



Welcome to

# Kangaroo Island Catholic Community

(Part of the Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Cluster of Catholic Parishes)

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 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**

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

## **FIRST READING**

*Acts 6:1-7*

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

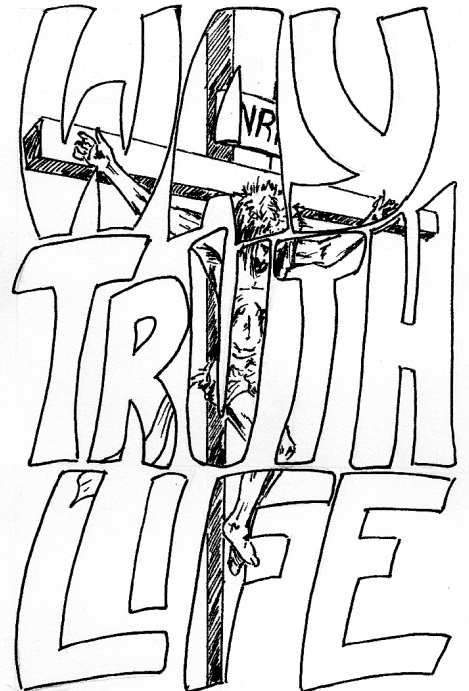
*Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19*

*Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.*

## **SECOND READING**

*1 Peter 2:4-9*

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious;



but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Jn 14:6*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the way, the truth and the life,  
says the Lord; no one comes to the  
Father, except through me.  
Alleluia!*

## **GOSPEL**

*John 14:1-12*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you.

I am now going to prepare a place

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## RENEWING PARISHES

### **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, Ann Wallace, Sr. Pauline Wallace, John Williams, Heather Willmott, Ross Wohling and all the faithful departed

### **Prayers for the sick**

Please pray for Eli Bellamarie, Jimmy Browne, Cath Cantlon, Maureen Dunn, Kathleen Feareer,

Charles and Sue Gorman, Tony Hodgens, Ashtenna Langridge, Elijah Laundry, Howie Laundry, Philip McDonald, Joelle Henderson, John Lavers, Peter Murray, Fr Frank Perry, Shari Pahl, Olivia Phelan, Jack Pitcher, Kingsley Pledge, Margaret Rich, Bill Roestenburg, Eddie Schneemild, Bernie Schulz, John Slagter, Sue Semler, Darren Smith, John Smith, Linda Tippet, Peter Weatherstone, Doug Welzh and Robert Wilkinson.

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

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### **PARISH NOTICES –14/05/17**

1. Thank you to Fr Tony Egar for saying Mass for us today.
2. Next week there will be Mass with Fr Tony Egar
3. Guild Reminder: Next meeting Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 9.30am

### **2. Eucharistic liturgies are prayerful with everyone participating**

The Second Vatican Council called for active and full participation of men, women and children in our celebrations, including the various lay ministries. In ways that are open to us our actions and language need to reflect the full equality of women and men, young and old.

Inspiring music, times of silent prayer as well as good preaching draws people to Liturgy. Preparation of liturgies is essential as too is prayerful leadership. It may be necessary to limit, rather than simply add on more Masses for our priests.

◆ Share what is important to you from the above.

Do you have any thoughts or comments regarding this first of eight characteristics of Parish renewal?

You may like to use the suggestion box at the back of the church to convey these.

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### **Marian Procession & Peace Rally**

The Marian Procession & Peace Rally Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Assemble 1.30pm at **Pilgrim Peace Park**, procession begins 2.00pm

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## Ron Rolheiser column

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### DESPAIR AS WEAKNESS RATHER THAN SIN

Classically, both in the world and in our churches, we have seen despair as the ultimate, unforgivable sin. The simple notion was that neither God, nor anyone else, can save you if you simply give up, despair, make yourself impossible to reach. Most often in the popular mind this was applied to suicide. To die by your own hand was seen as despair, as putting yourself outside of God's mercy.

But understanding despair in this way is wrong and misguided, however sincere our intent. What's despair? How might it be understood?

The common dictionary definition invariably runs something like this: *Despair means to no longer have any hope or belief that a situation will improve or change.* The *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, which sees despair as a sin against the First Commandment, defines it this way: "By despair, man ceases to hope for his personal salvation from God, for help in attaining it or for the forgiveness of his sins. Despair is contrary to God's goodness, to his justice – for the Lord is faithful to his promises – and to his mercy."

