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*(All items for the newsletter must be
received no later than Tuesday
evening.)*

MASS CENTRES

- KINGSCOTE: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Cnr Giles/Todd Sts Sunday - 9.30am
- PARNDANA: Uniting Church, Cook Street 2nd Sunday - 2.30pm
- 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

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159



FIRST READING

Genesis 18:1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah.' 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 14:2-5

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:24-28

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone

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Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish

PARISH NOTICES

Next week: Mass at Kingscote 9:30 AM
Fr Josy will be here
Parish council meets after Mass next weekend.

The Ladies Guild has asked that we have a working bee and sausage sizzle on Sunday 4th August, to tidy up around the Parish House and Church. On the table at the back of the Church there is a list of tasks that need to be done. If you are not able to attend and would like to help out at some other time feel free to put your name against the tasks that you would like to do.

July Priest Roster:

14 th July	21st July	28th July
Fr. Jack	Comm service	Fr Josy

Mass Roster:

Today:

Readers: L Grant M Glynn.
Gifts: Brinkley Family.
Sp. Ministers: C Berden G Glynn.
Cleaning / Coffee: K Brinkley.

Next week:

C Pahl M Slagter.
Mumford Family.

Please pray for those who have died.....

July anniversaries:

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

. Please pray for those who are sick.....

Charles Gorman, Maureen Dunn, Fr. Pat O'Keefe, Dalton Baynes, Jimmy Brown.

May all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ through our actions and His healing presence.

Please contact Peter Clark or use the sheet on the table at the back of the Church to have names entered. For privacy reasons permission is required before names are submitted for entry in this bulletin.

Mary Learned from Jesus – Can We?

There are many young women in this nation who see themselves as ministers because of my friend Karen.

I worked with Karen as a youth minister for four years. She worked hard for all students. But she particularly took pride in helping young women develop confidence as leaders.

Jesus also valued women disciples highly. And this Gospel shows it. In Jesus' time women were little more than property. They had few rights. They certainly weren't allowed to study at the feet of religious teachers. But Jesus saw things differently. He encouraged women to learn from him and follow him. He appeared to a woman first at his Resurrection. He defied stereotypes and sexism of his day.

Many women tell me they think our society still suffers from warped views about a woman's role. Ads seem to argue that women have no value unless they wear the latest fashions. Teachers have said that some young women don't offer answers in class out of fear that boys don't find smart girls attractive. Women are underrepresented in leadership in many parts of society. A frighteningly high number of women suffer abuse each year by men who think women have no right to refuse their physical advances.

My friend is a good example of someone who learned from Jesus about a woman's role. All Christians need to look critically at negative stereotypes of women in our culture and stand up to anything that denies women equal rights in politics, business, or religion.

Mary sat at Jesus' feet to learn. Maybe we should do the same thing if we wonder about a woman's "role".

Identify any stereotypes or policies in our society that you think are contrary to Jesus' view of women.



Ron Rolheiser column

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GOD'S FINGER IN OUR LIVES

The problem in the world and in the churches, Jim Wallis suggests, is that, perennially, conservatives get it wrong and liberals (over-reacting to conservatives) then don't get it at all. Nowhere is this truer, I believe, than in how we discern the finger of God in the events of our lives.

Jesus tells us to discern the finger of God in our lives by reading the signs of the times. What's meant by that? The idea isn't so much that we look to every kind of social, political, and religious analysis to try to understand what's going on in the world, but rather that we look at every event in our lives, personal or global, and ask ourselves: What's God saying to me this event? What's God saying to us in this event?

An older generation understood this as trying to attune itself to the workings of "divine providence". That practice goes back to biblical times. When we read the bible, we see that for God's people nothing happened that was understood as being purely secular or religiously neutral. Rather in every event, be it ever so accidental and secular, they saw the finger of God. For example, they believed that if they lost a war, it wasn't because the other side had superior soldiers, but rather that God had somehow engineered this to teach them a lesson. Or if they were hit by drought it was because God had actively stopped the heavens from raining, again to teach them a lesson.

Now it's easy to misunderstand this because, frequently, in writing this up, the sacred authors give the impression that God actively caused the event. That's their wording, though not their intent or meaning. The bible does not intend to teach us that God causes wars or stops the heavens from raining; it accepts that they're the result of natural contingency. The lesson is only that

God speaks through them.

