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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Mrs Annette Roestenburg (8553 8281; rostie2@bigpond.com) (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
- PARNDANA: Uniting Church, Cook Street
 4th Sunday - 4pm
- PENNESHAW: St Columba's Anglican Church, Cnr North Terrace and Fourth Street Saturday before 4th Sunday - 7pm

SPONSORSHIP

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

CHILD PROTECTION UNIT

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FIRST READING

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living.

To be - for this he created all; the

world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will praise you, Lord for you have rescued me.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

You always have the most of everything - of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection - so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was; he was rich, but he became poor for your own sake, to

make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves; it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel.

GOSPEL

Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick.

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JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Dorothy 'Mardi' Atkinson, William 'Bill' Bauer, Shirley Black, Doris Bosanko, Norma 'Aileen' Cartel, Tony Cairney, William Christopher, Mary Alice Grace, Benjamin Hayes, Henry Hughes, Sarah Hughes, Fr. P. P. Kelly, Alan Lashmar, Ann McAnnally, James McAnnally, Lillian Murphy, Dean Page, Ruth Perkins, Molly Polly, Edna Rayson, Mary - Douglas Rosentreter, Henry Tabor, Michael Wilcox, Alice Willson, Brian Willson and all the faithful departed

Prayers for the sick

Please pray for Nari Clifford, Clarence Cook, Phil Connell, Manning Depold, Thea Depold, Pam Elliott, Tony Fisher, Veronica Farnden, Sue and Charles Gorman, Val Lockett, Leigh and Phillip McDonald, Kate Palmer, Jack Pitcher, Anne Redden, Bill Roestenburg, John Smith, Greg Turner, Karen Williams, Ken Willson,

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

PARISH NOTICES –28/06/2015

- **1.** Thank you to everyone who helped with the liturgy today
- 2. Next Sunday there will be Mass with Fr Charles
- **3.** Guild Meeting on Monday 29th June at 9.30am

Fr Peter Milburn's Golden Jubilee

Will be held at John XX111 Catholic Church 50 Reservoir Rd Hope Valley 5090

On Sunday 12th July
Mass at 12 noon
Followed by a BBQ Lunch
Everyone is welcome

RSVP - Grace Healey 82647590 By 29th June (for catering)

PRAYER AT HOME

Use today's Gospel acclamation for your prayer:

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel.



A PRIMAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE EUCHARIST

Christian de Cherge, the Trappist Abbott who was martyred in Algeria in 1996, tells this story of his first communion. He grew up in a Roman Catholic family in France and on the day of his first communion he said to his mother: "I don't understand what I'm doing." She answered simply: "It's okay, you don't have to understand it now, later you will understand."

Jesus, no doubt, must have given his disciples the exact same advice at the Last Supper, at their first communion. When he offered them bread and said, "This is my body", and then offered them wine and said, "This is my blood", they would not have understood. There would have been considerable confusion and bewilderment: How are we supposed to understand this? What does it mean to eat someone's body and drink someone's blood? I suspect that in the face of their nonunderstanding, like Christian de Cherge's mother, Jesus would have also said: You don't have to understand it now, later you will understand.

Indeed in instituting the Eucharist at Last Supper, Jesus didn't ask his disciples to understand what they were doing, he only asked them to faithfully celebrate it until he returned. Their understanding of what they were doing in celebrating the Eucharist only developed as they grew in their faith. But initially, Jesus didn't ask for much of an understanding, nor did he give them much of an explanation for what he was celebrating with them. He simply asked them to eat his body and drink his blood.

Jesus didn't give a theological discourse on the Eucharist at the Last Supper. He simply gave us a ritual and asked us to celebrate it regularly, irrespective of our

Ron Rolheiser column

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intellectual understanding of it. One of his more-explicit explanations of the meaning of the Eucharist was his symbolic action of washing his disciples' feet.

Little has changed. We too aren't asked to fully or even adequately understand the Eucharist. Our faith only asks that we are faithful in participating in it. In fact, as is the case for all deep mysteries, there is no satisfactory, rational explanation of the Eucharist. Nobody, not a single theologian in the world, can to anyone's intellectual satisfaction, adequately lay out the phenomenology, psychology, or even spirituality of eating someone else's body and drinking his blood. How is this to be understood? The mind comes up short. We need instead to rely upon metaphors and icons and an inchoate, intuitive understanding. We can truly know this mystery, even as we can't fully understand it.

During my seminary and academic training, I took three major courses on the Eucharist. After all those lectures and books on the Eucharist I concluded that I didn't understand the Eucharist and that I was happy enough with that because what those courses did teach me was how important it is that I celebrate and participate in the Eucharist. For all the intellectuality in those courses, their true value was that they ultimately said to me what Christian de Cherge's mother said to him on the day of his first communion: You don't have to understand now, later you will understand. Contained in that, of course, is the fact that there is something profound here that is worth understanding, but that it's too deep to be fully grasped right now.

Perhaps this can be helpful in our search for what to say to some of our own children and young people who no longer go to church and who tell us that the reason they don't go is that they don't find the Eucharist meaningful. We hear that lament all the time today: Why should I go to church, it doesn't mean anything to me?" That objection is simply another way of saying what young Christian de Cherge said to his mother at his first communion: I don't understand this. Perhaps our answer then could be along the lines of the response of his mother: You don't have to understand now, later you will understand.

The British theologian, Ronald Knox, speaking about the Eucharist, submits this: We have never, he claims, as Christians, been truly faithful to Jesus, no matter our denomination. In the end, none of us have truly followed those teachings which most characterize Jesus: We haven't turned the other cheek. We haven't forgiven our enemies. We haven't purified our thoughts. We haven't seen God in the poor. We haven't kept our hearts pure and free from the things of this world. But we have, he submits, been faithful in one very important way; we have kept the Eucharist going. The last thing Jesus asked us to do before he died was to keep celebrating the Eucharist. And that we've done, despite the fact that we have never really grasped rationally what in fact we are doing. But we've been faithful in doing it because we grasped the wisdom in what Christian de Cherge's mother to her son: You don't have to understand this; you just have to do it.

You can read, or download, Ron Rolheiser's weekly columns from his website at: <u>www.ronrolheiser.com</u>

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 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 8.00am
Wednesday 7.00am
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) Saturday before 4th Sunday 7.00pm

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 (Continued from page 1)

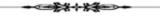
Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I shall be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and vet you say. "Who touched me?" But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.'

While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James.

So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand

he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'Little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.



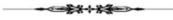
EVANGELII GAUDIUM

Nor is peace "simply the absence of warfare, based on a precarious balance of power; it is fashioned by efforts directed day after day towards the establishment of the ordered universe willed by God, with a more perfect justice among men" In the end, a peace which is not the result of integral development will be doomed; it will always spawn new conflicts and various forms of violence.

Para 219 from Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

WORDS OF WISDOM

God didn't promise days without pain, laughter without sorrow, or sun without rain, but He did promise strength for the day, comfort for the tears, and light for the way. If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(29 June - 5 July)

- *Monday, 29:* Sts Peter and Paul (Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19)
- *Tuesday, 30:* Weekday, Ordinary Time 13 (Gen 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27)
- *Wednesday, 1:* Weekday, Ordinary Time 13 (Gen 21:5, 8-20; Mt 8:28-34)
- *Thursday, 2:* Weekday, Ordinary Time 13 (Gen 22:1-19; Mt 9:1-8)
- *Friday, 3:* St Thomas (Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29)
- *Saturday, 4:* Weekday, Ordinary Time 13 (Gen 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17)
- *Sunday, 5:* 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Ezek 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6)