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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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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

Jeremiah 23:1-6

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost - it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:13-18

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body

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Prayers for the sick

Please pray for Nari Clifford, Clarence Cook, Manning Depold, Thea Depold, Pam Elliott, Tony Fisher, Veronica Farnden, Sue and Charles Gorman, Val Lockett, 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.

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Alma Adams, Eadie Adams, Sid Adams, Peg Anderson, Lill Buick,Phil CFonnell, Henry Dravitzki, Paul Glynn, Joyce Grant, Mick Grant, Bill Higgins, Monica Hughes, Barry Jameison, Judith Jeffs, Kym Moses, Ron Mumford, Alexander Nash, Alice O'Neill, Alice O'Driscoll, Charles Reynolds, Nora Ridge, Johnny Tully, John Walsh, Tony Walker, Robyn Williams and all the faithful departed

MAKING CONNECTIONS

Make time this week to be alone to reflect on your journey; to rest before God.

PARISH NOTICES -19/07/2015

- **1.** Thank you to everyone who helped with our Liturgy today
- 2. Next Sunday there will be Mass with Fr Charles

3. Digital Projector Appeal

Please consider making a one-off donation to help the parish purchase and set up a new digital projection system. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

- **4.** Liturgy Group to meet on Sunday 26th July at 8-30am.
- **5.** PPC meeting 26th July at 11am.
- **6.** Phil Connell, Helen Mumford and Marie Perkins father died last week- end, please keep them and their families in your prayers.
- **7.** There is a Leaving Collection for the Apostleship of the Sea today.

8. Penneshaw Mass Time

Please note that from next month (August) there will be Mass at 2pm on the first Sunday of each month at Penneshaw.

PRAYER AT HOME

Pray the well known and loved Psalm 23 often this week:

The Lord is my Shepard



IN PARADOX THERE IS VIRTUE

There are a number of old axioms that suggest that virtue and truth lie in the middle, between the two extremes. This was called the "golden mean" and expressed in phrases such as "In medio stat virtus" and "Aurea mediocritas".

But its meaning can easily be misunderstood and suggest that virtue and truth are found in the lowest common denominator, in mediocrity. Indeed that's the literal translation of aurea mediocritas, golden mediocrity.

What these axioms actually point to however is not some mediocrity that tries to avoid the raw edges of the two extremes by staking out some emaciated center. Rather they tell us that virtue and truth lie in paradox, in carrying the truth of both sides and living inside the tension of that ambiguity. Virtue and truth are not found by choosing "either/or" or in opting for some insipid middle that hasn't the salt to offend either side. Virtue and truth lie in living out "both/and", namely, in carrying and balancing out the truth that is contained in both extremes.

And nowhere is this truer than in religious discernment, that is, in the question of how we recognize God's voice in our lives. Does God speak in whispers or in thunder? Does God speak in pain or in blessing? Does God call us out of this world or more deeply into it? Does God call us through what is comfortable and familiar or does God call us into foreign lands? Does God disturb or soothe us? Is God recognized in miracles or in helplessness? Does God speak through the rich or through the poor, through the educated or the uneducated? Does God's voice frighten us or rid us of fear? Is God's voice heard more through piety or iconoclasm? Does God ask us to renounce the pleasures

Ron Rolheiser column

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of this world or does God ask us to enjoy them

God's voice is in all of these things. It is heard in paradox:

- The voice of God is recognized both in whispers and soft tones, even as it is recognized in thunder and storm. God spoke to Elijah in a soft breeze, but to Pharaoh through the plagues.
- The voice of God is recognized wherever one sees life, joy, health, color, and humor, even as it is recognized wherever one sees dying, suffering, poverty, and a beaten-down spirit. God is equally present on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.
- The voice of God is recognized in what calls us to what's higher, to what sets us apart, to what invites us to holiness, even as it calls us to humility, invites us to submerge our individuality into humanity, and rejects everything that denigrates our humanity. The voice of God calls us out of what's purely human even as it invites us to humbly take our place within humanity.
- The voice of God is recognized in what appears in our lives as "foreign", as other, as "stranger", even as it is recognized in the voice that is most deeply familiar and which beckons us home. God's voice takes us beyond any language we know even as we recognize in it most deeply our mother tongue.
- The voice of God is the one that most challenges us, even as it the only voice that ultimately soothes and comforts us. God's voice does disturb the comforted and comfort the disturbed, but it also comforts the comforted and disturbs the disturbed.

