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*(All items for the newsletter must be
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MASS CENTRES

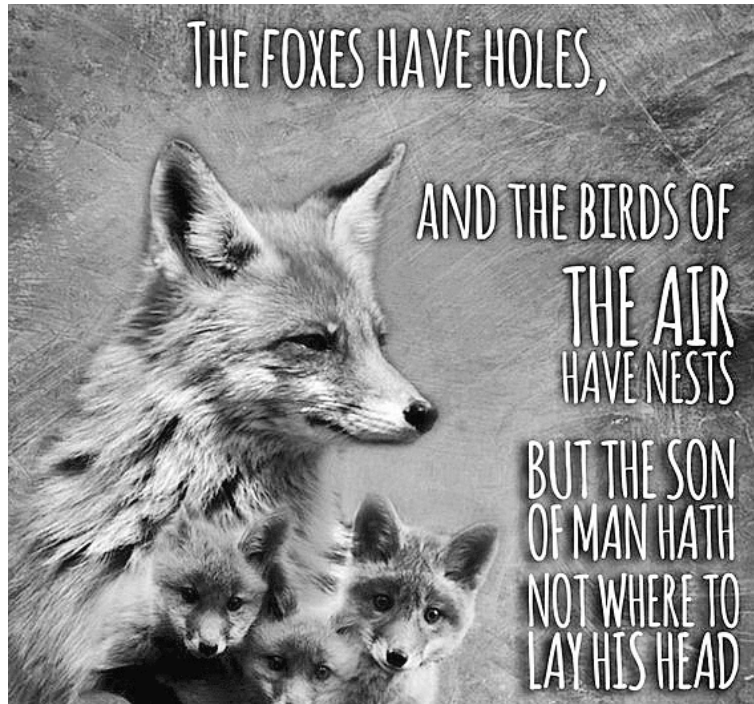
- KINGSCOTE: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Cnr Giles/Todd Sts Sunday - 9.30am
- PARNDANA: Uniting Church, Cook Street 2nd Sunday - 2.30pm
- PENNESHAW: St Columba's Anglican Church, Cnr North Terrace and Fourth Street 1st Sunday - 2.00pm

SPONSORSHIP

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

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159



FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:16,19-21

The Lord said to Elijah, 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.'

Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

SECOND READING

Galatians 5:1, 13-18

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful,

or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: *Love your neighbour as yourself.* If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Sam 3:9, Jn 6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 9:51-62

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely

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Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish

PARISH NOTICES

Next week: Mass. 9:30 AM Kingscote

All parishioners are invited to attend a shared lunch today at the home of Cathy and Gary Howson (6 Cordes Rd. Kingscote). Please bring food to share and your own drinks. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Priest Roster:

Not available at this time

Mass Roster:

Today:	Next week: 7th July
Readers: M Slagter C Pahl.	N Clark S Semler.
Gifts: Clark family.	Wales family.
Sp. Ministers: A Clark S Semler.	H Mumford A Gibbs.
Cleaning / Coffee: C Berden.	A Clark.

Please pray for those who have died...

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Bill Berden, Mary Bradley, Peter Bradley, Baby Burden, Henry Carslake, Bob Clare, Charles Darcy, Mary Alice Grace, Timothy Hamm, Lorraine Holohan, Brian Kildea, Mildred Lashmar, Anthony Lonzar, Peter Lonzar, Dorothy McMahon, John Reynolds, Vikki Reynolds, Fiona Smith, Ann Wallace, Sr. Pauline Wallace, John Williams, Heather Willmott, Ross Wohling and all the faithful departed

And for those who are sick.....

Charles Gorman, Maureen Dunn, Fr. Pat O'Keefe, Dalton Baynes, Jimmy Brown.

May all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ through our actions and His healing presence.

Please contact Peter Clark or use the sheet on the table at the back of the Church to have names entered. For privacy reasons permission is required before names are submitted for entry in this bulletin.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday 2019

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday falls this year on Sunday July 7 2019 and is a significant celebration in our Church's calendar. Whilst providing us with an opportunity to acknowledge our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters, the celebration also signifies that we are united as one in God's love and care. There will be a leaving collection after mass on that day. (NATSICC appeal).

Are You Looking Backward or Ploughing Forward?

I like visiting the beautiful Darling Downs when I'm on my way to Brisbane. I pass rows and rows of corn when I'm driving. As the season progresses, I watch spring's green sprouts turn into summer's tall stalks. It's a miracle. But it also depends on farmers who know how to plough.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus compares discipleship to ploughing. Christians are like farmers. They bring new life into the world because they plough forward with their faith – something you can't do if you're always looking back to the past.

Should you ignore your past? No.

I have a friend who made a lot of mistakes in life. He wanted to become more Christian but found it difficult. Why? He never learned from his mistakes or apologized to the people he hurt. As a result, he could never plough forward. By ignoring the past, he actually became stuck in it.

Following Christ doesn't mean forgetting past mistakes and moving ahead. That doesn't work. You can't move forward in life with Jesus until you learn from mistakes and reconcile broken relationships.

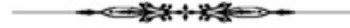
Deal with your past mistakes and shortcomings. It will help you set a hand to the plough, move forward, and bring new life into the world.

What past shortcomings or broken relationships hold you back? How has your past made you a better disciple?



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.



