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

## **SPONSORSHIP**

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## **FIRST READING**

***Daniel 7:13-14***

I gazed into the visions of the night.  
And I saw, coming on the clouds of  
heaven, one like a son of man.  
He came to the one of great age and  
was led into his presence.

On him was conferred sovereignty,  
glory and kingship, and men of all  
peoples, nations and languages  
became his servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal  
sovereignty which shall never pass  
away, nor will his empire ever be  
destroyed.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*The Lord is king;  
he is robed in majesty.*

## **SECOND READING**

***Apocalypse 1:5-8***

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,  
the First-born from the dead, the  
Ruler of the kings of the earth. He  
loves us and has washed away our  
sins with his blood, and made us a  
line of kings, priests to serve his God  
and Father; to him, then, be glory  
and power for ever and ever. Amen.  
It is he who is coming on the clouds;  
everyone will see him, even those

who pierced him, and all the races of  
the earth will mourn over him. This  
is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha  
and the Omega' says the Lord God,  
who is, who was, and who is to  
come, the Almighty.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Blessed is he who inherits the  
kingdom of David our father;  
blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord.*

## **GOSPEL**

***John 18:33-37***

'Are you the king of the Jews?'  
Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you  
ask this of your own accord, or have  
others spoken to you about me?'  
Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is  
your own people and the chief  
priests who have handed you over to  
me: what have you done?' Jesus  
replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of  
this world; if my kingdom were of  
this world, my men would have  
fought to prevent my being  
surrendered to the Jews. But my  
kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you  
are a king then?' said Pilate.  
'It is you who say it' answered Jesus.

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**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, Pat Smith, Graham Turner, Gwen 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, Geraldine Kent, Scott McCreary, Leigh and Phillip McDonald, Kate Palmer, Jack Pitcher, Anne Redden, Bill Roestenburg, 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**

This week bear witness in your home or workplace to the truth which you are discovering.

**PARISH NOTICES –22/11/2015**

1. Thank you to Fr Charles for celebrating Mass with us today
2. **Next Sunday** there will be Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.
3. Guild Meeting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov followed by Christmas Luncheon.



**Prayer at Home**

Use today's Psalm response this week:

*The Lord is King;  
He is robed in majesty.*

**Symbols and Images**

The absolute composure and assurance of Jesus in this text is contrasted with the defensiveness of Pilate who is locked into an earthly and political understanding of kingdom. For Jesus, real power lies in the redemptive love of the Father and his own redemptive self-giving.



## Ron Rolheiser column

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### LACKING THE SELF-CONFIDENCE FOR GREATNESS

We all have our own images of greatness as these pertain to virtue and saintliness. We picture, for instance, St. Francis of Assisi, kissing a leper; or Mother Teresa, publicly hugging a dying beggar; or John Paul II, standing before a crowd of millions and telling them how much he loves them; or Therese of Lisieux, telling a fellow community member who has been deliberately cruel to her how much she loves her; or even of the iconic, Veronica, in the crucifixion scene, who amidst all the fear and brutality of the crucifixion rushes forward and wipes the face of Jesus.

There are a number of common features within these pictures that speak of exceptional character; but there's another common denominator here that speaks of exceptionality in a different way, that is, each of these people had an exceptionally strong self-image and an exceptionally strong self-confidence.

It takes more than just a big heart to reach across what separates you from a leper; it also takes a strong self-confidence. It takes more than an empathic heart to publicly hug a dying beggar; it also takes a very robust self-image. It takes more than mere compassion to stand before millions of people and announce that you love them and that it's important for them to hear this from you; it also takes the rare inner-confidence. It takes more than a saintly soul to meet deliberate cruelty with warm affection; it also requires that first you yourself have experienced deep love in your life. And it takes more than simple courage to ignore the threat and hysteria of a lynch mob so as to rush into an intoxicated crowd and lovingly dry the face of the one they hate; it takes someone who has

herself first experienced a strong love from someone else. We must first be loved in order to love. We can't give what we haven't got.

Great men and women like St. Francis, Mother Teresa, John Paul II, and Therese of Lisieux are also people with a stunning self-confidence. They have no doubt that God has specially gifted them and they have the confidence to publicly display those gifts. The sad fact is that many of us, perhaps most of us, simply lack sufficient self-image and self-confidence to do what they did. Perhaps our hearts are just as loving as theirs and our empathy just as deep, but, for all kinds of reasons, not least because of how we have been wounded and the shame and reticence that are born from that, it is existentially impossible for us to, like these spiritual giants, stand up in front of the world and say: "I love you – and it's important that you hear this from me!" Our tongues would surely break off as an inner voice would be saying: "Who do you think you are? Who are you to think the world needs to hear of your special love?"

