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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Mrs Annette Roestenburg
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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/Todd Sts
Sunday - 9.30am
- PARNDANA: Uniting Church,
Cook Street
2nd and 4th Sunday - 3.00pm
- 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

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

LOVE GOD
LOVE PEOPLE
DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT

FIRST READING

Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the
sons of Israel this:

"You must not molest the stranger or
oppress him, for you lived as
strangers in the land of Egypt. You
must not be harsh with the widow, or
with the orphan; if you are harsh
with them, they will surely cry out to
me, and be sure I shall hear their cry;
my anger will flare and I shall kill
you with the sword, your own wives
will be widows, your own children
orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my
people, to any poor man among you,
you must not play the usurer with
him: you must not demand interest
from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a
pledge, you must give it back to him
before sunset. It is all the covering
he has; it is the cloak he wraps his
body in; what else would he sleep
in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for
I am full of pity."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51

I love you, Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived
when we were with you, which was
for your instruction, and you were led
to become imitators of us, and of the
Lord; and it was with the joy of the
Holy Spirit that you took to the
gospel, in spite of the great
opposition all round you. This has
made you the great example to all
believers in Macedonia and Achaia
since it was from you that the word
of the Lord started to spread – and
not only throughout Macedonia and
Achaia, for the news of your faith in
God has spread everywhere. We do
not need to tell other people about it:
other people tell us how we started
the work among you, how you broke
with idolatry when you were
converted to God and became
servants of the real, living God; and
how you are now waiting for Jesus,
his Son, whom he raised from the
dead, to come from heaven to save us
from the retribution which is coming.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we
will come to them. Alleluia!*

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Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Murray Brook, Leo Clark, William Commerford, Trish Dennes, Clifford Dow, Leo Dunn, James Gibbs, Mary Alice Gibbs, Rosie Grace, Harry Hughes, Thomas Hughes, Kath Hutton, Licci Longzaer, Philis Lorimer, John Lowry, Winifred Lydon, Mary Morrissey, Noel Perkins, Harry Rich, Alf Rombout, Betty Walsh, Bernard Williams, Ethel Willson, Joan Wilson and all the faithful departed

Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for Pat Barrett, Annemeike Berden, Marj and Jimmy Browne, Denice Carter, Lloyd & Aileen Dodson & family, Jenny Fechner, Diane Florenance, Charles & Sue Gorman, John Lavers, Elijah & Magenta Laundry and family, Ben Martin, Janice Mills, Dianne McCarthy, Philip McDonald, Peter Murray, Max Moss, Darren Morris, Deidre Morrison, Mick Muller, Jill Oldfield, Jack Pitcher, Margaret Rich, Anthony Roestenburg, Bill Roestenburg, Darren Smith, John Smith, Peter Smith, Linda Tippet, Greg Turner, Patrick Walsh and Rob Wilkinson.

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

PARISH NOTICES –29/10/17

1. Thank you to Fr Josy for saying Mass today.
2. Next Sunday there will be Mass with Fr George Nader and friends
3. Confession is available every Sunday in Kingscote at 30 minutes before Mass.
4. Catholic Mission Appeal, please make your donation in the envelopes provided.

7. The Parish is led by a Priest with a Pastoral team.

These small teams may involve lay leaders, religious and deacons. They may take on a variety of roles such as coordinator of the community, manager of the parish, finance officer, youth worker, pastoral associate and pastoral director.

There will be a need to plan for the teams of the future, identifying, supporting and providing learning experiences for lay leaders. Our parish will need to nurture the vocations of those called to both lay and ordained ministry

The pastoral team, along with the whole parish will show the values of openness and transparency. It is essential that the pastoral team will be visibly collegial, and contribute to building up authentic communion in the parish.

“ What do you see is most important for our parish at this time?

“ Have a conversation with someone and share your thoughts.

INVITATION FROM UNITING CHURCH

On Sunday 5th November the uniting Church is celebrating 110 years since the laying of its foundation stone.

We are inviting your members to come and worship with us at 10-30am on that day, followed by a pooled BBQ lunch afterwards. You are welcome to just come to the share lunch if you wish. Please bring a salad or sweet to share, meat will be provided.

We hope you can join us to praise God for what he has done in the past, present and in the future.

If you have any queries please contact

Louise Davis 041862231 or Joan Cooper 0434145101

RSVP by 29th October



Ron Rolheiser column

Ronald Rolheiser, a Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is president of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas. He is a community-builder, lecturer and writer. His books are popular throughout the English-speaking world and his weekly column is carried by more than sixty newspapers worldwide.

KATHLEEN DOWLING SINGH, RIP

No community should botch its deaths. That's a wise statement from Mircea Eliade and apropos in the face of the death two weeks ago of Kathleen Dowling Singh. Kathleen was a hospice worker, a psychotherapist, and a very deep and influential spiritual writer.

She is known and deeply respected among those who write and teach in the area of spirituality on the strength of three major books: *The Grace in Living*; *The Grace in Aging*, and *The Grace in Dying*. Interestingly, she worked backwards in writing this trilogy, beginning with dying, moving on to aging, and finally offering a reflection on living. And she did this because her grounding insights were taken from her experience as a hospice worker, attending to terminally ill patients. From what she learned from being with and observing the dying taught her a lot about what it means to age and, ultimately, what it means of live. Her books try to highlight the deep grace that's inherent in each of these stages in our lives: living, aging, dying.

