

## KANGAROO ISLAND CATHOLIC PARISH

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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/Todd Sts  
Sunday - 9.30am
- PARNDANA: Uniting Church,  
Cook Street  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 3.00pm
- 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

*Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31*

A perfect wife – who can find her?  
She is far beyond the price of pearls.  
Her husband's heart has confidence  
in her, from her he will derive no  
little profit.

Advantage and not hurt she brings  
him all the days of her life.

She is always busy with wool and  
with flax, she does her work with  
eager hands.

She sets her hands to the distaff, her  
fingers grasp the spindle.

She holds out her hand to the poor,  
she opens her arms to the needy.

Charm is deceitful, and beauty  
empty; the woman who is wise is the  
one to praise.

Give her a share in what her hands  
have worked for, and let her works  
tell her praises at the city gates.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 127:1-5*

*Happy are those who fear the Lord.*

## SECOND READING

*1 Thessalonians 5:1-6*

You will not be expecting us to write  
anything to you, brothers, about  
'times and seasons', since you know

very well that the Day of the Lord is  
going to come like a thief in the  
night. It is when people are saying,  
'How quiet and peaceful it is' that  
the worst suddenly happens, as  
suddenly as labour pains come on a  
pregnant woman; and there will be  
no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the  
dark, my brothers, for that Day to  
overtake you like a thief. No, you  
are all sons of light and sons of the  
day: we do not belong to the night or  
to darkness, so we should not go on  
sleeping, as everyone else does, but  
stay wide awake and sober.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Jn 15:4,5*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Live in me and let me live in you,  
says the Lord; my branches bear  
much fruit.*

*Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 25:14-30*

Jesus spoke this parable to his  
disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven  
is like a man on his way abroad who  
summoned his servants and  
entrusted his property to them.

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# Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jim Airton , Francis E Bannan, Vic Banner, Clorice Bates, Toni Berden, Leon Bourke , Imogen Brinkley, Harold Burgess, Donald Chalmers, Tim Clark, Evelyn Drane, John and Dien Hendrix, Carmel Higgins, Agnes Hughes, Margaret Hughes, Peggy Imboden, Andrew Kelly, Thomas Lydon, John McDonald, Colleen Moore, Roger Pahl, Teresa Paniza, Sam Perkins, Roy Rayson, Helen Redden, Patricia Ross, Harold Semler, Marie Slagter, Pat Smith, Graham Turner, Gwen Willson and all the faithful departed.

## Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for Pat Barrett, Annemeike Berden, Marj and Jimmy Browne, Denice Carter, Lloyd & Aileen Dodson & family, Jenny Fechner, Diane Florenance, Charles & Sue Gorman, John Lavers, Elijah & Magenta Laundry and family, Ben Martin, Janice Mills, Dianne McCarthy, Philip McDonald, Peter Murray, Max Moss, Darren Morris, Deidre Morrison, Mick Muller, Jill Oldfield, Jack Pitcher, Margaret Rich, Anthony Roestenburg, Bill Roestenburg, Darren Smith, John Smith, Peter Smith, Linda Tippett, Greg Turner, Patrick Walsh and Rob Wilkinson.

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

## **8. Eucharistic communities that are viable will be enabled to continue.**

There will be times when there will be a need to discern whether particular communities remain viable. But smaller Eucharistic communities can be closer to the people, and are to be maintained in our new and emerging pastoral structures, as long as they have the capacity, and the ministers, to be a genuine centre of Christian life, to have formation in discipleship, outreach to those in need and life-giving Eucharistic celebrations.

It is important to recognize the value of other forms of prayer in such communities, including Services of the Word, and Liturgies of the Word with Holy Communion.

## **PARISH NOTICES –19/11/17**

1. Thank you to Fr Charles for saying Mass today.
2. Next Sunday there will be Mass with Fr Tony.
3. Confession is available every Sunday in Kingscote at 30 minutes before Mass.
4. **Parish Shared Lunch, change of date**

Now Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. After Mass at the Howson's. Please bring a plate of food to share and your drinks.

## **5. Church Cleaning for Christmas**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 9am

Please come along and lend a hand, remember many hands make light work.

6. Ladies Guild on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 9-30am, followed by our Christmas Luncheon (venue to be advised).



## Ron Rolheiser column

*Ronald Rolheiser, a Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is president of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas. He is a community-builder, lecturer and writer. His books are popular throughout the English-speaking world and his weekly column is carried by more than sixty newspapers worldwide.*

### A THREAT TO OUR DECENCY

Jesus tells us that in the end we will be judged on how we dealt with the poor in our lives, but there are already dangers now, in this life, in not reaching out to the poor

Here's how Bryan Stevenson, *Just Mercy*, teases out that danger: "I've come to believe that the true measure of our commitment to justice, the character of our society, our commitment to the rule of law, fairness, and equality cannot be measured by how we treat the rich, the powerful, the privileged, and the respected among us. The true measure of our character is how we treat the poor, the disfavored, the accused, the incarcerated, and the condemned. We are all implicated when we allow other people to be mistreated. An absence of compassion can corrupt the decency of a community, a state, a nation. Fear and anger can make us vindictive and abusive, unjust and unfair, until we all suffer from the absence of mercy and we condemn ourselves as much as we condemn others."

