



Jubilee Year
of Mercy
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MASS CENTRES

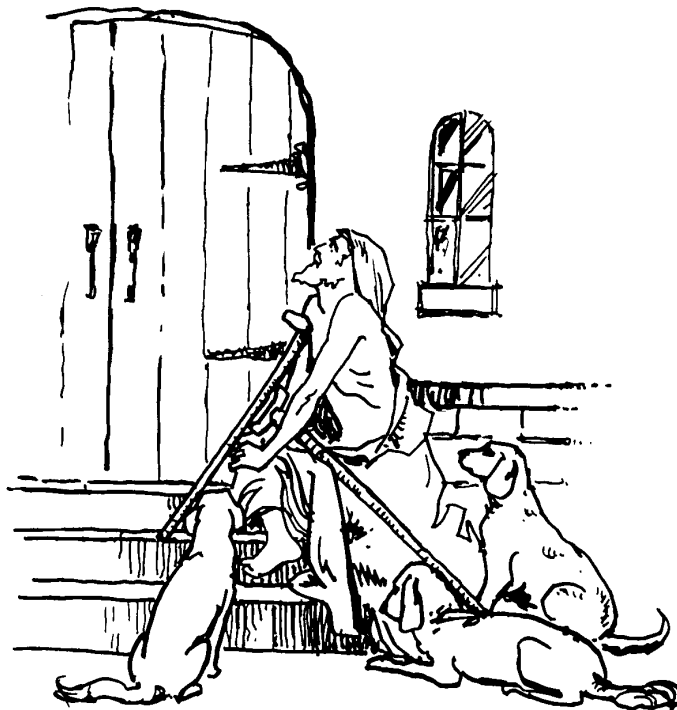
- **KINGSCOTE:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Cnr Giles and Todd Streets
Sunday - 9.30am
4th Sunday - Youth Mass - 6.00pm
- **PARNDANA:** Uniting Church, Cook Street
4th Sunday - 4.00pm
- **PENNESHAW:** St Columba's Anglican Church, Cnr North Terrace and Fourth Street
1st Sunday - 2.00pm

SPONSORSHIP

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

CHILD PROTECTION UNIT

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FIRST READING

Amos 6:1, 4-7

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria.

Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.

That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:6-10

Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 6:11-16

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the

faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

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SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Frank Berden, Mary Bowery, Terrence Browne, Gwen Caldicott, Audrey Carslake, Peg Dow, Thomas Drane, Christopher Glynn, Loretta Hartley, Catherine Hughes, Patrick Hughes, Pearl Malycha, Elvie Meaney, Dean Larcombe, Julia Martienses, Eeileen Morris, Reginald Pahl, Maise Rooney, Vera Shannon, James Smith and all the faithful departed.

Prayers for the sick

Please pray for Jimmy Browne, Cath Cantlon, Maureen Dunn, Kathleen Feareer, Charles and Sue Gorman, Tony Hodgens, Ashtenna Langridge, Elijah Laundry, Philip McDonald John Lavers, Peter Murray, Jack Pitcher, Kingsley Pledge, Harry and Margaret Rich, Bill Roestenburg, Eddie Schneemild, Darren Smith, John Smith, and Peter Weatherstone,

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

PARISH NOTICES –25/09/16

1. Thank you to FrCharles for saying Mass for us today.
2. Next week there will be Mass with Fr Tony
3. Congratulations to our winners if our Ignite conference raffle.
1st Prize - Anne Gorman
2nd Prize - Gerard Glynn
Thanks for everyone who bought a ticket or two. We appreciate the support.
From Karen, Helen, Jacinta, Portia, Jack Nick and Josh
4. Colombian Calender Order for 2017 is at the back of the Church.

Please place your name on the order form if you would like one.

Eight Characteristics of parishes in the process of renewal:

3. The Word of God is proclaimed in good preaching.

We need to become communities that listen deeply to the Word of God, and become people of prayer . Good preaching emerges from this. All those involved with the ministry of the Word, mediate the grace of God by the way they proclaim the Word.

- ◆ How does this ring true for you and for our parish community?
- ◆ What more can we do to enhance good proclamation?



5. Guild Mass and Meeting tomorrow (Monday) at 9.30am
6. **“Faith and Formation”** session with Fr Charles will be held at the Church House tomorrow (Monday) at 6-15 to 7-15pm. This session will involve prayer, and a chance to ask any questions about the faith and the church.

This session is open to everyone.

7. SEPTEMBER IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES MONTH

There is a leaving collection today for this appeal.

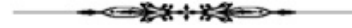
Some of the Charities helped by this appeal are:

- Catherine House
- Hutt Street Centre
- Aboriginal Catholic Ministry
- Mercy House of Welcome
- Our Lady of La Vang School
- Mary MacKillop Care SA - Ain Karim
- SA Catholic Deaf Community



Ron Rolheiser column

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INDULGENCES REVISITED

When Pope Francis launched the Holy Year of Mercy, he promised that Christians could gain a special indulgence during this year. That left a lot of present-day Roman Catholics, and even more Protestants and Evangelicals, scratching their heads and asking some hard questions: *Is Roman Catholicism still dealing in indulgences? Didn't we learn anything from Luther and the Reformation? Do we really believe that certain ritual practices, like passing through designated church doors, will ease our way into heaven?*

These are valid questions that need to be asked. What, indeed, is an indulgence?