And it's here where conservatives tend to get it wrong and liberals tend to miss the point. A recent example of this is the reaction of certain religious circles, conservative and liberal, to the outbreak of AIDS. When AIDS first broke out, a number of strong conservative religious voices spoke out saying that AIDS was God's punishment on us for our sexual promiscuity, particularly for homosexuality. Liberal religious voices, for their part, were so turned off by this that their response was: God has nothing to do with this!

Both need a lesson on the workings of divine providence. Religious conservatives are wrong in their interpretation: God does not cause AIDS to punish us for sexual promiscuity. Conversely, religious liberals are also wrong in saying that this has nothing to do with God. God doesn't cause AIDS (or any other disease) but God speaks through AIDS and every other disease. Our religious task is to discern the message. What's God saying to us through this?

James Mackey teaches that divine providence is a conspiracy of accidents through which God speaks. Frederick Buechner teases this out a little further by saying: "This does not mean that God makes events happen to us which move us in certain directions like chessmen. Instead, events happen under their own steam as random as rain, which means that God is present in them not as their cause but as the one who even in the hardest and most hair-raising of them offers us the possibility of that new life and healing which I believe is what salvation is."

God is always speaking to us in every event in our lives. For a Christian, there's no such a thing as a purely secular experience. The event may be

the result of purely secular and contingent forces but it contains a religious message for us, always. Our task is to read that message.

And one further note: Mostly, it seems that we hear God's voice only in experiences that are deeply painful for us rather than in events that bring us joy and pleasure. But we shouldn't misread this. It's not that God speaks only through pain and is silent when things go right. Rather, in the words of C.S. Lewis, pain is God's microphone to a deaf world. God is always speaking, mostly we aren't listening. It's only when our hearts start breaking that we begin to attune ourselves to the voice of God.

Divine providence is a conspiracy of accidents through which God speaks and we must be careful to get both parts of the equation right. God doesn't cause AIDS, global warming, the refugee situation in the world, a cancer diagnosis, world hunger, hurricanes, tornadoes, or any other such thing in order to teach us a lesson; but something in all of these invites us to try to discern what God is saying through them. Likewise, God doesn't cause your favorite sports team to win a championship; that too is the result of a conspiracy of accidents. But God speaks through all of these things – even your favorite team's championship win!

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 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
1st Sunday 11am (Spanish Mass)
2nd Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)
Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm
Monday 9.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Wednesday 7.30pm
Thursday 8.15am (St Luke's)
Thursday 9.15am (St John's - term time)
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

2nd Sunday 2.30pm

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 9.00am
1st Friday Benediction following Mass

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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and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart, and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 10:38-42

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

DID YOU KNOW?

- The attitude taken by Mary in this text is one of discipleship. To sit at the feet of the Master is to be a follower or disciple. In Jesus' time, such an attitude was often only the preserve of men.
- Mary and Martha, the sisters of this text, are also mentioned in the Gospel of John. While Luke does not tell us the name of the village where they live, John does. They live in Bethany, just outside Jerusalem, with their brother, Lazarus.

EXPLORING THE WORD

On our first reading of this text, many of us would feel sympathy with Martha, who is left to do all the work. But a more careful reading of the text uncovers the real problem. Martha is ready 'to welcome Jesus

into her house'. And yet she becomes so preoccupied with the fuss of getting food ready that she is failing to do exactly what she set out to do: offer welcome to the person of Jesus. Mary, on the other hand, is attentive to the words and teachings of Jesus. Who has offered the true welcome? The responses of these two women are not in opposition, but rather indicate two ways of acting that should become integrated in how we relate to others: attentive friendship and generous and practical service. The gospel of the Good Samaritan from last week shows us a model of selfless service. Here we are presented with the other side of the story: the need to also be attentive and to listen to the word of God so that we don't get caught up in activities and preoccupations that are ultimately not important.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

In this text, Jesus is not rebuking Martha because of her acts of service. Far from it! The real point of his criticism is that she has allowed herself to be distracted by unimportant things instead of concentrating on what really matters: God!

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(22 - 28 July)

- **Monday, 22:** St Mary Magdalene (Song 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18)
- **Tuesday, 23:** Weekday, Ord Time 16 (Ex 14:21 - 15:1; Mt 12:46-50)
- **Wednesday, 24:** Weekday, Ord Time 16 (Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9)
- **Thursday, 25:** St James (2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28)
- **Friday, 26:** Sts Joachim and Anne (Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23)
- **Saturday, 27:** Weekday, Ord Time 16 (Ex 24:3-8; Mt 13:24-30)
- **Sunday 28:** 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Gen 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13)

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.
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Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).