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# Kangaroo Island Catholic Community

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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 and Todd Streets  
Sunday - 9.30am
- **PARNDANA:** Uniting Church, Cook Street  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 4pm
- **PENNESHAU:** St Columba's Anglican Church, Cnr North Terrace and Fourth Street  
Saturday before 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 7pm

## **SPONSORSHIP**

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

## **CHILD PROTECTION UNIT**

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**FOR GOD  
SO LOVED  
THE WORLD  
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(John 3:16)

## **FIRST READING**

*2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23*

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah,

the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "the Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Let my tongue be silenced,  
if I ever forget you!*

## **SECOND READING**

*Ephesians 2:4-10*

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit.

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**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

Ellen Clarke, Peter Clark, Ellen Denholm, Inez Frawley, Kathleen Gannon, Archbishop Gleeson, Alec Grant, Keith Hornby, Gladys Lewin, Jean Lonzar, Patrick Lyden, Kath Northcott, Denis O'Brien, James Palmer, Dilly Reynolds, Richard Semler, Sylvester Shannon, Cathy Smythe, Eunice Trethewey, Edie Willson, Glad Nash ... and all the faithful departed

**Prayers for the sick**

Please pray for Clarence Cook, Phil Connell, Maureen Dunn, Veronica Farnden, Jayden Forster, Cynthia Fowler, Charles & Sue Gorman, Robyn Guerne, John (BJ) Hardy, Rev Brad Henley, Toni Kempster, Leigh and Philip McDonald, Val Lockett, Fr Frank Perry, Jack Pitcher, Anne Redden, Harry and Margaret Rich, Bill Roestenburg, John Smith, Brian Travers, Angela Ward, Peter and Anthony Weatherstone and Rob Willmott., Joyce Pearson

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

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**PROJECT COMMISSION**

Sarita was struggling to grow enough food for her family on her tiny farm plot. In 2007, with the assistance of a program run by Caritas Nepal, she started a fish-raising business with 11 others. Now, they have a life-long source of food and income.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2015 and help people in rural Nepal create a life-long source of food and income to benefit entire communities.

**PARISH NOTICES –15/03/2015**

1. Thank you to Mon Rob Egar for celebrating Mass with us today.

**2. Next Sunday**

There will be Mass with Fr Peter Milburn

3. This year's Sacramental preparation will begin in April.

If you have a child who is ready to make their First Holy Communion or Confirmation, Please ring Helen Mumford on 85595156.

**4. Easter Raffle**

Please help the youth of our Parish by supporting the Easter raffle with donated prizes and buying some tickets

5. The 2014 report from the Renewing Church Together group is tabled at the back of the Church

If anyone would like a copy by E-mail please contact Peter Clark

6. As has been announce recently the Parish Council is investigating the use of a data projector in this Church is looking for volunteers able to operate it

If you are able to help out with this project contact Peter Clark.

7. Next week there will be a special collection in support of the work undertaken by Birth-line, Right to Life in SA and Matercare Aus.

**8. The Day of the Unborn Child**

assists us to focus on those people in our families and communities who have experienced any sort of child-bearing loss, whether miscarriage, still-birth, the death of a baby soon after birth, or abortion. Please support this appeal.

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## Ron Rolheiser column

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### GOING TO HEAVEN – BY GOOD LUCK OR BY GOD’S GRACE?

*Eternity has more kinds of rooms than this world does.*

This is a thought inside the head of Marilynne Robinson’s fictional character, *Lila*, in Robinson’s recent novel. Lila has reason to think that way, that is, to think outside the box of conventional religious piety because her story is not one that fits piety of any kind.

Lila had been an unwanted orphan, dying from malnutrition and neglect, when at a young age she was taken up by a woman named Dolly, herself a social outcast. Lila spends all the years of her youth with Dolly, traveling with her as the two of them live on the edges of society and hunger, working as agricultural laborers with others like themselves, more slaves than paid workers. Living this way, Lila never learns the social skills needed to function normally in society. Everything in her background, from her abandonment as a child to her life-long marginalization, sets her up to be a loner, someone condemned by circumstance to never find normal companionship, family, intimacy, or grace.

Moreover, Dolly, her surrogate mother, has her own problems, beyond her struggles to feed Lila and herself. When she took up Lila and fled from their hometown, she was fleeing domestic violence. Eventually, years later, the man from whom she was fleeing finds her; but Dolly is no passive victim. She knifes the man to death. Sometime later, she dies, orphaning Lila a second time.

