which she was able to reintegrate her childhood faith with her adult experience.

At one point in her life she gives herself over to a serious theological study of both the book and its author. Those parts of her memoir will intimidate some of her readers, but, even without a clear theological grasp of how eventually she brings it all into harmony, the fruit of her struggle comes through clearly.

This is a valuable memoir because today many people are undergoing this kind of struggle, that is, to have their childhood faith stand up to their present experience. Halford simply shows us how she did it and her struggle offers us a valuable paradigm to follow.

A generation ago, Karl Rahner, famously remarked that in the next generation we will either be mystics or unbelievers. Among other things, what Rahner meant was that, unlike previous generations where our communities (family, neighborhood, and church) very much helped carry the faith for us, in this next generation we will very much have to find our own, deeper, personal grounding for our faith. Macy Halford bears this out. Inside a generation within which many are unbelievers, her memoir lays out a path for a humble but effective mysticism.

The late Irish writer, John Moriarty, in his memoirs, shares how as a young man he drifted from the faith of his youth, Roman Catholicism, seeing it as a naiveté that could not stand up to his adult experiences. He walked along in that way until one day, as he puts it, "I realized that Roman Catholicism, the faith of my childhood, was my mother tongue."

Macy Halford eventually re-grounded herself in her mother tongue, the faith of her youth, and it continues now to guide her through all the sophistications of adulthood. The chronicle of her search can help us all, irrespective of our particular religious affiliation.

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 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
1st, 3rd Sundays 11am (Spanish Mass)
2nd Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)
Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm
Monday 9.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Tuesday 1st 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
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

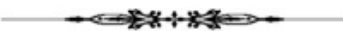
St Joan of Arc, 30 Seaview Road
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 11.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Thursday 9.00am
Friday (other than 1st) 9.00am
1st Friday 11.30am

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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'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.'
'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'



EXPLORING THE WORD

A little noticed phrase in this text adds significantly to the way we understand this story. Jesus told the disciples to cross to the other side of the lake. In doing this they were heading away from the Jewish region and into gentile territory. The boat is a symbol of the Church and as such, we can detect in this text a reflection of the situation of Matthew's community who have been forced out of the synagogue and away from traditional Judaism. More and more, it is gentiles who are coming to belief in Jesus. This is causing fear and concern for some in the community.

Matthew gives a prominent place to Peter whose actions do not make sense except as a combination of impulsive love and faith weakened by doubt. While his full attention is on Jesus, Peter is fine, but as soon as he allows what is going on around him to distract him from Jesus, he begins to sink.

This text offers a parable of the Church besieged and being tossed about. Peter's response is to be bold and step out into the unknown, yet he is vulnerable. The great comfort is in the risen Lord stretching out his hand to restore morale. This manifestation of the power of Christ is greeted by that great acclamation of faith: Truly you are the Son of God.

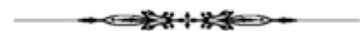
SHARING THE TRADITION

The special role which Peter played in the core group of twelve disciples is well accepted. He is listed first among them, is often their spokesperson and he is clearly prominent in the original Jerusalem community. Tradition holds that Peter went to Rome and led the Christian community there. The Church accepts that the Bishop of

Rome, the Pope, is the successor of Peter. What is important is the way Peter is portrayed: as a fisherman, fishing for souls (Lk 5:10); as the shepherd of the sheep of Christ (Jn 21:15-17); as an elder who addresses elders (1 Pt 5:1); as a receiver of special revelation (Acts 1:9-16); as one who can correct doctrinal misunderstanding (2 Pt 3:15-16); and as the rock on which the Church is built (Mt 16:18). Pope Francis is the 266th successor of Peter.

DID YOU KNOW?

- For the Hebrew people, the waters of the sea are a symbol of the chaos from which creation sprang. Never having been a seafaring people, they were fearful of the watery deep.
- Even today, storms can blow up on the Sea of Galilee very quickly and make it dangerous for boats out on the lake.
- In art, the Church is often represented as a boat. A boat carries its passengers through threatening waters but is not exempt from the turbulence of storms. The Church can bear us through the storms of life but it does not exempt us from the stresses and struggles.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(14 - 20 August)

- **Monday, 14:** St Maximilian Mary Kolbe (Deut 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27)
- **Tuesday, 15:** The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Apoc 11:19, 12:1-6.10; 1 Cor 15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56)
- **Wednesday, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Deut 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20)
- **Thursday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Joshua 3:7-11, 13-17; Mt 18:21 - 19:1)
- **Friday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Joshua 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12)
- **Saturday, 19:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 19 (Joshua 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12)
- **Sunday 20:** 20th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28)

