



### **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 Eli Bellamarie, Jimmy Browne, Cath Cantlon, Maureen Dunn, Kathleen Feareer,  
Charles and Sue Gorman, Tony Hodgens, Ashtenna Langridge, Elijah Laundry, Howie Laundry, Philip McDonald John Lavers, Peter Murray, Fr Frank Perry, Shari Pahl, Olivia Phelan, Jack Pitcher, Kingsley Pledge, Margaret Rich, Bill Roestenburg, Eddie Schneemild, Bernie Schulz, John Slagter, Darren Smith, John Smith, Linda Tippet and Peter Weatherstone,

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

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### **MAKING CONNECTIONS**

Put your energy into the really important things of life this week.  
Let the day to day worries about material comfort go.  
Set your sights on the kingdom of heaven.

### **SYMBOLS AND IMAGES**

In this era of consumerism and materialism, this is a challenging text. Matthew is emphasizing the need to put our energies into what is really important rather than being caught up in things which ultimately do not matter as much as eternal life in the kingdom.

## **Eight Characteristics of parishes in the process of renewal:**

### **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.

There is value in keeping local communities in place., and we need to respect the identity, language and culture of such communities.

- ◆ What is important in what you have just read?
- ◆ How can we keep our own parish community viable?
- ◆ What are our hopes for the future?

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### **PARISH NOTICES -26/02/17**

1. Thank you to Fr Tony for saying Mass for us today.
2. Next week there will be Mass with Fr Sam.
3. Ladies Guild AGM on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb at 9-30am  
Please put this date in your diary.



## Ron Rolheiser column

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### OF WINNERS AND LOSERS

Our society tends to divide us up into winners and losers. Sadly, we don't often reflect on how this affects our relationships with each other, nor on what it means for us as Christians.

What does it mean? In essence, that our relationships with each other tend to be too charged with competition and jealousy because we are too infected with the drive to out-do, out-achieve, and out-hustle each other. For example, here are some of slogans that pass for wisdom today: *Win! Be the best at something! Show others you're more talented than they are! Show that you are more sophisticated than others! Don't apologize for putting yourself first! Don't be a loser!*

These phrases aren't just innocent axioms cheerleading us to work harder; they're viruses infecting us so that most everything in our world now conspires with the narcissism within us to push us to achieve, to set ourselves apart from others, to stand out, to be at the top of the class, to be the best athlete, the best dressed, the best looking, the most musically talented, the most popular, the most experienced, the most travelled, the one who knows most about cars, or movies, or history, or sex, or whatever. At all costs we drive ourselves to find something at which we can beat others. At all costs we try to somehow set ourselves apart from and above others. That idea is almost genetically engrained in us now.

And because of that we tend to tend to misjudge others and misjudge our own meaning and purpose. We structure everything too much around achieving and standing out. When we achieve, when we win, when we are better than others at something, our lives seem fuller; our self-image inflates and we feel

confident and worthwhile. Conversely, when we cannot stand out, when we're just another face in the crowd, we struggle to maintain a healthy self-image.

Either way, we are forever struggling with jealousy and dissatisfaction because we cannot help constantly seeing our own lack of talent, beauty, and achievement in relationship to other's successes. And so we both envy and hate those who are talented, beautiful, powerful, rich, and famous, holding them up for adulation even as we secretly wait for their downfall, like the crowd that praises Jesus on Palm Sunday and then screams for his crucifixion just five days later.

This leaves us in an unhappy place: How do we form community with each other when our very talents and achievement are cause for jealousy and resentment, when they're sources of envy and weapons of competition? How do we love each other when our competitive spirits make us see each other as rivals?

Community can only happen when we can let the talents and achievements of others enhance our own lives and we can let our own talents and achievements enhance, rather than threaten, others. But we're generally incapable of this. We're too infected with competitiveness to allow ourselves to not let the achievements and talents of others threaten us and actualize our own talents in a way so as to enhance the lives of others rather than to let ourselves stand out.

