



Welcome to

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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

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Taking Abram outside, the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in

these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 26: 7-9, 13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17-4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

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Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish

PARISH NOTICES

Mass next week: Mons. Ian Dempsey

Kingscote 9:30 A.M.

Confession available 30 min before mass.

Lenten reflection booklets available for people to take home.

Parish Council meets today after Mass.

Mass Roster 24th March:

Readers: P Clark J Fernandez.

Gifts: Wales family.

Sp. Ministers: G Glynn M Slagter.

Cleaning / Coffee: A Clark.

Easter Liturgy Times:

Holy Thursday: Kingscote Reconciliation 6.30pm

Kingscote Mass of the Last Supper 7.00pm

Good Friday: Penneshaw Stations 9.30pm

Kingscote Passion of our Lord 3.00pm

Holy Saturday: Kingscote Easter Vigil 7.30pm

Easter Sunday: Kingscote 9.30pm

Penneshaw 2.00pm

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.

Today, the second Sunday/Weekend of Lent, is Week 2 of Project Compassion, Caritas Australia's six-week Lenten fundraising appeal.

Our Project Compassion story this week is a story revolving around connection with land and connection with people. Project Compassion invites us to accompany our Indonesian sister Tati, as she sees in her Indigenous Dayak culture and land, a way of living sustainably while maintaining the integrity of her community.

Tati's community depends on the native rainforests for cultural reasons, and for their livelihoods, but these vital habitats that are home to her community and to endangered orangutans, rhinos and tigers are being depleted by logging, the global use of palm oil and climate change. People depend on the forest and river for food and medicine, as well as having a spiritual connection to it. Other villages which have sold their land no longer have a river with clean water or their own land. Without the forest, their village is no longer cool, it's getting much hotter, and they're noticing environmental changes.

Caritas has been working with local communities to create new hope for a better future, by helping teach local people English and long-term, sustainable eco-tourism activities so they don't have to sell their land. The program has been one of transformation for Tati. She can now understand and see the world in a whole new way. For Tati and other people in her community, 'Hope' started with community.

Through listening to the scriptures today and to Tati's story of transformation, this has the power to move us. We can be partners in working for hope for everyone.

Last year, with your help, Project Compassion raised around \$11 million. This amount is testament to your enormous generosity and compassion. Again this year you can make a difference and contribute to hope for the most vulnerable people and their communities, here and around the world. You can make your donation in the collection box or use the donation envelopes on your seat. We can also help you run your own fundraising events.

Committing to something meaningful during Lent is another way



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.



LESSONS THROUGH FAILURE

What's to be learned through failure, through being humbled by our own faults? Generally that's the only way we grow. In being humbled by our own inadequacies we learn those lessons in life that we are deaf to when we are strutting in confidence and pride. There are secrets, says John Updike, which are hidden from health. This lesson is everywhere in scripture and permeates every spirituality in every religion worthy of the name.

Raymond E. Brown, offers an illustration of this from scripture: Reflecting on how at one point in its history, God's chosen people, Israel, betrayed its faith and was consequently humiliated and thrown into a crisis about God's love and concern for them, Brown points out that, long range, this seeming disaster ended up being a positive experience: *"Israel learned more about God in the ashes of the Temple destroyed by the Babylonians than in the elegant period of the Temple under Solomon."*

What does he mean by that? Just prior to being conquered by Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, Israel had just experienced what, to all outside appearances, looked like the high point of her history (politically, socially, and religiously). She was in possession of the promised land, had subdued all her enemies, had a great king ruling over her, and had a magnificent temple in Jerusalem as a place to worship and a center to hold all the people together. However, inside that apparent strength, perhaps because of it, she had become complacent about her faith and increasing lax in being faithful to it. That complacency and laxity led to her downfall. In 587 BCE, she was overrun by a foreign nation who, after taking the land, deported most of the people to Babylon, killed the

king, and knocked the temple down to its last stone. Israel spent the next nearly half-century in exile, without a temple, struggling to reconcile this with her belief that God loved her.