Truth be told, too often it isn't virtue that's our problem; it's self-confidence. Mostly we aren't bad, we're just wounded. William Wordsworth once said something to the effect that we often judge a person to be cold when he or she is only wounded. How true.

Thankfully God doesn't judge by appearances. God reads the heart and discerns between malice and wound, between coldness and lack of self-confidence. God knows that no one can love unless he or she has first been loved, and that very few, perhaps no one, can publicly display the heart of a giant, the courage of a hero, and the love of saint when that big heart, courage, and love haven't,

first, been felt in an affective and effective way inside of that person's own life.

So what's helpful in knowing this? A deeper self-understanding is always helpful and there can be a consolation, though hopefully not a rationalization, in knowing that our hesitancy to step out publicly and do things like Mother Teresa is perhaps more rooted in our lack of a healthy ego than in some kind of selfishness and egoism. But of course, after that consolation comes the challenge to throw away the crutches we have been using to cope with our wounds and our crippled self-image so as to begin to let our heart, courage, and love manifest themselves more publicly. Our tongues won't break off if we speak out loud about our love and concern, but we will only know that once we actually do it. But, to do that, we will have to first step through a paralyzing shame to a self-abandon that up to now we haven't mastered.

And there's a lesson in this too for our understanding of ego within spirituality. We've invariably seen ego as bad and identified it with egotism; but that's over-simplistic because spiritual giants generally have strong egos, though without being egotists. Ironically too many of us are crippled by too-little ego and that's why we never do great things like spiritual giants do. Egoism is bad, but a healthy, robust ego is not.

*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 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  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 11.00am (Spanish Mass)  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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*  
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

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 4.00pm

## 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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'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

## LAUDATO SI'

The Eucharist asks us to bring the whole of Creation to be blessed as we bring the gifts of bread and wine to the Altar. Within the liturgy, the faithful offer the gifts of creation - bread and wine - to God as Eucharist (thanksgiving) and this represents a journey of cosmic dimensions. The bread and wine speak of an interdependence of all things, a dynamism of collaboration of earth, sun, water, air and our action of 'work'. The whole of humanity and indeed the whole universe is conceived to be in some way associated with this movement of offering, this coming to God.

## IMPORTANT NOT TO TAKE IMAGE OF THE SUFFERING SERVANT FOR GRANTED

The concept of King as a metaphor for Christ is one that raises difficulties for some modern Christians. We know from the ancient stories that Israel struggled with the symbol knowing the problems that it would present. On the positive side, kingship represents power and authority, and on the negative side, oppression, power struggles and instability. All these experiences were available from their own history and certainly from their contact with other empires.

It may be helpful to consider some of the theology that John presumes we have some knowledge about. On the ceiling of the Sistine chapel there is a picture of Creation. Adam comes from the hand of God but there exists a space between Creator and creature. In Jewish theology there is no space dividing God and humanity. The Jews believed that God could be "touched" in a variety of ways. The most important of these was the Torah. The cult was another mode of mediation; they also believed that the King could be a mediator of God. As Kings failed to live up to the ideal of manifesting

the Kingship of God, theology looked for ways to make sense of the contradictions.

The concept of the Suffering Servant was easier to relate to Jesus because of his passion and death and went a long way to providing a way of coming to terms with the grief and shock that the community experienced in the period following Jesus' death.

*Patricia Stevenson rsj*

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Pontius Pilate was the prefect or governor of the Roman province of Judea. He held this office from 26 - 36AD. He had a reputation for being insensitive to Jewish religious practices and was all too ready to use brutal force to repress any dissent against Roman rule. He was ultimately removed from office and sent back to Rome after a brutal attack on a gathered crowd in Samaria.
- Pilate's normal place of residence was in the coastal city of Caesaria. He was in Jerusalem at this time because the Passover as one of the 'pilgrimage festivals' of Judaism when many people travelled to the city to celebrate the feast at the Temple. The population of Jerusalem swelled greatly and this was a time when the Romans feared an outbreak of rebellion.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(23 - 29 November)

- **Monday, 23:** Weekday, Ord Time 34 (Dan 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4)
- **Tuesday, 24:** Sts Andrew Dung-Lac and companions (Dan 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11)
- **Wednesday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 34 (Dan 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19)
- **Thursday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 34 (Dan 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28)
- **Friday, 27:** Weekday, Ord Time 34 (Dan 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33)
- **Saturday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 34 (Dan 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36)
- **Sunday, 29:** First Sunday of Advent (Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thess 3:12 - 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36)