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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
- **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)
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visiting Priests.

CHILD PROTECTION UNIT

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*This great nation is a wise
and discerning people!*

Deu 4:6

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*The just will live in the presence
of the Lord.*

SECOND READING

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Father gave us birth by his
message of truth, that we might be as
the first fruits of his creation.*

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AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Banner, Joyce Bowbridge, Steven Browne, Terence Browne, David Buick, Irene Darcy, Don Christie, John Commerford, David Cooper, Allan Forst, Paul Glynn Jr, Henry Hughes, Annemie Huys, Mary Kildea, Daniel Lydon, Dot May, John Mertens, Rebecca Murch, Lorna Murphy, Winifred O'Daly, Joseph Ryan, Chris Slattery, Kathy Slotegraaf, Florence Tabor, Bracken Walker, Bill Willson, Owen Willson and all the faithful departed.

Prayers for the sick

Please pray for Fay Boxall, Cath Cantlon, Clarence Cook, Thea & Manning Depold, Thea Depold, Pam Elliott, Tony Fisher, Veronica Farnden, Sue and Charles Gorman, Scott McCreary, Leigh and Phillip McDonald, Kate Palmer, Jack Pitcher, Anne Redden, Bill Roestenburg, John Smith, Greg Turner, Karen Williams, Ken Willson, Margaret & Harry Rich

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

PARISH NOTICES –30/08/2015

- 1. Thank you to Fr Frank for celebrating Mass with us today
- 2. **Next Sunday** there will be Mass with Fr Tony

Important dates for the Sacramental preparation for Dallas Clark, Regan Clark, Liam Hardy and Shakira Tremaine

First Reconciliation

3.15pm Sunday 27th September, 2015, at Parndana

Confirmation and First Holy Communion

9.30am Sunday 25th October, 2015,

at the Kingscote Catholic Church.

There will be a shared brunch after church at the Parish house, so please join the children and their families in the celebration.

Please pray for Dallas, Regan, Shakira and Liam as step by step they move towards completing their initiation in the Catholic faith community.

Notes from PPC Meeting 23/8/15

1. National Child Protection Week will be celebrated on Sunday 13th Sept. We look forward to sharing this special day with children and families and to acknowledge the importance of creating a safe and supportive environment where children and young people can be free from harm

2. Catholic Charities flyers are available now. Please support this appeal

3. Social Justice Sunday 27th Sept. Australian Bishops ask us to re-examine our response to Refugees and Asylum seekers. The parish will order 20 Social Justice Statements "For Those Who've Come Across the Seas". The will be available for purchase at \$1-00 each

4. Regional Gathering at Seaford 13th Sept 1-30 to 4pm.

Fr Charles would love as many as possible to attend. Contact Peter Clark if you are interested. Transport can be organized for you



HUMAN NATURE – IS IT SOMEHOW ALL WRONG?

An American humorist was once asked what he loved most in life. This was his reply: *I love women best; whiskey next; my neighbor a little; and God hardly at all!*

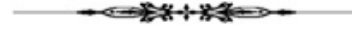
This flashed in my mind recently when, while giving a lecture, a woman asked this question: Why did God build us in one way and then almost all of the time expect us to act in a way contrary to our instincts? I knew what she meant. Our natural instincts and spontaneous desires generally seem at odds with that towards which they are supposedly directed, namely, God and eternal life. A religious perspective, it would seem, calls us to reverse the order described by that American humorist, that is, we're to love God first, our neighbor just as deeply, and then accord to the human pleasures we are so naturally drawn to a very subordinate role. But that's not what happens most of the time. Generally we are drawn, and drawn very powerfully, towards the things of this earth: other people, pleasure, beautiful objects, sex, money, comfort. These seemingly have a more-powerful grip on us than do the things of faith and religion.

Doesn't this then put our natural feelings at odds with how God intended us to feel and act? Why are we, seemingly, built in one way and then called to live in another way?

The question is a good one and, unfortunately, is often answered in a manner that merely deepens the quandary. Often we are simply told that we shouldn't feel this way, that not putting God and religious things first in our feelings is a religious and moral fault, as if our natural wiring was somehow all wrong and we were responsible for its flaw. But that answer is both simplistic and harmful, it misunderstands God's design, lays a guilt-trip on us, and has us feeling bipolar vis-à-vis our

Ron Rolheiser column

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natural make-up and the demands of faith.