However, in terms of the bigger picture, this turned out to be a positive. The pain of being exiled and the doubts of faith that were triggered by the destruction of her temple were ultimately offset by what she learned through this humiliation and crisis, namely, that God is faithful even when we aren't, that our failures open our eyes to us our own complacency and blindness, and that what looks like success is often its opposite, just as what looks like failure is often its opposite. As Richard Rohr might phrase it, in our failures we have a chance to "fall upward".

There's no better image available, I believe, by which to understand what the church is now undergoing through the humiliation thrust on it through the clerical sexual abuse crisis within Roman Catholicism and within other churches as well. To recast Raymond Brown's insight: *The church can learn more about God in the ashes of the clerical sexual abuse crisis than it did during its elegant periods of grand cathedrals, burgeoning church growth, and unquestioned acquiescence to ecclesial authority.* It can also learn more about itself, its blindness to its own faults, and its need for some structural change and personal conversion. Hopefully, like the Babylonian exile for Israel, this too will be for the churches something that's positive in the end.

Moreover, what's true institutionally for the church (and, not doubt, for other organizations) is also true for each of us in our personal lives. The humiliations that beset us because of our inadequacies, complacencies,

failures, betrayals, and blindness to our own faults can be occasions to "fall upward", to learn in the ashes what we didn't learn in the winner's circle.

Almost without exception, our major successes in life, our grander achievements, and the boost in status and adulation that come with that generally don't deepen us in any way. To paraphrase James Hillman, success usually doesn't bring a shred of depth into our lives. Conversely, if we reflect with courage and honesty on all the things that have brought depth and character into our lives we will have to admit that, in virtually every case, it would be something that has an element of shame to it – a feeling of inadequacy about our own body, some humiliating element in our upbringing, some shameful moral failure in our life, or something in our character about which we feel some shame. These are the things that have given us depth.

Humiliation makes for depth; it drives us into the deeper parts of our soul. Unfortunately, however, that doesn't always make for a positive result. The pain of humiliation makes us deep; but it can make us deep in two ways: in understanding and empathy but also in a bitterness of soul that would have us get even with the world.

But the positive point is this: Like Israel on the shores of Babylon, when our temple is damaged or destroyed, in the ashes of that exile we will have a chance to see some deeper things to which we are normally blind.

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 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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So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

DID YOU KNOW?

- This event is traditionally known as 'the transfiguration'. Although the place is not mentioned in the gospels, this event has, since the fourth century, been associated with Mount Tabor in Galilee.
- The white robes and changed appearance of Jesus represent his glory and divinity, revealed here to the disciples.
- Moses and Elijah are two of the greatest heroes of Israel. They represent the law and the prophets —two of the most important

sections of the Hebrew Bible. Like Jesus, both of them suffered rejection during their lives.

EXPLORING THE WORD

One of the overriding themes of Luke's Gospel is Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Just a few verses on from this text, Jesus 'resolutely took the road for Jerusalem,' and his resolve is foreshadowed here in the conversation he is having with Moses and Elijah as they speak of 'his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem.' Jesus is revealing not only his true identity to his chosen companions but also his destiny: the 'passing over' of his death and resurrection, by which his divinity will be definitively revealed to all. Through that event, all that the law (represented by Moses) and the prophets (represented by Elijah) stood for will be accomplished. Peter misunderstands and thinks that the event on the mountain is the end of the story—he wants to erect tents there. He has not yet grasped the need to continue with the journey to Jerusalem. As a Christian, one cannot simply remain on the mountain in contemplation of divinity; one must also come down from the mountain and take the earthly road of living the faith to its ultimate conclusion.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(18 - 24 March)

- **Monday, 18:** St Patrick (Jer 1:4-9; Acts 13:46-49; Lk 10:1-12)
- **Tuesday, 19:** St Joseph, husband of Mary (2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21)
- **Wednesday, 20:** Wednesday, 2nd week Lent (Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28)
- **Thursday, 21:** Thursday, 2nd week Lent (Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31)
- **Friday, 22:** Friday, 2nd week Lent (Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46)
- **Saturday, 23:** Saturday, 2nd week Lent (Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32)
- **Sunday, 24:** THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (Ex 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9)

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).