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*(All items for the newsletter must be
received no later than Tuesday
evening.)*

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 - 1.30pm

SPONSORSHIP

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

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159



FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

“My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me.”
‘You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 90:1-2, 10-15

*Be with me, Lord, when I am in
trouble.*

SECOND READING

Romans 10:8-13

Scripture says: The word (that is the faith we proclaim) is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:4

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes
from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!*

GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty

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Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish

PARISH NOTICES

Mass next week: Fr. Josy

Kingscote 9:30 A.M.

Confession available 30 min before mass.

Lenten reflection booklets available for people to take home.

Mass Roster 17th March:

Readers: C Pahl, S Semler.

Gifts: A Gorman, C Howson.

Sp. Ministers: S Semler, A Gibbs.

Cleaning / Coffee: H Mumford.

Please pray for.....

George O'Dolan and Monsignor Denis Edwards

And for those who are sick:

Maureen Dunn.

Mei Kuen Sexton and Elizabeth Schoolbread.

Sue and Charles Gorman, Bill Roestenburg and Lynne Mcardle.

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

Are you interested in Foster Care?

Anglicare SA are presenting foster care information sessions at the Aurora Ozone hotel on Wed 13th of March.

Session times: 2.30-4.30PM & 6.30-8.30PM.

For more information contact Linda on 8313 3456 or visit www.anglicaresa.com.au/foster-care

This year we celebrate Hope, as our Project Compassion theme.

Our readings today take us on a significant wilderness experience. Like the people of Israel, we sometimes find that we are wandering in a world that turns away from the most marginalised and vulnerable to injustice.

The gospel story helps us to see that we share our humanity with Jesus, all human beings, from time to time find themselves struggling to cling on to hope. Jesus is no exception. This story is familiar to all of us- it is read on the first Sunday of Lent each year. What never changes is the sense of Jesus' rising above the struggle and speaking truth to power.

Our story this week of Thandolwayo (pron. "Tan-dol-way-o") in Zimbabwe, depicts a community which has been challenged a number of times and was in danger of losing hope. Twelve-year-old Thandolwayo would walk seven kilometres each day, threatened by crocodiles, to collect contaminated water for her family. It looked like she would never realise her hope of finishing her education and becoming a nurse, until a Caritas Australia-supported project created access to clean water, helping Thandolwayo to stay at school and achieve a future full of hope.

There is also a new feeling of hope and positive change in the village. The plentiful water supply has triggered a series of new ventures. Water is being used to mould bricks for building houses and to pound maize to sell. Plans are underway to establish a community garden and a fish pond, to generate an income to assist with school fees.

Her story reminds us of the words of Pope Francis who said, "The future does have name...and its name is hope".

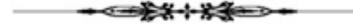
Thandolwayo says, "Hope is important because it makes me work harder so that I achieve what I want to be when I grow up. I want to live a good life in the future."

Project Compassion enables you to bring hope to people here and around the world – and you can share in Thandolwayo's transformation.



Ron Rolheiser column

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UNFINISHED RELATIONSHIPS

A colleague of mine, a clinical therapist, shares this story: A woman came to him in considerable distress. Her husband had recently died of a heart attack. His death had been sudden and at a most inept time. They'd been happily married for thirty years and, during all those years, had never had a major crisis in their relationship. On the day her husband died, they had gotten into an argument about something very insignificant and it had escalated to where they began to hurl some mean and cutting words at each other. At a point, agitated and angry, her husband stomped out of the room, told her he was going shopping, then died of a heart attack before he got to the car. Understandably, the woman was devastated, by the sudden death of her spouse but also by that last exchange. "All these years," she lamented, "we had this loving relationship and then we have this useless argument over nothing and it ends up being our last conversation!"

The therapist led off with something meant partially in humor. He said: "How horrible of him to do that to you! To die just then!" Obviously the man hadn't intended his death, but its timing was in fact awfully unfair to his wife, as it left her holding a guilt that was seemingly permanent with no apparent avenue for resolution.

