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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
4th Sunday - Youth Mass - 6.00pm
- PARNDANA: Uniting Church, Cook Street
4th Sunday - 4.00pm
- PENNESHAW: St Columba's Anglican Church, Cnr North Terrace and Fourth Street
1st Sunday - 2.00pm

SPONSORSHIP

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

CHILD PROTECTION UNIT

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FIRST READING

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Taking Abram outside, the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there

appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17-4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us,

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FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Heather Barrett, Joan Marie Berden, Mary Clark, Phillip Deakin, Alice Ellick, Alfred Gray, Bernadette Hehir, Kenneth Howard, Ron King, Jamie Larcombe, Frank May, Tom Meaney, Allan Moray, Pat Pawelski, Horace Riley, Christopher Riley, Bert Willson And all the faithful departed.

Prayers for the sick

Please pray for Sam Baynes, Helen Berden, Cath Cantlon, Clarence Cook, Joelle Davidson, Thea & Manning Depold, Don Duffy, Pam Elliott, Tony Fisher, Veronica Farnden, Sue and Charles Gorman, Scott McCreary, Leigh and Phillip McDonald, Kate Palmer, Jack Pitcher, Anne Redden, Bill Roostenburg, Tim Ruge, John Smith, Greg Turner, Karen Williams, Margaret & Harry Rich, Simon Slagter, Nicki and Craig Hoar, Noel Grace,

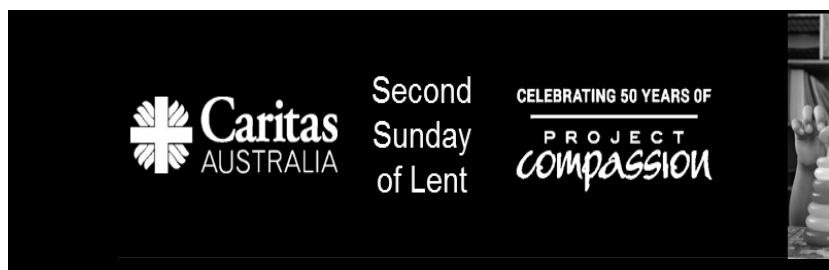
May they know the healing love of Christ through our actions and His healing presence.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

Spend extra time this week listening to the "beloved Son."
What is Jesus saying to you?.

PARISH NOTICES –21/02/16

1. Thank you to Fr Sam for saying Mass today for us
2. Next week there will be Mass with Fr Charles.
3. **28th Feb** - Parish Pastoral Council extended meeting with a shared lunch. Every one is invited to attend this meeting



With limited support services for children living with intellectual disabilities in Laos, Duangmala feared that her eight-year-old son, Hum Noy, would never reach his full potential because he has Down Syndrome. However, he now has the chance to learn and thrive at a school for children with intellectual disabilities, supported by Caritas Australia.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help children living with intellectual disabilities in Laos learn, grow and reach their full potential.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



Ron Rolheiser column

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GOD'S INEXHAUSTIBILITY

Many of us, I am sure, have been inspired by the movie, *Of Gods and Men*, which tells the story of a group of Trappist monks who, after making a painful decision not to flee from the violence in Algeria in the 1990s, are eventually martyred by Islamic extremists in 1996. Recently, I was much inspired by reading the diaries of one of those monks, Christophe Lebreton. Published under the title, *Born from the Gaze of God, The Tibhirine Journal of a Martyr Monk*, his diaries chronicle the last three years of his life and give us an insight into his, and his community's, decision to remain in Algeria in the face almost certain death.

In one of his journal entries, Christophe shares how in this situation of hatred and threat, caught between Islamic extremists on one side and a corrupt government on the other, in seeking ground for hope, he draws upon a poem, *The Well*, by a French poet, Jean-Claude Renard:

*But how can we affirm it's already
too late to fulfill the desire-
so patient does the gift remain;
and when always, perhaps,
something or someone says,
from the depth of silence and
nakedness, that an ineffable fire
continues to dig in us beneath
wastelands peopled by thorns
a well that nothing exhausts.
A well that nothing exhausts.*

Perhaps that is the real basis for hope.

For all of us there are times in life when we seem to lose hope, when we look at the world or at ourselves and, consciously or unconsciously, think: "It's too late! This has gone too far! Nothing can redeem this! All the chances to change this have been used up! It's hopeless!"

