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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  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Youth Mass - 6.00pm
- **PARNDANA:** Uniting Church, Cook Street  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 4.00pm
- **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 UNIT**

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## **FIRST READING**

*Isaiah 50:5-9*

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.*

## **SECOND READING**

*James 2:14-18*

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him?

**"WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?"**

If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.*

## **GOSPEL**

*Mark 8:27-35*

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah;

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**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Frank Berden, Mary Bowery,  
Terrence Browne, Gwen Caldicott,  
Audrey Carslake, Peg Dow, Thomas  
Drane, Christopher Glynn, Loretta  
Hartley, Catherine Hughes, Patrick  
Hughes, Pearl Malycha, Elvie  
Meaney, Dean Larcombe, Julia  
Martinses, Eeileen Morris, Reginald  
Pahl, Maise Rooney, Vera Shannon,  
James Smith and all the faithful  
departed.

**Prayers for the sick**

Please pray for Cath Cantlon, Clarence Cook,  
Thea & Manning Depold, Thea Depold, 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, Ken  
Willson, Margaret & Harry Rich

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

**Making Connections**

Use the cross as a focus for your prayer,  
and reflection this week.  
Ponder deeply on the question , “Why did  
Jesus Die?”  
Contemplate how this cross can be the  
source of eternal life for you.

**PARISH NOTICES –13/9/2015**

- 1. Thank you to Fr Sam for celebrating Mass with us today
- 2. **Next Sunday** there will be Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

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**Notes from PPC Meeting 23/8/15**

1. **National Child Protection Week** will be celebrated on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept. We look forward to sharing this special day with children and families and to acknowledge the importance of creating a safe and supportive environment where children and young people can be free from harm

2. **Social Justice Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept.** Australian Bishops ask us to re-examine our response to Refugees and Asylum seekers. The parish will order 20 Social Justice Statements “For Those Who’ve Come Across the Seas”. The will be available for purchase at \$1-00 each



**September is Catholic Charities Month** - Some truly wonderful loving and caring is able to be given by the great people who are the hands, hearts and faces of such charities as Caritas, St Vincent de Paul, our hospices, local and overseas aid agencies.

However, smiles and gentle hands are not the only way we need to help the hungry, the dispossessed, orphans, the poor etc, we must also give alms - giving of our substance, not just our excess coins.

Please consider putting aside a meaningful amount each week during September and placing it in the special collection at the end of the month or returning it in the Appeal envelope



## Ron Rolheiser column

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### GOD'S INEFFABILITY – WHAT'S REVEALED IN JESUS' EYES?

*God, as I understand him, is not very well understood. A colleague of mine, now deceased, was fond of saying that. It's a wise comment.*

Anyone who claims to understand God is deceived because the very first dogma we have about God affirms that God is ineffable. That means that we can know God, but never adequately capture God in a concept. God is unimaginable. God cannot be circumscribed and put into a mental picture of any kind. Thank goodness too. If God could be understood then God would be as limited as we are.

But God is infinite. Infinity, precisely because it's unlimited, cannot be circumscribed. Hence it cannot be captured in a mental picture. Indeed, we don't even have a way of picturing God's gender. God is not a man, not a woman, and not some hybrid, half-man and half-woman. God's gender, like God's nature, is intellectually inconceivable. We can't grasp it and have no language or pronoun for it. God, in a modality beyond the categories of human thought, is somehow perfect masculinity and perfect femininity all at the same time. It's a mystery beyond us. But while that mystery cannot be grasped with any rational adequacy, we can know it intimately, and indeed know it so deeply that it's meant to be the most intimate of all knowledge in our lives. It's no accident that the bible uses the verb "to know" to connote sexual intimacy. There are different ways of knowing, some more inchoate, intuitive, and intimate than others. We can know God in a radical intimacy, even as we cannot conceptualize God with any adequacy. And that's also true of all the deep realities in life, we can know them and relate to them

intimately, but we can never fully understand them.

