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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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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
4th Sunday - Youth Mass - 6.00pm
- **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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"Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying:

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

'So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you.

Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed.

'I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people.

They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will sing of your salvation.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

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, and to endure whatever comes.

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JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Eunice Airton, Eileen Bateman, Dorothy Brook, Monica Buick, May Cairney, Dominic Cash, Marlene Cummins, Jim Dodgson, Lucy Edwards, Colin Fahey, Margaret Flemming, Ralph Florance, Catherine Glynn, Alec Goodwin, Edward Hughes, Ida Jackson, Christina James, Jack Kindellan, Ettie McDonald, Irene Northcott, Ottaviano Orsi, Marj Phillips, Una Reynolds, George Rowen. Ann Smith, Sheila Tabor, Lorraine Laher Storfer, Mary Weatherstone,... And all the faithful departed.

Prayers for the sick

Please pray for Sam Baynes, Helen Berden, Cath Cantlon, Clarence Cook, Joelle Davidson, Thea & Manning Depold, Don Duffy, Pam Elliott, Tony Fisher, Veronica Farnden, Sue and Charles Gorman, Scott McCreary, Leigh and Phillip McDonald, Kate Palmer, Jack Pitcher, Anne Redden, Bill Roestenburg, Tim Ruge, John Smith, Greg Turner, Karen Williams, Margaret & Harry Rich, Simon Slagter, Nicki and Craig Hoar, Noel Grace,

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

MAKING CONNECTIONS

This week reach out to someone who has experienced rejection. Offer solace to someone in need of healing.

PARISH NOTICES –31/01/16

1. Thank you to Fr J for saying Mass today for us
2. Next week there will be Mass with Fr Tony.
3. **10th Feb** - Ash Wednesday - No Mass on this day, Ashes will be distributed at Mass on 14th Feb, when Fr Charles will be here
4. **14th Feb** - Grant and Kerry Harvey will be receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and 1st Communion. There will be a shared meal in the Parish House after Mass to celebrate.
5. **14th Feb** - Liturgy Group Meeting re music for Mass and Easter arrangements.
6. **28th Feb** - Parish Pastoral Council extended meeting with a shared lunch.

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This year, again, I am knitting beanies for the homeless in Adelaide. These will be distributed by St Vinnies' via Fred's Van. If you are a knitter I would appreciate a beanie from you, or if you have any odd balls or part balls of 8ply wool I would appreciate them for me to knit up.

I know these beanies are always needed. I will deliver them in about 3rd week of March.

Any questions just see me after church on Sundays.

Thank you
Annette

PRAYER

Use an adaption of the Collect this week:

Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honour you with all our mind, and love everyone with truth of heart



Ron Rolheiser column

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THE KISS OF GOD ON THE SOUL

What is the real root of human loneliness? A flaw within our makeup? Inadequacy and sin? Or, does Augustine's famous line, *You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you*, say it all?

Augustine's adage, for all its merit, is not quite enough. We are infinite souls inside finite lives and that alone should be enough to explain our incessant and insatiable aching; except there is something else, that is, our souls enter the world bearing the brand of eternity and this gives all of our aching a particularized coloring.

There are various explanations of this: For example, Bernard Lonergan, the much-esteemed theologian and philosopher, suggests that human soul does not come into the world as a *tabula rasa*, a pure, clean sheet of paper onto which anything can be written. Rather, for him, *we are born with the brand of the first principles indelibly stamped inside our souls*. What does he mean by this?

Classical theology and philosophy name four things that they call transcendental, meaning that they are somehow true of everything that exists, namely, *oneness, truth, goodness, and beauty*. Everything that exists somehow bears these four qualities. However these qualities are perfect only inside of God. God, alone, is perfect oneness, perfect truth, perfect goodness, and perfect beauty. However, for Lonergan, God brands these four things, in their perfection, into the core of the human soul.