What needs to be highlighted here is what we do to ourselves when we don't reach out in compassion to the poor. We corrupt our own decency. As Stevenson puts it: An absence of compassion corrupts our decency – as a state, as a church, as family, and as individuals. How so?

St. Augustine teaches that we can never be morally neutral, either we are growing in virtue or falling into vice. We never have the luxury of simply being in some neutral, holding state. There's no moral neutrality. Either we are growing in virtue or sliding into virtue's opposite. That's true for all of life. A thing is either growing or it's regressing.

So too with our attitude towards justice and the poor: Either we are

actively reaching out to the poor and being more drawn into concern for them or we are unconsciously hardening our hearts against them and unknowingly sliding into attitudes that trivialize their issues and distance ourselves from them. If we are not actively advocating for justice and the poor, it is inevitable that at a point we will, with completely sincere hearts, downplay the issues of poverty, racism, inequality, and injustice.

It's interesting to note that in the famous text on the final judgment in the Gospel where Jesus describes how God will divide the sheep from the goats on the basis of how they treated the poor, neither group, those who did it correctly and those who didn't, actually knew what they were doing. The group who did it right state that they didn't know that in touching the poor they were touching Christ; and the group who got it wrong protest that had they known that Christ was in the poor, they would have reached out. Jesus assures us that it doesn't matter. Mature discipleship lies simply in the doing, irrespective of our conscious attitude.

And so we need to be alert not just to our conscious attitudes but to what we are actually doing. We can, in all sincerity, in all good conscience, in all good heart, be blind towards justice and the poor. We can be moral men and women, pious church-goers, generous donors to those who ask help from us, warm to our own families and friends, and yet, blind to ourselves, though not to the poor, be unhealthily elitist, subtle racists, callous towards the environment, and protective of our own privilege. We are still good persons no doubt, but the absence of compassion in one area of our lives leaves us limping morally.

We can be good persons and yet fall into a certain hardness of heart because of kindred, ideological circles that falsely affirm us. Within any circle of friends, either we are talking about ways that we can more effectively lessen the gaps between rich and poor or we are talking, however unconsciously, about the need to defend the gaps that presently exist. One kind of conversation is stretching our hearts; the other is narrowing them. Lack of compassion for justice and the poor will inevitably work at turning a generous heart into a defensive one.

We all have friends who admire us and send us signals that we are good, big-hearted, virtuous persons. And no doubt this is substantially true. But the affirmation we receive from our own kind can be a false mirror. A truer mirror is how those who are politically, racially, religiously, and temperamentally different from ourselves assess us. How do the poor feel about us? How do refugees assess our goodness? How do other races rate our compassion?

And what about the mirror that Jesus holds up for us when he tells us that our goodness will be judged by how we treat the poor and that the litmus test of goodness consists in how well we love our enemies?

An absence of compassion in even one area subtly corrupts the decency of a community, a state, a nation, and that eventually turns our generosity into defensiveness.

*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>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays 11am (Spanish Mass)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)  
Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm  
Monday 9.00am  
Tuesday 9.00am  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> week 9.00am and 9.45am  
(later Mass followed by Tuesday Chats)  
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 3.00pm

**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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To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

‘The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

‘Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. “Sir,” he said “you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made.”

‘His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.”

‘Next the man with the two talents came forward. “Sir,” he said “you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.”

‘Last came forward the man who had the one talent. “Sir,” said he “I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back.” But his master answered him, “You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has

the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.”

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- A Jewish talent was a very substantial sum of money. A shekel contained about 14.5g of silver; a *talent* contained more than 43,000g! It was about the price of an ox.
- Being an absentee landlord was as common in the time of Jesus as it was in later history.
- The ‘talents’ are not equally distributed. In God’s plan all are endowed with different ‘talents’ so that we will recognise our need for each other and practice generosity, kindness and the sharing of the abilities we have.

**THIS WEEK’S READINGS**

(20 - 26 November)

- **Monday, 20:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 33 (1 Macc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64; Lk 18:35-43)
- **Tuesday, 21:** The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary (2 Macc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10)
- **Wednesday, 22:** St Cecilia (2 Macc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28)
- **Thursday, 23:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 33 (1 Macc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44)
- **Friday, 24:** Sts Andrew Dung-Lac and companions (1 Macc 4:36-37, 52-29; Lk 19:45-48)
- **Saturday, 25:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 33 (1 Macc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40)
- **Sunday 26:** Christ the King (Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46)

**THE YEAR OF YOUTH**



**PASTORAL CARE**

If you (or someone you know) is house-bound, in hospital or in residential care and would appreciate a visit from a Priest or someone from the Parish, please let us know.  
Contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).