I want to highlight here particularly the insights from her initial book, *The Grace in Dying*. Outside of scripture and some classical mystics, I have not found as deep a spiritual understanding of what God and nature intend in the process we go through in dying, particularly as is seen in someone who dies from old age or a terminal illness.

Singh encapsulates her thesis in one poignant line: *The process of death is exquisitely calibrated to bring us into the realm of spirit*. There's a wisdom in the death process. Here's how it works:

During our whole lives our self-consciousness radically limits our

awareness, effectively closing off from our awareness much of the realm of spirit. But that's not how we were born. As a baby, we are wonderfully open and aware, except, lacking self-consciousness, an ego, we aren't aware of what we are aware. A baby is luminous, but a baby can't think. In order to think it needs to form an ego, become self-aware, and, according to Singh, the formation of that ego, the condition for self-awareness, is predicated on each of us making four massive mental contractions, each of which closes off some of our awareness of the world of spirit.

We form our egos this way: First, early on in a baby's life, it makes a *distinction between what is self and what is other*. That's the first major contraction. Soon afterwards, the baby makes a *distinction between living and non-living*; a puppy is alive, a stone is not. Sometime after that, a baby makes a *distinction between mind and body*; a body is solid and physical in a way that the mind is not. Finally, early on too in our lives, we make a *distinction between what we can face inside of ourselves and what's too frightening to face*. We separate our own luminosity and complexity from our conscious awareness, forming what's often called our *shadow*. Each of these movements effectively shuts off whole realms of reality from our awareness. By doing that, Singh says, we create own fear of death.

Now, and this is Singh's pregnant insight, the process of aging and dying effectively breaks down these contractions, breaking them down in reverse order of how we formed them, and, with each breakdown, we are more aware again of a wider realm of reality, particularly the realm of spirit. And this culminates in the last moments or seconds before our death in the experience of

ecstasy, observable in many terminal patients as they die. As the last contraction that formed our ego is broken, spirit breaks through and we break into ecstasy. As a hospice worker, Singh claims to have seen this many times in her patients.

Elizabeth Kubler Ross, in what has now virtually become the canon on how we understand the stages of dying, suggested that someone diagnosed with a terminal disease will go through *five* stages before his or her death: *Denial, Anger, Bargaining, Depression, Acceptance*. Singh would agree with that, except that she would add three more stages: *A fall into darkness that verges on despair; a resignation that dwarfs our initial acceptance, and an in-breaking of ecstasy*. She points out that Jesus went through those exact stages on the cross: a cry of abandonment that sounds like despair, the handing over of his spirit, and the ecstasy that was given him in his death

Singh's insight is a very consoling one. The process of dying will do for us what a deep life of prayer and selflessness was meant to do for us, namely, break our selfishness and open us to the realm of spirit. God will get us, one way or the other.

We've lost a great woman and a great spiritual writer. Her children, writing on Facebook after her death, said simply that their mother would want us all to know that "she was an ordinary person dying an ordinary death." But the spiritual legacy she left us is far from ordinary.

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, 3rd Sundays 11am (Spanish Mass)
2nd Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)
Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm
Monday 9.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Tuesday 1st week 9.00am and 9.45am
(later Mass followed by Tuesday Chats)
Wednesday 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

2nd, 4th Sunday 3.00pm

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

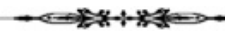
St Joseph, 12 St Judes Street
1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 8.30am
2nd, 4th Sundays 10.30am
Wednesday 9.00am
Thursday 9.00am
Friday 9.00am

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GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'



DID YOU KNOW?

- The commandment which Jesus quotes first is part of a famous Jewish declaration of faith known as the Shema from Deut 6:4. 'Hear O Israel, the Lord, our God, is one ...' This text is written out and placed inside small boxes called mezuzah which are placed on the door posts of Jewish homes. Each time a person passes through the door, they touch the mezuzah, thus making this declaration of faith several times a day.
- The second commandment quoted comes from Leviticus 19:18. Both statements are part of the Jewish Law.
- The term 'the Law and the prophets' implies the whole teaching of Judaism. The Books of the Law, known as the Torah, are the first five books of the Bible, often called the Pentateuch.

EXPLORING THE WORD

This is the final public encounter between Jesus and his enemies in Matthew's Gospel. They are seeking to expose his lack of professional knowledge of the Scriptures or to trap him into giving more weight to one of the Ten Commandments, which are viewed as equally important. Jesus cuts the ground

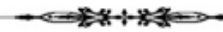
from under them. No-one could argue with his answer!

But if the dual command of love was present in the Jewish Law, what new thing did Jesus bring? His originality places love of God and love of neighbour together. It is not possible to love God and despise people. God and the human situation are intimately interwoven. This is shown most perfectly in the person of Jesus himself—Son of Man and Son of God; fully human and fully divine. Followers of Jesus must also embody the dual commandment of love.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

St Paul describes what love is like in a beautiful passage in his first letter to the Corinthians:

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous. Love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins, but delights in the truth. It is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, to endure whatever comes.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(30 October - 5 November)

- **Monday, 30:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 30 (Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17)
- **Tuesday, 31:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 30 (Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21)
- **Wednesday, 1:** ALL SAINTS (Apoc 7:2-4, 9-14; 1Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12)
- **Thursday, 2:** Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) (From Masses for the Dead)
- **Friday, 3:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 30 (Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6)
- **Saturday, 4:** St Charles Borromeo (Rom 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29; Lk 14:1, 7-11)
- **Sunday 5:** 31st Sunday Ordinary Time (Malachi 1:14 - 2:2, 8-10; 1 Thess 2:7-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12)

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.
Contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).