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MASS CENTRES

- KINGSCOTE: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Cnr Giles and Todd Streets Sunday - 9.30am
- PARNDANA: Uniting Church, Cook Street
 4th Sunday - 4pm
- PENNESHAW: St Columba's Anglican Church, Cnr North Terrace and Fourth Street Saturday before 4th Sunday - 7pm

SPONSORSHIP

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

CHILD PROTECTION UNIT

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FIRST READING

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham. Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out?'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, let your face shine on us.

SECOND READING

1 John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded: (Continued page 4)

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Josephine Bannan, Elizabeth Black, Wilma Buick, Karen Cairney, Gwen Chalmers, Ambrose Clark, Robert Clark, Francis Clarke, Catherine Commerford, Sarah Cunningham, Jimmy Dow, Tate Furniss, Monika Gibbs, Mary O'Brien, Norah Ridge, Verna Trethewey, Beryl Williams, Albert Willson, Jamie Larcombe, Ray Bannan, Anne Wohling and all the faithful departed

Prayers for the sick

Please pray for Clarence Cook, Phil

Connell, Maureen Dunn, Veronica

actions and His healing presence.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

'You are witnesses to all this.'
How will you witness to Christ in your life this week?

PARISH NOTICES –19/04/2015

- **1.** Thank you to Fr Peter for celebrating Mass with us today.
- 2. Next Sunday
 - There will be Mass with Fr Charles
- 3. PPC Meeting Sunday 26/04/15
- Guild Meeting Please note the change of date
 Monday 27/04/15

Did You Know?

- The disciples referred to in this Gospel are the two who had been fleeing from Jerusalem towards Emmaus when they encountered Jesus on the road. They returned to be witnesses of their encounter with the risen Christ.
- Luke also wrote the Acts of the Apostles, His Gospel is the story of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem to the cross and resurrection. Acts is the story of the Gospel spreading from Jerusalem to "all the nations". A unifying theme in Luke is that 'journey'.

PRAYER AT HOME

Today's psalm response could be repeated this week:

Lord let your face shine on us.



PRINCIPLES FOR INTERFAITH DIALOGUE AND INTERFAITH ATTITUDES

We live inside a world and inside religions that are too given to disrespect and violence. Virtually every newscast today documents the prevalence of disrespect and violence done in the name of religion, disrespect done for the sake of God (strange as that expression may seem). Invariably those acting in this way see their actions as sacral, justified by sacred cause.

And, if history is to be believed, it has always been so. No religion, Christianity no less than any other, has been innocent. Every one of the great religions of the world has been, at various times, both persecuted and persecutor. So this begs the question: What are some fundamental principles we are asked to live out apposite our relationship to other faiths, irrespective our particular faith?

What's best in each of our traditions would suggest these ten principles:

- 1. All that is good, true, and beautiful comes from one and the same author, God. Nothing that is true, irrespective of its particular religious or secular cloak, may be seen as opposed to true faith and religion.
- God wills the salvation of all people, equally, without discrimination. God has no favorites. All people have access to God and to God's Spirit, and the whole of humankind has never lacked for divine providence.
 Moreover each religion is to reject nothing that is true and holy in other religions.
- 3. No one religion or denomination has the full and whole truth. God is both infinite and ineffable. For this reason, by definition, God cannot be captured adequately in human concepts and human language. Thus, while our knowledge of God may be true, it is always only partial. God can be truly known, but God cannot be adequately thought.
- All faiths and all religions are journeying towards the fullness of truth. No one religion or denomination may consider its truth

Ron Rolheiser column

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complete, something to permanently rest within; rather it must see it as a starting point from which to journey. Moreover, as various religions (and denominations and sectarian groups within those religions) we need to feel secure enough within our own "home" so as to acknowledge the truth and beauty that is expressed in other "homes". We need to accept (and, I suggest, be pleased) that there are other lives within which the faith is written in a different language.