Like our culture, we too tend to divide people into winners and losers, admiring and hating the former, looking down on the latter, constantly sizing each other up, rating each other's bodies, hair, intelligence, clothing, talents and

achievements. But, as we do this, we vacillate between feeling depressed and belittled when others outscore us or inflated and pompous when we appear superior to them.

And this becomes ever more difficult to overcome as we become more obsessed with our need to stand out, be special, to sit above, to make a mark for ourselves. We live in a chronic, inchoate jealousy where the talents of others are perennially perceived as a threat to us. This keeps us both anxious and less than faithful to our Christian faith.

Our Christian faith invites us not to compare ourselves with others, to not make efforts to stand out, and to not let ourselves be threatened by and jealous of other's gifts. Our faith invites us to join a circle of life with those who believe that there is no need to stand out or be special, and who believe that other people's gifts are not a threat, but rather something which enriches all lives, our own included.

When we divide people into winners and losers then our talents and gifts become sources of envy and weapons of competition and superiority. This is true not just for individuals but for nations as well.

One of these competitive slogans within our culture tells us: *Show me a good loser and I will show you a loser!* Well, seen in this light, Jesus was a loser. People were shaking their heads at his death, and there was no championship ring on his finger. He didn't look good in the world's eyes. A loser! But, in his underachieving we all achieved salvation. Somewhere there's a lesson there!

*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

### NOARLUNGA

*St Luke, the Evangelist,  
cnr Honeypt 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 (2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> week) 9.00am  
Tuesday (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> week) 9.45am  
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

2<sup>nd</sup>, 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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of little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? How are we to be clothed?" It is the pagans who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.'

## CLUSTER APPOINTMENTS 2017

As most people would already be aware, Fr Charles has been appointed Administrator of the Adelaide Cathedral Parish for a year, beginning Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> February.

In his absence, Fr Tony Telford-Sharp has been appointed Administrator of the Parishes of Noarlunga/Seaford, Willunga and Kangaroo Island. Fr Vinh Tran has been appointed Administrator of Victor Harbor/Goolwa Parishes. Fr Peter Zwaans has been appointed as Assistant to the Parishes of Noarlunga/Seaford, Willunga and Kangaroo Island and support for the Victor Harbor Parish.

We welcome Fr Tony, Fr Vinh and Fr Peter to their new roles and wish them all the best for 2017.

## WORKSHOP ON THE EUCHARIST



Do you have personal issues / questions / problems / wonderings about the Eucharist? Do you feel the need to reflect on your understanding of why we go to Mass?

Our celebration of our weekend Eucharist is meant to be the central focus of our life as Catholics, so we need to constantly deepen our understanding of this mystery, and grow in our appreciation of the Eucharist as the *source and summit* of our Christian life.

Sister Ilsa and Mrs Jenny O'Brien from the Office for Worship, will be holding a **Workshop on the Eucharist** for interested parishioners from the Fleurieu Cluster of Parishes, on Saturday, 18 March from 9.30am to 12.00noon at Galilee Community Hall, Aldinga. Please note this worthwhile opportunity in your diaries and let Sr Margaret Ann (0488 287 552) know if you are able to attend.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Solomon was the son of King David and ruled after him in around 1000BC. Solomon had the reputation for great wisdom. He reigned over Israel for forty years, expanding its boundaries and consolidating its power. His empire included trade routes linking Africa, Asia, Arabia and Asia Minor, thus generating great wealth. It was Solomon who built the first great Temple in Jerusalem.
- A cubit is the first recorded unit of length and was one of the many different standards of measurement used throughout history. It was originally based on a measurement of one's forearm length.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(27 February - 5 March)

- **Monday, 20:** Weekday, Ord Time 8 (Sirach 17:24-19; Mk 10:17-27)
- **Tuesday 21:** Weekday, Ord Time 8 (Sirach 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31)
- **Wednesday 22:** Ash Wednesday (Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20- 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)
- **Thursday 23:** Thurs after Ash Wed (Deut 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25)
- **Friday 24:** Fri after Ash Wed (Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15)
- **Saturday 25:** Sat after Ash Wed (Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32)
- **Sunday 26:** First Sunday of Lent (Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11)