However, after that opening, the therapist followed by asking her: "If you had your husband back for five minutes what would you say to him?" Without hesitation, she answered: "I'd tell him how much I loved him, how good he was to me for all these years, and how our little moment of anger at the end was a meaningless epi-second that means nothing in terms our love."

The therapist then said: "You're a woman of faith, you believe in the

communion of saints; well, your husband is alive still and present to you now, so why don't you just say all those things to him right now. It's not too late to express that all to him!"

He's right. It's never too late! It's never too late to tell our deceased loved ones how we really feel about them. It's never too late to apologize for the ways we might have hurt them. It's never too late to ask their forgiveness for our negligence in the relationship, and it's never too late to speak the words of appreciation, affirmation, and gratitude that we should have spoken to them while they were alive. As Christians, we have the great consolation of knowing that death isn't final, that it's never too late.

And we desperately need that particular consolation ... and that second chance. No matter who we are, we're always inadequate in our relationships. We can't always be present to our loved ones as we should, we sometimes say things in anger and bitterness that leave deep scars, we betray trust in all kinds of ways, and we mostly lack the maturity and self-confidence to express the affirmation we should be conveying to our loved ones. None of us ever fully measures up. When Karl Rahner says that none of us ever experience the "full symphony" in this life, he isn't just referring to the fact that none of us ever fully realizes her dream, he's also referring to the fact that in all of our most important relationships none of us ever fully measures up.

At the end of the day, all of us lose loved ones in ways similar to how that woman lost her husband, with unfinished business, with bad timing. There are always things that should have been said and weren't

and there are always things that shouldn't have been said and were.

But that's where our Christian faith comes in. We aren't the only ones who come up short. At the moment of Jesus' death, virtually all of his disciples had deserted. The timing here was also very bad. Good Friday was bad long before it was good. But, and this is the point, as Christians, we don't believe there will always be happy endings in this life, nor that we will always be adequate in life. Rather we believe that the fullness of life and happiness will come to us through the redemption of what has gone wrong, not least with what has gone wrong because of our own inadequacies and weakness.

G.K. Chesterton said that Christianity is special because in its belief in the communion of saints, "even the dead get a vote". They get more than a vote. They still get to hear what we're saying to them.

So ... if you've lost a loved one in a situation where there was still something unresolved, where there was still a tension that needed easing, where you should have been more attentive, or where you feel badly because you never adequately expressed the affirmation and affection that you might have, know it's not too late. It can all still be done!

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 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 1.30pm

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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days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you,

and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Numbers are often significant in the Bible. The number forty denotes an extended period. Thus in the story of Noah, rain falls for forty days; the Israelites wandered for forty years in the desert; and both Elijah and Moses fast for forty days before an encounter with God.
- Lent, a time of fasting, prayer and giving for all Christians, also runs

for forty days and is a special time of final preparation for people who will be receiving the sacraments at Easter.

- The temple precinct in Jerusalem was built on a mountain. It comprised the temple itself and several courtyards surrounded by a very high wall. This is the parapet referred to in this text.

EXPLORING THE WORD

Jesus' fast of forty days in the wilderness recalls the stories of Elijah and Moses, and his temptation recalls the severe testing to which the people of Israel were subjected when they too wandered in the desert. Israel was found wanting and succumbed to the temptations, worshipping false gods, but Jesus uses the word of God to defeat the power of evil: 'Man does not live on bread alone'; 'You must worship the Lord your God'. In testing Jesus, Satan is testing God himself and is dismissed from the story with the words 'You must not put the Lord your God to the test'. Jesus has reversed Israel's experience in the desert and become the founder of a new people.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(11 - 17 March)

- **Monday, 11:** Monday, 1st week Lent (Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46)
- **Tuesday, 12:** Tuesday, 1st week Lent (Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15)
- **Wednesday, 13:** Wednesday, 1st week Lent (Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32)
- **Thursday, 14:** Thursday, 1st week Lent (Esther 14:1, 3-5, 12-14; Mt 7:7-12)
- **Friday, 15:** Friday, 1st week Lent (Ezek 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26)
- **Saturday, 16:** Saturday, 1st week Lent (Deut 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48)
- **Sunday, 17:** SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17 - 4:1; Lk 9:28-36)

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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