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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

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-9

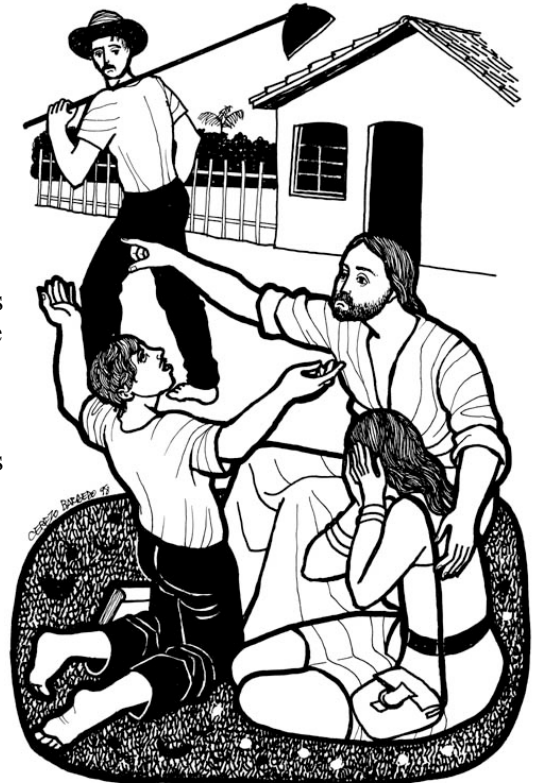
*Remember your mercies,
O Lord.*

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, So that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave



him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10:27

*Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but

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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 Marj and Jimmy Browne, Denice Carter, Diane Florenance, Charles & Sue Gorman, John Lavers, Elijah & Magenta Laundry and family, Ben Martin, Janice Mills, Philip McDonald, Peter Murray, Darren Morris, Mick Muller Jill Oldfield, Margaret Rich, Bill Roestenburg, Peter Smith, Linda Tippett, Greg Turner, Patrick Walsh and Rob Wilkinson.

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



PARISH NOTICES –01/10/17

1. Thank you to Fr Peter for saying Mass today.
2. Next Sunday Fr Josy will say Mass.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Mercy House of Welcome

Ali and Mohammad are young Hazara men who came to Australia as asylum seekers in 2013.

They are ambitious, energetic, bright and keen to study and make a new life for themselves in Australia.

The Mercy House of Welcome in Kilburn with the help of Catholic Charities has helped them both to realise their dreams, funding advanced English language classes through Tafe; Helping Ali to study photography and Mohammad to undertake the NAATI interpreter's course; and assisting them to apply for University of Adelaide scholarships.

They are now both studying at Thebarton Community College. However, until they receive their visas they cannot officially graduate.

Both young men are invaluable volunteers at MHW often helping with interpreting and assisting other members of their community.

Don't want to go to Church

A mother went to wake her son for church one Sunday morning. When she knocked on his door, he said, 'I'm not going!'

'Why not?' asked his mother.

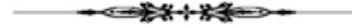
'I'll give you two good reasons,' he said. 'One, they don't like me and Two, I don't like them.'

His mother replied, 'I'll give you two reasons why YOU WILL go to church. One you're 47 years old. Two you're the pastor!'



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.



A PRAYER FOR STILLNESS

Be still and know that I am God. Scripture assures us that if we are still we will come to know God, but arriving at stillness is easier said than done. As Blaise Pascal once stated, "All the miseries of the human person come from the fact that no one can sit still for one hour." Achieving stillness seems beyond us and this leaves us with a certain dilemma, we need stillness to find God, but we need God's help to find stillness. With this in mind, I offer a prayer for stillness.

God of stillness and of quiet ...

- *Still the restlessness of my youth: still that hunger that would have me be everywhere, that hunger to be connected to everyone, that wants to see and taste all that is, that robs me of peace on a Friday night. Quiet those grandiose dreams that want me to stand out, to be special. Give me the grace to live more contentedly inside my own skin.*
- *Still the fever I inhale from all the energy that surrounds me, that makes my life feel small. Let me know that my own life is enough, that I need not make an assertion of myself, even as the whole world beckons this of me from a million electronic screens. Give me the grace to sit at peace inside my own life.*
- *Still my sexuality, order my promiscuous desires, my lusts, my polymorphous aching, my relentless need for more intimacy. Quiet and order my earthy desires without taking them away. Give me the grace to see others without a selfish sexual color.*
- *Still my anxiety, my heartaches, my worries, and stop me from always being outside the present moment. Let each day's worries be sufficient*

onto themselves. Give me the grace to know that you have pronounced my name in love, that my name written in heaven, that I am free to live without anxiety.

