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received no later than Wednesday
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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

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FIRST READING

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated

their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 66:2-3,5-6,8

*O God, let all the nations
praise you!*

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south

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MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Bill Berden, Mary Bradley, Peter Bradley, Baby Burden, Henry Carslake, Bob Clare, Charles Darcy, Timothy Hamm, Lorraine Holohan, Brian Kildea, Mildred Lashmar, Anthony Lonzar, Peter Lonzar, Dorothy McMahon, John Reynolds, Vikki Reynolds, Ann Wallace, Sr. Pauline Wallace, John Williams, Heather Willmott 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, Fr Peter Dunn, Pam Elliott, Kathleen Feaver, Betty Florance, Veronica Farnden, Sue and Charles Gorman, Narelle Kosmina, Scott McCreary, Leigh and Phillip McDonald, Kate Palmer, Jack Pitcher, Anne Redden, Bill Roostenburg, 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

Try to stand up for someone this week who may be in need of a defender. Take on the role of an advocate.

Alternatively, you could try to bring the gift of peace to someone whose heart is troubled or afraid.

PARISH NOTICES –01/05/16

1. Thank you to Fr Tony for saying Mass for us today.
2. Next week there will be Mass with Mon Rice.
3. Pentecost is on 15th May. All denominations are invited to the Anglican Church at 11am for a service, To be followed by a pooled lunch at 12-30.

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PRAYER

Use today's Prayer after communion this week:

*Almighty and ever living God,
Who restores us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ,
Increase in us we pray, the fruits of the paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food.*

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

In the gospels, Jesus promises many times to send the Holy Spirit to be a guide and a help to his followers after his ascension.

What do you think the role of the Holy Spirit is in the life of the Church today and in your own life?



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.

MARKING AN ANNIVERSARY

What we cease to celebrate we will soon cease to cherish. This year, 2016, marks the 200th anniversary of the founding of the religious congregation to which I belong, *The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate*. We have a proud history, 200 years now, of ministering to the poor around the world. This merits celebrating.

As a writer, I don't normally highlight the fact that I am a professed religious, just as I don't usually highlight the fact that I'm a Roman Catholic priest, because I fear that labels such as "Catholic priest", "Father", or "Oblate of Mary Immaculate" attached to an author's name serve more to limit his readership than to increase it. Jesus, too, was pretty negative on religious labels. Mostly though I avoid writing under a specific religious label because I want to speak more through the wider prism of my humanity and my baptism than through the more specific prism of my priesthood and vowed religious commitment. It's a choice I've made, respecting the choice of others.

With that being said, I want to break my own rules here and speak more specifically through the prism of my identity as vowed religious. So I write this particular column as *Father Ronald Rolheiser OMI*, proud member of *The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate*.

Let me begin with a little history: Our Congregation was founded in Southern France in 1816 by Eugene de Mazenod, declared a saint by the church in 1995. Eugene was a diocesan priest who immediately upon entering the ministry saw that the Gospel wasn't reaching many of the poor and so he began to focus his own ministry very much on reaching out to the poor. It takes a village to

raise and child and, soon enough, he realized that it takes more than one person to bring about effective change. It takes a community to make compassion effective: What we dream alone remains a dream, what we dream with others can become a reality. So he sought-out other like-minded men, diocesan priests like himself, and called them together around this mission and eventually they began to live together and formed a new religious congregation dedicated to serving the poor.

That was 200 years ago and the Oblates (as we're commonly called) have had a proud, if not always comfortable, history since. Today we are ministering in 68 countries on every continent on earth and our mission is still the same. We serve the poor. That's why you'll find us ministering mainly on the margins of society, where mainstream society prefers not to cast its glance, on the borders with migrants, on Native reservations, in immigrant areas of our cities, in tough inner-city places where the police are reluctant to go, and in developing countries where access to food, health, and education are still scarce commodities. Our mission is not to the privileged, though we try to bring them inside with our mission, and our members themselves are often drawn from among the poor and our message to the young men entering our ranks is: *If you join us, consider what's not in it for you!*

And we're missionaries, meaning that we understand our task to be that of establishing communities and churches, helping them to become self-sufficient, and then moving on to do this over and over again. That may be a noble task, but it's also a formula for heartache. It isn't easy on the heart to be forever building something only to give it over to someone else and move on. You

don't ever get to have a permanent home; but there's a compensation, as a missionary, after a while every place is home.

We aren't a large congregation, we're only about 4000 members scattered in some 68 countries, humble in comparison to the likes of the Jesuits, Franciscans, and Dominicans. Indeed in an early version of the famous French *Larousse* Dictionary, we were described as "a kind of mini-Jesuit found mostly in rural areas." We are flattered by this description. Our call is not to be in the limelight, but to be at the edges. No accident that it's there, at the edges, in a rural area, where I met the Oblates.

We also pride ourselves on being robust, practical, earthy, and close to those we serve, and our dress often betrays this. Our families and close friends are forever buying us clothing to try to upgrade our less-than-stellar wardrobes. It's not that we deliberately cultivate an image of being somewhat unkempt; it's more that we tend to draw men to our ranks who have other priorities.

And our founder? He wasn't an easy man, obsessed as he was, as sometimes saints are, by a single-mindedness that doesn't easily tolerate weaknesses among those around him. He could exhibit blessed rage sometimes. I'm secretly glad that I never met him in person, fearing his judgment on my own weaknesses; but I'm wonderfully glad for his charism and for that motley group of men, often over-casually dressed, who continue his mission.

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 (2nd, 4th, 5th week) 9.00am
Tuesday (1st, 3rd week) 9.45am
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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three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

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!

GOSPEL

John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.’

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

This portion of John's Gospel comes near the end of the first of four

chapters that make up Jesus' long farewell discourse at the Last Supper. This section of chapter 14 actually sums up the themes of the opening of the discourse: the Christian's life is not shaped by Jesus' absence but by God's abiding presence; God's presence overcomes anxiety about God's absence; and the present holds in it the seeds of a fresh future shaped by love, not fear.

These verses also contain a glimpse of some of the other themes of the farewell discourse: Jesus' relationship with the Father and the disciples' relationship to Jesus connect the disciples to the Father as well. Jesus promises to send an Advocate or intercessor who will remind the disciples of everything that Jesus taught them and bring them peace.

Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries.

As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(2 - 8 May)

- Mon, 2: St Athanasius (Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 -16:4)
- Tue, 3: Sts Philip and James (1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14)
- Wed, 4: Wednesday - 6th week of Easter (Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:1; Jn 16:12-15)
- Thur, 5: Thursday - 6th week of Easter (Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20)
- Fri, 6: Friday - 6th week of Easter (Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23)
- Sat, 7: Saturday - 6th week of Easter (Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28)
- Sun, 8: The Ascension of the Lord (Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53)