Pope Francis in his decree, *The Face of Mercy, (Misericordiae Vultus)*, says this about indulgences: "A Jubilee also entails the granting of *indulgences*. This practice will acquire an even more important meaning in the Holy Year of Mercy. God's forgiveness knows no bounds. In the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God makes even more evident his love and its power to destroy all human sin. Reconciliation with God is made possible through the paschal mystery and the mediation of the Church. Thus God is always ready to forgive, and he never tires of forgiving in ways that are continually new and surprising. Nevertheless, all of us know well the experience of sin. We know that we are called to perfection (Mt. 5, 48), yet we feel the heavy burden of sin. Though we feel the transforming power of grace, we also feel the effects of sin typical of our fallen state. Despite being forgiven, the conflicting consequences of our sins remain. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God forgives our sins, which he truly blots out; and yet sin leaves a

negative effect on the way we think and act. But the mercy of God is stronger even than this. It becomes an indulgence on the part of the Father who, through the Bride of Christ, his Church, reaches the pardoned sinner and frees him from every residue left by the consequence of sin, enabling him to act in charity, to grow in love rather than to fall back into sin.

The Church lives within the communion of the saints. In the Eucharist, this communion, which is a gift from God, becomes a spiritual union binding us to the saints and the blessed ones whose number is beyond counting (Rev. 7, 14). Their holiness comes to the aid of our weaknesses in a way that enables the Church, with her maternal prayers and her way of life, to fortify the weakness of some with the strength of others. Hence, to live the indulgence of the Holy Year means to approach the Father's mercy with the certainty that his forgiveness extends to the entire life of the believer. To gain an indulgence is to experience the holiness of the Church, who bestows upon all the fruits of Christ's redemption, so that God's love and forgiveness may extend everywhere. Let us live this Jubilee intensely, begging the Father to forgive our sins and to bathe us in his merciful 'indulgence'".

What's the pope saying here? Clearly, he's not teaching what has been for so long the popular (and inaccurate notion) that an indulgence is a way of shortening one's time in purgatory. Rather he is tying the idea of indulgences to two things: First, an indulgence is the acceptance and celebration of the wonderful gratuity of God's mercy. An indulgence is, in effect, the more-conscious acceptance of an indulgence, that is, the conscious acceptance of a love, a mercy, and a forgiveness, that is completely undeserved. Love can be

indulgent. Parents can be indulgent to their children. Thus whenever we do a prayer or religious practice with the intent of gaining an indulgence the idea is that this prayer or practice is meant to make us more consciously aware of and grateful for God's indulgent mercy. We live within an incredulous, ineffable mercy of which we are mostly unaware. During the Holy Year of Mercy, Pope Francis invites us to do some special prayers and practices that make us more consciously aware of that indulgent mercy.

Beyond this, Pope Francis links the notion of indulgences to another concept, namely, our union and solidarity with each other inside the Body Christ. As Christians, we believe that we are united with each other in a deep, invisible, spiritual, and organic bond that is so real that it forms us into one body, with the same flow of life and the same flow of blood flowing through all of us. Thus inside the Body of Christ, as in all live organisms, there is one immune system so that what one person does, for good or for bad, affects the whole body. Hence, as the pope asserts, since there is a single immune system inside the Body of Christ, the strength of some can fortify the weakness of others who thereby receive an indulgence, an undeserved grace.

To walk through a holy door is make ourselves more consciously aware of God's indulgent mercy and of the wonderful community of life within we live.

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 (2nd, 4th, 5th week) 9.00am
Tuesday (1st, 3rd week) 9.45am
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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GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees, "There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

"In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

"The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

EXPLORING THE WORD

This is another text about the unexpected reversals of the kingdom of God. The situation of the two characters is described in detail. The rich man no doubt saw his affluence as a blessing from God for his goodness. His only sin was his failure to see the poverty and desperate need that was at his

doorstep. So many stories in Luke's Gospel deal the responsibility to use wealth for the good of all rather than to selfishly monopolise resources for our own benefit alone. When the reality of the situation dawns on the rich man, he is concerned that his brothers do not make the same mistake. But Jesus points out that they already have the teaching of Moses and the prophets who repeatedly call Israel to justice and mercy. If people are prepared to ignore that call, What difference will it make 'even if someone should rise from the dead'. It is this phrase which offers a challenge to Christians. Do we too, like the rich man, fail to see and respond to the needs in our world? Christian faith is about more than Sunday worship. It is about living the message of Jesus every day.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

Abraham is an important figure in Judaism. He was the first person mentioned in Scripture (Genesis 12) who puts his complete trust and faith in God. Abraham became the model of righteousness. To rest in the bosom of Abraham is a metaphor for eternal happiness.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(26 September - 2 October)

- **Monday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Job 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50)
- **Tuesday 27:** St Vincent de Paul (Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56)
- **Wednesday 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Job 9:1-13, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62)
- **Thursday 29:** Sts Michael, Garbiel, Raphael (Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51)
- **Friday 30:** St Jerome (Job 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16)
- **Saturday 1:** St Therese of the Child Jesus (Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24)
- **Sunday 2:** 27th Sunday in Ord Time (Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-19)