- *Still my unrelenting need to be busy all the time, to occupy myself, to be always planning for tomorrow, to fill every minute with some activity, to seek distraction rather than quiet. Give me themes with age. Soothe the unacknowledged anger I feel from not achieving much of what I've wanted in life, the failure that I feel in the face of all that I've left untried and unfinished. Still in me the bitterness that comes from failure. Save me from the jealousy that comes unbidden as I begrudgingly accept the limits of my life. Give me the grace to accept what circumstance and failure have dealt me.*
- *Still in me the fear of my own shadow, the fear I feel in the face of the powerful, dark forces that unconsciously threaten me. Give me the courage to face my darkness as well as my luminosity. Give me the grace to not be fearful before my own complexity.*
- *Still in me the congenital fear that I'm unloved, that I'm unlovable, that love has to be earned, that I need to be more worthy. Silence in me the nagging suspicion that I'm forever missing out, that I'm odd, an outsider, that things are unfair, and that I'm not being respected and recognized for who I am. Give me the grace to know that I'm a beloved child of a God whose love need not be earned.*
- *Still in me my false fear of you, my propensity for a misguided piety, my need to treat you like a distant and feared dignitary rather than as a warm friend. Give me the grace*

to relate to you in a robust way, as a trusted friend with whom I can jest, wrestle, and relate to in humor and intimacy.

- *Still my unforgiving thoughts, the grudges I nurse from my past, from the betrayals I've suffered, from the negativity and abuses I've been subject to. Quiet in me the guilt I carry from my own betrayals. Still in me all that's wounded, unresolved, bitter, and unforgiving. Give the quiet that comes from forgiveness.*
- *Still in me my doubts, my anxieties about your existence, about your concern, and about your fidelity. Calm inside me the compulsion to leave a mark, to plant a tree, to have a child, to write a book, to create some form of immortality for myself. Give me the grace to trust, even in darkness and doubt, that you will give me immortality.*
- *Still my heart so that I may know that you are God, that I may know that you create and sustain my every breath, that you breathe the whole universe into existence every second, that everyone, myself no less than everyone else, is your beloved, that you want our lives to flourish, that you desire our happiness, that nothing falls outside your love and care, and that everything and everybody is safe in your gentle, caring hands, in this world and the next.*

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

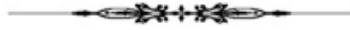
St Joan of Arc, 30 Seaview Road
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 11.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Thursday 9.00am
Friday (other than 1st) 9.00am
1st Friday 11.30am

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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did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'



DID YOU KNOW?

- The 'chief priests and elders' are the leaders of the Jewish religious community. They were the ones with training and were learned in the Scriptures. They should have known and recognised what is from God but they are like the son who says 'yes' and fails to carry out God's will.
- Prostitutes and tax collectors are often bracketed together because both were considered 'sinners': prostitutes for their sexual behaviour and tax collectors because they cooperated with the Roman authorities and cheated their own people.

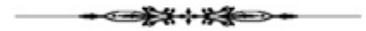
EXPLORING THE WORD

A great deal has happened since last week's gospel reading in the lectionary. Jesus is now in Jerusalem. He has entered the city (Mt 21:1-11) and has taken possession of the Temple, driving out those who corrupt his Father's house (Mt 21:12-17). The crisis point of Jesus' ministry has arrived and he will enter into conflict with the established religious authorities. The point of this text is that it is not the 'conventionally religious', who mouth all the right words and go through the rituals, who will enter the kingdom. Instead it is the ones who, by their actions, carry out God's will and so will become the sons and daughters of God. John the Baptist, like Jesus himself, not only preached righteousness, he lived it.

Jesus describes him as 'a pattern of true righteousness' (Mt 21:32) and it was the broken people, the tax collectors and prostitutes, who accepted what he had to bring. They believed in him, repented and experienced a change of heart and life.

LIVING THE WORD

- Words are one thing but deeds are another. In the long run it is deeds which count more. 'Actions speak louder than words'. More importantly, this little story tells us that change is possible, even after a negative decision. We have the ability to have second thoughts and respond generously; we can decide to do the right thing. At times, it is those who are not expected to do the right thing that surprise us!
- Who are the people in your life who inspire you because of the consistency of their vision and action?
- Sometimes it is the simple people who inspire us the most. How might you emulate their approach? Are there ways you can be an inspiration for others? Are there ways you can publicly witness to saying 'yes' or acting for justice this week?



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(2 - 8 October)

- **Monday, 2:** The Holy Guardian Angles (Ex 23:20-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10)
- **Tuesday, 3:** Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Zech 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56)
- **Wednesday, 4:** St Francis de Paul (Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62)
- **Thursday, 5:** Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Neh 8:1-12; Lk 10:1-12)
- **Friday, 6:** SWeekday, Ord Time 26 (Baruch 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16)
- **Saturday, 7:** Our Lady of the Rosary (Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24)
- **Sunday 8:** 27th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43)

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).