Hence we come into the world already knowing, however dimly, perfect oneness, perfect truth, perfect goodness, and perfect beauty because they already lie inside us

like an inerasable brand. Thus we can tell right from wrong because we already know perfect truth and goodness in the core of our souls, just as we also instinctively recognize love and beauty because we already know them in a perfect way, however darkly, inside ourselves. In this life, we don't learn truth, we recognize it; we don't learn love, we recognize it; and we don't learn what is good, we recognize it. We recognize these because we already possess them in the core of our souls.

Some mystics gave this a mythical expression: The taught that the human soul comes from God and that the last thing that God does before putting a soul into the body is to kiss the soul. The soul then goes through life always dimly remembering that kiss, a kiss of perfect love, and the soul measures all of life's loves and kisses against that primordial perfect kiss.

The ancient Greek Stoics taught something similar. They taught that souls pre-existed inside of God and that God, before putting a soul into a body, would blot out the memory of its pre-existence. But the soul would then be always unconsciously drawn towards God because, having come from God, the soul would always dimly remember its real home, God, and ache to return there.

In one rather interesting version of this notion, they taught that God put the soul into the body only when the baby was already fully formed in its mother's womb. Immediately after putting the soul into the body, God would seal off the memory of its pre-existence by physically shutting the baby's lips against its ever speaking of its pre-existence. That's why we have a little cleft under our noses, just above center of our lips. It's where God's finger sealed our lips.

That is why whenever we are struggling to remember something, our index finger instinctually rises to that cleft under our nose. We are trying to retrieve a primordial memory.

Perhaps a metaphor might be helpful here: We commonly speak of things as "ringing true" or "ringing false". But only bells ring. Is there a bell inside us that somehow rings in a certain way when things are true and in another when they are false? In essence, yes! We nurse an unconscious memory of once having known love, goodness, and beauty perfectly. Hence things will ring true or false, depending upon whether or not they are measuring up to the love, goodness, and beauty that already reside in a perfect form at the core of our souls.

And that core, that center, that place in our souls where we have been branded with the first principles and where we unconsciously remember the kiss of God before we were born, is the real seat of that congenital ache inside us which, in this life, can never be fully assuaged. We bear the dark memory, as Henri Nouwen says, of once having been caressed by hands far gentler than we ever meet in this life.

Our souls dimly remember once having known perfect love and perfect beauty. But, in this life, we never quite encounter that perfection, even as we forever ache for someone or something to meet us at that depth. This creates in us a moral loneliness, a longing for what we term a *soulmate*, namely, a longing for someone who can genuinely recognize, share, and respect what's deepest in us.

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
4th Sunday (Youth Mass) 6.00pm

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 9.00am
Wednesday 7.00am, 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

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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Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
The Lord sent me to bring Good
News to the poor and freedom to
prisoners.*

GOSPEL

Luke 4:21-30

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue: 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside." And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

**MISERICORDIAE VULTUS –
THE FACE OF MERCY**

Pope Francis officially began the Jubilee Year of Mercy on December 8, 2015. It also was the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception and coincided with the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council. In par 4 of the Bull of Indiction (a letter to the Church, explaining the rationale for the special, year-long celebration), he explained why he chose this date:

"The Church feels a great need to keep this event alive...The walls which too long had made the Church a kind of fortress were torn down and the time had come to proclaim the Gospel in a new way...We recall the poignant words of St John XXIII when, opening the Council, he indicated the path to follow: 'Now the Bride of Christ wishes to use the medicine of mercy rather than taking up the arms of severity...'" (Par 4)

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(1 - 7 February)

- **Monday, 1:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (Sam 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20)
- **Tuesday, 2:** The Presentation of the Lord (Mal 3:1-4; Lk 2:22-40)
- **Wednesday, 3:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (2 Sam 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6)
- **Thursday, 4:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (1 Kg 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13)
- **Friday, 5:** St Agatha (Sirach 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29)
- **Saturday, 6:** St Paul Miki and companions (1 Kg 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34)
- **Sunday, 7:** 5th Sunday, Ordinary Time (Is 6:1-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11)