- The voice of God enters our lives as the greatest of all powers, even as it forever lies in vulnerability, like a helpless baby in the straw. God's voice creates the cosmos and keeps it in existence, even as it lies in our world powerless as an infant.
- The voice of God is heard in a privileged way in the poor, even as it beckons us through the voice of the artist and the intellectual. God is in the poor, even as the artist and intellectual help reveal the transcendental properties of God.
- The voice of God invites us to live beyond all fear, even as it inspires holy fear. When God appears in human history, invariably the first words are: "Do not be afraid!" God's presence is meant to eradicate all fear, even as it invites us to live in "holy fear", in a reverence and chastity that help create a world within which no one needs to fear anything.
- The voice of God is recognized inside the gifts of the Holy Spirit, even as it invites us never to deny the complexities of our world and our own lives.
- The voice of God is always heard wherever there is genuine enjoyment and gratitude, even as it asks us to deny ourselves, die to ourselves, and relativize all the things of this world.

Of course to accept this is also to accept living with ambiguity, complexity, unknowing, and a whole lot of patience. God's voice will then no longer be as clear as our fundamentalist instinct would like, but it will be free both to soothe and challenge us as never before.

You can read, or download, Ron Rolheiser's weekly columns from his website at: <u>www.ronrolheiser.com</u>

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

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)

and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

GOSPEL

Mark 6:30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

REFLECTION

We find ourselves today rejoining Jesus and the Twelve, elated with the results of their first commissioning. We can only imagine what they had to say, because Mark's stenographic style is more suggestive than expository - they "told him all they had done and taught". Except for a few snatched moments, however, we're left with the impression that Jesus is constantly surrounded by crowds seeking his attention, that this isn't the best place for him to stay with the Twelve beyond listening to their reports. You can feel it in the narrative - the coming and going of people in great numbers - not a second to spare.

Yet Jesus knows how important it is for the Twelve to "rest for a while". In today's jargon, we'd probably describe this as a "debriefing," an opportunity to "process" the missionary experience. The need to "rest for awhile" might involve some of that, but Jesus also means *rest* as a time of refreshment for body and spirit. They've done the work, now it's time to regroup, to gather new energy for what lies ahead. Jesus remains ever sensitive to the needs of his disciples, putting them before his own. He is the true Shepherd for the future shepherds of the community to whom the Pentecostal Spirit will one day give birth.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM

A constant tension exists between fullness and limitation. Fullness evokes the desire for complete possession, while limitation is a wall set before us. Broadly speaking, "time" has to do with fullness as an expression of the horizon which constantly opens before us, while each individual moment has to do with limitation as an expression of enclosure. People live poised between each individual moment and the greater, brighter horizon of the utopian future as the final cause which draws us to itself. Here we see a first principle for progress in building a people: time is greater than space.

Para 222 from Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(20 July - 26 July)

- *Monday, 20:* Weekday, Ord Time 16 (Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38 42)
- *Tuesday, 21:* Weekday, Ord Time 16 (Ex 14:21-15:1; Mt 12:46-50)
- *Wednesday, 22:* St Mary Magdalene (Song 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18)
- *Thursday, 23:* Weekday, Ordinary Time 16 (Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20; Mt 13:10-17)
- *Friday, 24:* Weekday, Ordinary Time 16 (Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23)
- *Saturday, 25:* St James (2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28)
- *Sunday, 26:* 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (2 Kg 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15)