THE LOSS OF HEAVEN AND THE FEAR OF HELL

Growing up as a Roman Catholic, like the rest of my generation, I was taught a prayer called, The Act of Contrition. Every Catholic back then had to memorize it and say it during or after going to confession. The prayer started this way: *Oh, my God, I am truly sorry for having offended thee and I detest all of my sins because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell. ...*

To dread the loss of heaven and fear the pains of hell can seem like one and the same thing. They're not. There's a huge moral distance between dreading the loss of heaven and fearing the pains of hell. The prayer wisely separates them. Fear of hell is based upon a fear of punishment, dreading the loss of heaven is based upon a fear of not being a good, loving person. There's a huge difference between living in fear of punishment and living in fear of not being a good person. We're more mature, humanly and as Christians, when we're more worried about not being loving enough than when we're fearful that we will be punished for doing something wrong.

Growing up in the 1950s and 1960s, I breathed in the spirituality and catechesis of the Roman Catholicism of the time. In the Catholic ethos then (and this was essentially the same for Protestants and Evangelicals) the eschatological emphasis was a lot more about the fear of going to hell than it was about being a loving person. As a Catholic kid, along with my peers, I worried a lot about not committing a mortal sin, that is, doing something out of selfishness or weakness that, if unconfessed before I died, would send me to hell for all eternity. My fear was that I might go to hell rather than that I might not be a very loving person who would miss out on love and community. *And so I worried about not being bad rather than about being good.* I worried that I would do something that was mortally sinful, that would send me to hell; but I didn't worry as much about having a heart big enough to love as

God loves. I didn't worry as much about forgiving others, about letting go of hurts, about loving those who are different from me, about being judgmental, or about being so tribal, racist, sexist, nationalistic, or narrow in my religious views that I would be uncomfortable sitting down with certain others at the God's banquet table.

The heavenly table is open to all who are willing to sit down with all. That's a line from a John Shea poem and it spells out succinctly, I believe, a non-negotiable condition for going to heaven, namely, the willingness and capacity to love everyone and to sit down with everyone. It's non-negotiable for this reason: How can we be at the heavenly table with everyone if for some reason of pride, wound, temperament, bitterness, bigotry, politics, nationalism, color, race, religion, or history, we aren't open to sit down with everyone?

Jesus teaches this too, just in a different way. After giving us the *Lord's Prayer* which ends with the words, "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us", he adds this: "If you forgive others when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, your Father will not forgive you." Why can't God forgive us if we don't forgive others? Has God arbitrarily singled out this one condition as his pet criterion for going to heaven? No.

We cannot sit at the heavenly banquet table if we are still selective as to whom we can sit down with. If, in the next life, like here in this life, we are selective as to whom we love and embrace, then heaven would be the same as earth, with factions, bitterness, grudges, hurt, and every kind of racism, sexism, nationalism, and religious fundamentalism keeping us all in our separate silos. We can only sit at the heavenly banquet when our hearts are wide enough to embrace everyone else at the table. Heaven demands a heart open to universal embrace.

And so, as I get older, approach the end of my life, and accept that I will soon face my Maker, I worry less and less about going to hell and worry more and more about the bitterness, anger, ingratitude, and non-forgiveness that still remains in me. I worry less about committing a mortal sin and more about whether I'm gracious, respectful, and forgiving towards others. I worry more about the loss of heaven than the pains of hell, that is, I worry that I could end up like the older brother of the prodigal son, standing outside the Father's house, excluded by anger rather than by sin.

Still, I'm grateful for the *Act of Contrition* of my youth. Fear of hell isn't a bad place from which to start.

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 Honeypt Rd and Goldsmith Dve*
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 9.00am
1st Sunday 11am (Spanish Mass)
2nd Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)
Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm
Monday 9.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Wednesday 7.30pm
Thursday 8.15am (St Luke's)
Thursday 9.15am (St John's - term time)
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 Sunday 2.30pm

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 9.00am
1st Friday Benediction following Mass

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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took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me', replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say goodbye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

DID YOU KNOW?

- A very central theme in Luke's writings is that of journey. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus' journey to Jerusalem is the vehicle for his preaching and for the formation of the disciples in what it means to be a follower of Christ.
- Luke's second volume is The Acts of the Apostles. In this book, the journey continues with the message of Jesus being taken by the church outward from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth.
- There existed an ancient rivalry between the Samaritans and the Jews, which caused each group to be suspicious of the other. The area of Samaria lay between Galilee in the north and Judea in the south.

EXPLORING THE WORD

This gospel text marks a turning point in Luke's story of Jesus. He has made a momentous decision. When he is rejected by the very first village he approaches, the disciples want to punish them. But Jesus refuses violence and coercion as a means of conversion. He wants willing disciples!

The following three brief exchanges outline what is needed for discipleship: it won't necessarily be comfortable; there is a sense of urgency, and it requires single-mindedness and sometimes difficult choices. Comfort or family relationships cannot take priority over the kingdom of God, and once one becomes a follower of Christ, there can be no turning back. This gospel is not only about Jesus; it is about all those who seek to follow the road God has laid out for them.

- *One of the characters in this text says, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' What made you embark on this journey? Has the road been difficult?*
- *What are the things you have had to turn your back on to continue on this journey? Are there still hurdles to overcome?*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(01 - 07 July)

- **Monday, 1:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 13 (Gen 18:16-33; Mt 8:18-22)
- **Tuesday, 2:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 13 (Gen 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27)
- **Wednesday, 3:** St Thomas (Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29)
- **Thursday, 4:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 13 (Gen 22:1-19; Mt 9:1-8)
- **Friday, 5:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 13 (Gen 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-7, 62-67; Mt 9:9-13)
- **Saturday, 6:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 13 (Gen 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17)
- **Sunday 30:** FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Is 66:10-14; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20)

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.
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