- 5. Diversity within religions is a richness, willed by God. God does not just wish our unity; God also blesses our diversity which helps reveal the stunning over-abundance within God. Religious diversity is the cause of much tension, but that diversity and the struggle to overcome it will contribute strongly to the richness of our eventual unity.
- 6. God is "scattered" in world religions. Anything that is positive within a religion expresses something of God and contributes to divine revelation. Hence, seen from this aspect, the various religions of the world all help to make God known.
- Each person must account for his or her faith on the basis of his or her own conscience. Each of us must take responsibility for our own faith and salvation.
- 8. Intentionally all the great world religions interpenetrate each other (and, for a Christian, that means that they interpenetrate the mystery of Christ). A genuine faith knows that God is solicitous for everyone and that God's spirit blows freely and therefore it strives to relate itself to the intentionality of other religions and to other denominations and sectarian groups within its own religion.
- 9. A simple external, historical connection to any religion is less important than achieving a personal relationship, ideally of intimacy, with God. What God wants most deeply from us, irrespective of our religion, is not a religious practice

- but a personal relationship that transforms our lives so as to radiate God's goodness, truth, and beauty more clearly.
- 10. Within our lives and within our relationship to other religions, respect, graciousness, and charity must trump all other considerations. This does not mean that all religions are equal and that faith can be reduced to its lowest common denominator, but it does mean that what lies deepest inside of every sincere faith are these fundamentals: respect, graciousness, and charity.

Throughout history, great thinkers have grappled with the problem of the one and the many. And, consciously or unconsciously, all of us also struggle with that tension between the one and the many, the relationship between unity and diversity; but perhaps this not so much a problem as it is a richness that reflects the over-abundance of God and our human struggle to grasp that over-abundance. Perhaps the issue of religious diversity might be described in this way:

Different peoples, one earth
Different beliefs, one God
Different languages, one heart
Different failings, one law of gravity
Different energies, one Spirit
Different scriptures, one Word
Different forms of worship, one
desire
Different histories, one destiny
Different disciplines, one aim
Different approaches, one road
Different faiths – one Mother, one
Father, one earth, one sky, one
beginning, one end.

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 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

1st Sunday 11.00am (Spanish Mass)
2nd 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 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 10.30am 2nd, 4th Sundays 8.30am 1st Friday 6.00pm

PARNDANA

4th Sunday 4.00pm

PENNESHAW

St Columba, North Terrace (shared with Anglicans) Saturday before 4th Sunday 7.00pm

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 (Continued from page 1)

so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM

"Any church community, if it thinks it can comfortably go its own way without creative concern and effective co-operation in helping the poor to live with dignity and reaching out to everyone, will also risk breaking down, however much it may talk about social issues or criticise governments. It will easily drift into a spiritual worldliness camouflaged by religious practices, unproductive meetings and empty talk."

Para 207 from Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

EXPLORING THE WORD

In the Gospel of Luke, all of the events of Easter run into one another and the whole of Chapter 24 should be read as a continuous narrative. Beginning with the discovery of the empty tomb, the resurrection narrative follows the disciples as they move away from what had happened in Jerusalem towards Emmaus, but they encounter the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread. In witnessing to this, Christ is present among them again until he finally returns to the Father.

Jesus goes to great lengths to reassure them that he is the same Jesus who was with them during his ministry. Something in his nature has changed but he is still 'flesh and bone'. There is continuity with the

Jesus they knew but also now, something other-worldly, which they cannot quite comprehend. Jesus is the same but somehow transformed.

Jesus' journey is about to be completed with his return to the Father, but their journey is only just beginning. Now the disciples must journey from Jerusalem to all the nations, witnessing to what they have seen and heard, preaching the good news of repentance and the forgiveness of sin.

SAINT OF THE WEEK St George (April 23)

If Mary Magdalene was the victim of misunderstanding, George is the object of a vast amount of imagination. There is every reason to believe that he was a real martyr who suffered at Lydda in Palestine, probably before the time of Constantine. The Church adheres to his memory, but not to the legends surrounding his life.

That he was willing to pay the supreme price to follow Christ is what the Church believes. And it is enough.

The story of George's slaying the dragon, rescuing the king's daughter and converting Libya is a 12th-century Italian fable. George was a favourite patron saint of crusaders, as well as of Eastern soldiers in earlier times. He is a patron saint of England, Portugal, Germany, Aragon, Catalonia, Genoa and Venice.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(20 - 26 April)

- *Monday, 20*: Monday, 3rd week of Easter (Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29)
- *Tuesday, 21:* Tuesday, 3rd week of Easter (Acts 7:51-8:1; Jn 6:30-35)
- *Wednesday, 22:* Wednesday, 3rd week of Easter (Acts 8:1-8; Jn 6:35-40)
- *Thursday, 23:* Thursday, 3rd week of Easter (Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51)
- *Friday, 24:* Friday, 3rd week of Easter (Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59)
- *Saturday, 25:* ANZAC Day (Wis 3:1-9; 1 Cor 1:18-25; Jn 12:23-28)
- *Sunday, 26:* Fourth Sunday of Easter (Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18)