How do we reconcile the seeming incongruity between our natural make-up and God's intent for us?

We need to understand human instinct and human desire at a deeper level. We might begin with St. Augustine's memorable phrase: *You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.* When we analyze our natural makeup, natural instincts, and natural desires more deeply, we see that all of these ultimately are drawing us beyond the more-immediate things and pleasures with which they appear to be obsessed. They are drawing us, persistently and unceasingly, towards God.

Karl Rahner, in trying to explain this, makes a distinction between what we desire *explicitly* and what we desire *implicitly*. Our instincts and natural desires draw us towards various explicit things: love for another person, friendship with someone, a piece of art or music, a vacation, a movie, a good meal, a sexual encounter, an achievement that brings us honor, a sporting event, and countless other things that, on the surface at least, would seem to have nothing to do with God and are seemingly drawing our attention away from God. But, as Rahner shows, and as is evident in our experience, in every one of those explicit desires there is present, implicitly, beneath the desire and as the deepest part of that desire, the longing for and pursuit of something deeper. Ultimately we are longing for the depth that grounds every person and object, God. To cite one of Rahner's more graphic examples, a man obsessed with sexual desire who seeks out a prostitute is, implicitly, seeking the bread of life, irrespective of his crass surface intent.

God didn't make a mistake in designing human desire. God's intent is written into very DNA of desire. Ultimately our make-up directs us towards God, no matter how obsessive, earthy, lustful, and pagan a given desire might appear on a given day. Human nature is not at odds with the call of faith, not at all.

Moreover, those powerful instincts within our nature, which can seem so selfish and amoral at times, have their own moral intelligence and purpose, they protect us, make us reach out for what keeps us alive, and, not least, ensure that the human race keeps perpetuating itself. Finally, God also put those earthy instincts in us to pressure us to enjoy life and taste its pleasures – while God, like a loving old grandparent watching her children at play, remains happy just to see her children's delight in the moment, knowing that there will be time enough ahead when pain and frustration will force those desires to focus on some deeper things.

When we analyze more deeply God's design for human nature and understand ourselves more deeply within that design, we realize that, at a level deeper than spontaneous feeling, and at a level deeper than the wisecracks we make about ourselves, we in fact do love God best; love our neighbor quite a bit; and, very happily, love whiskey and the pleasures of life quite a bit as well.

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

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)*
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

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

NOTES ON THE TEXT

The problem highlighted in today's Gospel is not really the rule - but the use to which the rule is put: a person is judged by how well they conform to the rule rather than on the type of person they are. A simple and very sensible rule becomes a point of conflict between Jesus and the Pharisees.

The Pharisees were a group of Jews

who held that observance of the Law was paramount. They believed that following its rules and tenets faithfully made a person righteous - that is, at rights with God. They had discerned that Jesus was a holy man but were perplexed by the fact that he did not apply the Law rigorously to Himself and to His disciples.

Their question about why Jesus and his disciples do not observe the practice of washing their hands is, therefore, fairly straightforward. It is, in fact, Jesus who puts the cat among the pigeons by calling them hypocrites and quoting Isaiah's condemnation of those who honour God only with lip-service - seeming to denounce them and their religious practices.

Jesus had an uncanny knack of seeing through people. It may be that he knew this group of people - and knew that, although they seemed to be righteous Jews what went on in their hearts was completely different.

*Catherine McElhinney
and Kathryn Turner*

LAUDATO SI': ON THE CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME

"Be aware that synthetic pesticides and herbicides will hurt birds and insects that are helpful for agriculture." (Par 34) Pope Francis' Encyclical

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(31 August - 6 September)

- **Monday, 31:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Thess 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30)
- **Tuesday, 1:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Thess 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37)
- **Wednesday, 2:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44)
- **Thursday, 3:** St Gregory the Great (Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11)
- **Friday, 4:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39)
- **Saturday, 5:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:5)
- **Sunday, 6:** 23rd Sunday in Ord Time (Is 35:4-7; Jnames 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37)