So where does that leave us with God? In the best of places! We are not on a blind date, struggling to develop intimacy with a complete stranger, with an unknown person who could be benign or malignant. God may be ineffable, but God's nature is known. Divine revelation, as seen through nature, as seen through other religions, and especially as seen through Jesus, spells out what's inside God's ineffable reality. And what's revealed there is both comforting beyond all comfort and challenging beyond all challenge. What's revealed in the beauty of creation, in the compassion that's the hallmark of all true religion, and in Jesus' revelation of his Father, takes us beyond a blind date into a trustworthy relationship. Nature, religion, and Jesus conspire together to reveal an Ultimate Reality, a Ground of Being, a Creator and Sustainer of the universe, a God, who is wise, intelligent, prodigal, compassionate, loving, forgiving, patient, good, trustworthy, and beautiful beyond imagination.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, once, in a mystical vision, saw all of this hidden inside the eyes of Jesus. Staring at a painting of Jesus on a church-wall one day, Jesus' eyes suddenly became transfigured and this what Teilhard saw: "These eyes which at first were so gentle and filled with pity that I thought my mother stood before me, became an instant later, like those of a woman, passionate and filled with the power to subdue, yet at the same time so imperiously pure that under their domination it would have been physically impossible for the emotions to go astray. And then they changed again, and became filled with a noble, virile majesty, similar to that which one sees in the eyes of

men of great courage or refinement or strength, but incomparably more lofty to behold and more delightful to submit to. This scintillation of diverse beauties was so complete, so captivating, and also so swift that I felt it touch and penetrate all my powers simultaneously, so that the very core of my being vibrated in response to it, sounding a unique note of expansion and happiness.

Now while I was ardently gazing deep into the pupils of Christ's eyes, which had become abysses of fiery, fascinating life, suddenly I beheld rising up from the depths of those same eyes what seemed like a cloud, blurring and blending all that variety I have been describing to you. Little by little an extraordinary expression of great intensity, spread over the diverse shades of meaning which the divine eyes revealed, first of all penetrating them and then finally absorbing them all. ... And I stood dumbfounded. For this final expression, which had dominated and gathered up into itself all the others, was indecipherable. I simply could not tell whether it denoted an indescribable agony or a superabundance of triumphant joy."

God cannot be deciphered, circumscribed, or captured in human thought; but, from what can be deciphered, we're in good, safe hands. We can sleep well at night. God has our back. In the end, both for humanity as a whole and for our own individual lives, all will be well, and all will be well, and every manner of being will be well. God is good.

*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 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  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 11.00am (Spanish Mass)  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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*  
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**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 4.00pm

**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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others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

**LAUDATO SI': ON THE CARE  
OF OUR COMMON HOME**

Protect biodiversity, especially wild forests, wetlands, coastal areas, mangrove swamps.

(Par 39) *Pope Francis' Encyclical*

**THE CHALLENGE IS TO  
PRACTISE WHAT WE  
PROFESS**

Answering the question about the people's speculations about the identity of Jesus, the disciples reported that some say he is John, others Elijah, other people still say one of the prophets...On the part of the disciples' identity analysis of Jesus Christ, Peter identified him as the Christ which in Hebrew is rendered as Messiah. After Peter's profession, our Lord went on to tell them the fate of the Messiah which included suffering, rejection and death not excluding resurrection after three days. Instantly Peter took the Lord aside and began to forbid him from taking that way, but our Lord rebuked Peter by saying: "Get behind me Satan your thoughts are man's not God's!"

Often we are reflective of the stance of Peter. We profess Christianity but we are not ready to activate the Christian life in practice. This is where the letter of James today draws relevance. "Faith without good works is dead". In the same way Christianity without Christian life is useless" just as "faith without faithfulness is worthless". To be a Christian is not just a name, it is a call into a life pattern; the life pattern of Christ. It is the life pattern of love and service to God and humanity. Do not allow any day to pass without living by your identity as a Christian. We are all Christians by identity but how many of us are ready to respond to the life of charity, fellow-feeling, forgiveness and trust in God which was Characteristic of the life of Christ?

*Fr Bonnie Anusiem*

**SAINT OF THE WEEK**

*St Januarius* was born in Italy and was bishop of Benevento during a time of persecution by the Emperor Diocletion. The-then Bishop Januarius went to visit two deacons and two laymen in prison. He was also imprisoned along with his deacon and lector. They were thrown to the wild beasts, but when the animals did not attack them, they were beheaded. What is believed to be St Januarius' blood is kept in Naples, as a relic. It liquefies and bubbles when exposed in the cathedral. Scientists have not been able to explain this miracle to date. St Januarius lived and died around 305 AD. He is now the patron saint for blood banks and of Naples, where he is known as St Gennaro.

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

(14 - 20 September)

- **Monday, 14:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Num 21:4-9; Jn 3:13-17)
- **Tuesday, 15:** Our Lady of Sorrows (Heb 5:7-9; Jn 19:25-27)
- **Wednesday, 16:** Sts Cornelius and Cyprian (1 Tim 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35)
- **Thursday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 24 (1 Tim 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50)
- **Friday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 24 (1 Tim 6:2-12; Lk 8:1-3)
- **Saturday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 24 (1 Tim 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15)
- **Sunday, 20:** 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord Time (Wis 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37)