But is this natural, depressive feeling in fact a loss of hope? Not necessarily. Indeed it is precisely

when we feel this way, when we have succumbed to the feeling that we have exhausted all of our chances, it's then that hope can arrive and replace its counterfeits, wishful thinking and natural optimism. What is hope?

We generally confuse hope with either wishful thinking or with natural optimism, both of which have little to do with hope. Wishful thinking has no foundation. We can wish to win a lottery or to have the body of a world-class athlete, but that wish has no reality upon which to draw. It's pure fantasy. Optimism, for its part, is based upon natural temperament and also has little to do with hope. Terry Eagleton, in a recent book, *Hope without Optimism*, suggests rather cynically that optimism is simply a natural temperament and an enslaving one at that: "The optimist is chained to cheerfulness." Moreover, he asserts, that the optimist's monochrome glaze over the world differs from pessimism only by being monochromatically rosy instead of monochromatically gray. Hope isn't a wish or a mood; it is a perspective on life that needs to be grounded on a sufficient reality. What is that sufficient reality?

Jim Wallis, a salient figure of Christian hope in our time, says that our hope should not be grounded on what we see on the news of the world each night because that news constantly changes and, on any given night, can be so negative so as to give us little ground for hope. He's right. Whether the world seems better or worse on a given evening is hardly sufficient cause for us to trust that in the end all will be well. Things might change drastically the next night.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, who perennially protested that he was a man of hope rather than of optimism,

in an answer to a question, once suggested that there are two sufficient reasons for hope. Asked what would happen if we blew up the world with an atomic bomb, he replied: That would set things back a few million years, but God's plan for the earth would still come about. Why? Because Christ promised it and, in the resurrection, God shows that God has the power to deliver on that promise. Hope is based on God's promise and God's power.

But there is still another reason for our hope, something else that grounds our hope and gives us sufficient reason to live in trust that eventually all will be well, namely, God's inexhaustibility. Underneath and beneath, beneath us and beneath our universe, there is *a well that nothing exhausts*.

And it is this which we so often forget or slim down to the limited size of our own hearts and imaginations: God is a prodigal God, almost unimaginable in the scope of physical creation, a God who has created and is still creating billions upon billions of universes. Moreover, this prodigal God, so beyond our imagination in creativity, is, as has been revealed to us by Jesus, equally unimaginable in patience and mercy. There is never an end to our number of chances. There is no limit to God's patience. There is nothing that can ever exhaust the divine well.

It's never too late! God's creativity and mercy are inexhaustible.

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 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
4th Sunday (Youth Mass) 6.00pm

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 9.00am
Wednesday 7.00am, 7.30pm
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)*
1st 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 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

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our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

**MISERICORDIAE VULTUS –
THE FACE OF MERCY**

In section 6 of the Bull of Indiction, Pope Francis quotes several extracts from the Psalms, which focus on the quality of mercy.

“...the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the sojourners, he upholds the widow and the fatherless; but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.” (Psalm 146:7-9)
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**WE EACH ARE CALLED TO
TRANSFORM, JUST AS JESUS
DID ON THE MOUNTAIN TOP**

The transformation or transfiguration of Jesus that the disciples experienced was not simply something they were to see and experience as happening to him alone. It was also an invitation for them to undergo a transformation and transfiguration of their own.

Paul says in today's reading, “For us, our homeland is in heaven,” that is, the goal and destination of our life is to be one with God. There is no other goal. “And from heaven [i.e. from God] comes the Saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.”

How is that transformation or transfiguration to take place? By listening to Jesus, listening to all that he invites us to be and to do, however much it may seem to go against the conventions we were brought up on. It means especially listening to those words which caused such difficulty for Peter and his companions and integrating them into my own vision of life. It means having a total trust in walking his Way, a total trust that only his Way brings me into full union with God, the source of all truth, love, happiness and peace. *Sacred Space web*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(22 - 28 February)

- **Mon, 22:** Chair of St Peter (1 Pet 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19)
- **Tues, 23:** Tues, 2nd week Lent (Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12)
- **Wed, 24:** Wed, 2nd week Lent (Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28)
- **Thur, 25:** Thur, 2nd week Lent (Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31)
- **Fri, 26:** Fri, 2nd week Lent (Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46)
- **Sat, 27:** Sat, 2nd week Lent (Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32)
- **Sunday, 28:** 3rd Sun Lent (Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32)