But, by now, Lila is old enough to take care of herself, except, lacking social skills, she still finds herself at the margins of society, ever the

loner. Luck, though, is on her side and she is eventually befriended by a Christian minister who takes care of her and eventually marries her. This new world of acceptance, love, family, and religion is radically new to Lila and she struggles mightily to sort it out, especially regarding how love and grace work. One of the problems that bother her, as she listens to her husband’s Christian sermons, is what happens to someone like Dolly, who did so much for her, and yet was a murderer. Is she forgiven? Could she have gone to heaven, even after committing murder? Lila struggles to believe in faith, love, family life, forgiveness, and heaven.

Her thoughts on this, especially on how Dolly might have met her Maker, contain their own important insights into love and grace: “In eternity, people’s lives could be altogether what they were and had been, not just the worst things they ever did, or the best things either. So she decided that she should believe in it, or that she believed in it already. How else could she imagine seeing Dolly again? Never once had she taken her to be dead, plain and simple. If any scoundrel could be pulled into heaven just to make his mother happy, it couldn’t be fair to punish scoundrels who happened to be orphans, or whose mothers didn’t even like them, and who would probably have better excuses for the harm they did than the ones who had somebody caring about them. It couldn’t be fair to punish people for trying to get by, people who were good by their own lights, when it took all the courage they had to be good. . . . Eternity had more of every kind of room in it than this world did.”

As Christians, we believe that, as part of the Body of Christ, we have been given the power to forgive each other’s sins and that, because of that,

indeed a mother’s love can pull her child into heaven. Our love for each other is a powerful vehicle of grace, powerful enough to actually open the gates of heaven. As Gabriel Marcel once put it: *To love someone is to, in effect, say: You at least will never die!* Human love, even this side of eternity, has that kind of power. That’s also why we pray for loved ones who have died. Our love has the power to reach them, even there.

But, and this was Lila’s quandary: What about those who, like Dolly and herself, are outsiders in this life and who die without anyone much caring about the fact that they’ve gone or where they’ve gone? How do grace and forgiveness work then? Is human love then purely out of the picture and we are left only with the hope that God’s love can fill in where human love is absent?

Yes, God’s love can and does fill in where human love is absent. In fact, scripture assures us that God has a special love, and tenderness, for those who find themselves outside of the circle of human love. So we need not worry about the salvation of those who, like Dolly, died in less-than-ideal circumstances, even as they “took all the courage they had to be good.” Human love, while generally directed towards very specific persons, is also a symphony whose music circles wide and ultimately embraces everyone.

*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 6.00pm  
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 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)*

Saturday before 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 7.00pm

### SEAFORD

*Seaford Ecumenical Mission, Grand Bvd*

Sunday 10.45am  
Wednesday 9.15am

### 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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We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he has meant us to live it.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

*God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.*

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### GOSPEL

**John 3:14-21**

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

### EVANGELII GAUDIUM

No-one must say that they cannot be close to the poor because their own lifestyle demands more attention to other areas. This is an excuse commonly heard in academic, business or professional, and even ecclesial circles. While it is quite true that the essential vocation and

mission of the lay faithful is to strive that earthly realities and all human activity may be transformed by the Gospel, none of us can think we are exempt from concern for the poor and social justice.

*Para 200 from Evangelii Gaudium,  
Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013*

### WORDS OF WISDOM

*All the wealth in the world cannot be compared with the happiness of living together happily united.*

*(Blessed Margaret d'Youville)*

### NOTES ON THE TEXT

The words spoken to Nicodemus by Jesus are perhaps the most quoted of the Gospels. Let us not take them for granted, but take them to heart and rejoice in the new life they bring: 'God loved the world so much that he gave his own Son, so that everyone who believes in him ... may have eternal life'. A world weighed down by the darkness of failure and selfishness must know, Jesus says, that he came from the Father, not 'to condemn' but to bring reconciliation and life.

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

*(16 - 22 March)*

- **Monday, 16:** Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54)
- **Tuesday, 17:** St Patrick (Jer 1:4-9; Acts 13:46-49; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20)
- **Wednesday, 18:** Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30)
- **Thursday, 19:** St Joseph, Husband of Mary (2Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24)
- **Friday, 20:** Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Wis 2:1, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30)
- **Saturday, 21:** Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-52)
- **Sunday, 22:** Fifth Sunday of Lent (Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33)

## Fourth Sunday of