But there's something absolutely critical to be distinguished here: There are two reasons why someone might cease to hope for personal salvation from God and give up hope in having his or sins forgiven. It can be that the person doubts the goodness and mercy of God or, and I believe that this is normally the case, the person is too crushed, too weak, too broken inside, to believe that he or she is lovable and redeemable. But being so beaten and crushed in spirit so as to believe that nothing further can exist for you except pain and darkness is normally not an

indication of sin but more a symptom of having been fatally victimized by circumstance, of having to undergo, in the poignant words of Fantine in *Les Misérables*, storms that you cannot weather.

And before positing such a person outside of God's mercy, we need to ask ourselves: What kind of God would condemn a person who is so crushed by the circumstances of her life so as to be unable to believe that she is loveable? What kind of God would condemn someone for her brokenness? Such a God would certainly be utterly foreign to Jesus who incarnated and revealed God's love as being preferential for the weak, the crushed, the broken-hearted, for those despairing of mercy. To believe and teach that God withholds mercy from those who are most broken in spirit betrays a profound misunderstanding of the nature and mercy of God who sends Jesus into the world, not for the healthy but for those who need a physician.

Likewise this too betrays a profound misunderstanding of human nature and the human heart. Why would a person deem herself so unlovable that she voluntarily and hopelessly excludes herself from the circle of life? It can only be because of a deep, profound wound to the soul (which no doubt is not self-inflicted). Obviously, unless it is a case of some clinical illness, this person has been deeply wounded and has never had an experience of unconditional love or indeed of faithful human love. We are facile and naïve when, because we ourselves have been undeservedly loved, we cannot understand how someone else can be so crushed and broken so as to believe himself or herself to be, in essence, unlovable. To paraphrase a painful question in the song, *The Rose: Are love, and heaven, really only for the*

*lucky and strong?* Our common understanding of despair, secular and religious, would seem to think so.

But, nobody goes to hell out of weakness, out of a broken heart, out of a crushed spirit, out of the misfortune and unfairness of never having had the sense of being truly loved. Hell is for the strong, for those with a spirit so arrogant that it cannot be crushed or broken, and so is unable to surrender. Hell is never a bitter surprise waiting for a happy person, and neither is it the sad fulfillment of the expectation of someone who is too broken to believe that he or she is worthy to be part of the circle of life.

We owe it to God to be more empathic. We also owe this to those who are broken of heart and of spirit. Moreover, we have a Christian doctrine, expressed inside of our very creed that challenges us to know better: *He descended into hell.* What Jesus revealed in his life and in his death is that there's no place inside of tragedy, brokenness, sadness, or resignation, into which God cannot and will not descend and breathe out peace.

God is all-understanding. That's why we're assured that "a bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out." You can bet your life on that. You can bet your faith on that. And you can also live in deeper empathy and deeper consolation because of that.

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 11.00am (Spanish Mass)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)  
Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm  
Monday 9.00am  
Tuesday (2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> week) 9.00am  
Tuesday (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> week) 9.45am  
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 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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for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?''

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

### EXPLORING THE WORD

Today's gospel draws our attention to the time when Jesus will depart from the disciples (the Ascension is two weeks away). When Jesus is gone, the disciples must continue the task which he has begun. One can imagine their fear and uncertainty in being left with such a monumental challenge. Philip's question, 'Lord, how can we know the way?', shows their fear clearly enough. But help is available. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. He is both the map and the destination. Disciples are called to adopt Jesus' life-style, his approach to God, to others, to all

creation. In living as Jesus did, living the life of faith, the disciples will know the truth and will have life. This life of faith and living the way of Jesus, God's way in the world, will enable the disciples, not only to continue the work of Jesus, but to perform even greater works.

### RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE Week 4

We reflect on what God is asking of us in our daily lives. We pray for the grace to respond generously to the God who has loved us so much. Please remember us in your prayers.

## Happy Mother's Day

- God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers. *Jewish proverb*
- My mother had a slender, small body, but a large heart - a heart so large that everybody's joys found welcome in it, and hospitable accommodation. *Mark Twain*
- Biology is the least of what makes someone a mother. *Oprah Winfrey*

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS (15 - 21 May)

- **Monday, 15:** Monday of 5<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26)
- **Tuesday, 16:** Tuesday of 5<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31)
- **Wednesday, 17:** Wednesday of 5<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8)
- **Thursday, 18:** Thursday of 5<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11)
- **Friday, 19:** Friday of 5<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17)
- **Saturday, 20:** Saturday of 5<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21)
- **Sunday 21:** Sixth Sunday of Easter (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pet 3:15-18)