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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 - 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

Wisdom 11:22-12:2

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground.

Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent.

Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it.

And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all.

Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or



alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance: he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down.

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Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish

PARISH NOTICES

Next week: Mass Kingscote 9:30 AM

Confession 30 min. before Mass.

Please keep in mind a whole of parish general meeting after mass on 29th January.

An agenda will be prepared soon.

November Priest Roster:

3 Nov Fr Selva, 10 Nov Fr Jack,

17 Nov-1 Dec Fr Kevin Matthews

Mass Roster:

Today:

Readers P Peries P Clark.

Gifts: Mumford family.

Sp. Min. S Semler G Glynn.

Cleaning / Coffee: A Clark.

Next week:

A Gibbs Semler.

Berden family.

H Mumford M Slagter.

A Clark.

Please pray for those who have died.....

Barry Dunn, Katarina Faist

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jim Airton , Francis E Bannan, Vic Banner, Clorice Bates, Toni Berden, Leon Bourke , Imogen Brinkley, Harold Burgess, Donald Chalmers, Tim Clark, Evelyn Drane, John and Dien Hendrix, Carmel Higgins, Agnes Hughes, Margaret Hughes, Peggy Imboden, Andrew Kelly, Thomas Lydon, John McDonald, Colleen Moore, Roger Pahl, Teresa Paniza, Sam Perkins, Roy Rayson, Helen Redden, Patricia Ross, Harold Semler, Marie Slagter, Pat Smith, Graham Turner, Gwen Willson and all the faithful departed.

Please pray for those who are sick.....Sr. Carmel Clarke, Mei Kuen Sexton, Fr Peter Milburn, Toni Langridge, Damian Baynes, Charles Gorman, Maureen Dunn, Dalton Baynes, Roy Gatton,May all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ through our actions and His healing presence.

Please contact Peter Clark or use the sheet on the table at the back of the Church to have names entered. For privacy reasons permission is required before names are submitted for entry in this bulletin.

Archdiocesan Events

For a full listing of events and activities being held across the Archdiocese, please visit:

<http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/parishes-and-mass-times/newsletters-from-archbishop-s-office>

National Prayer Campaign for Drought

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. Access resources and find out more at: <https://www.catholic.org.au/drought>

Closure of Pauline Books & Media Centre - Adelaide

It is with sadness that the Daughters of St Paul announce the final closure of their Hindmarsh Square book centre on October 31 2019. Sisters Marisa and Grace will remain in Adelaide until December to finalise their ministry, but they look forward to serving you from their centres in Sydney and Melbourne where you can ring or email your queries and orders:

Sydney P: 02 9246 8630 or E:

orders@paulinebooks.com.au

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Website www.paulinebooks.com.au

A Good Role Model

In this week's Gospel, Jesus teaches by making Zacchaeus a role model. Religious people were shocked that Jesus would dine with Zacchaeus. But Jesus, unlike them, saw the man's heart and scolded onlookers for judging Zacchaeus.

Zacchaeus can be our role model too. And I bet if you look around, you'll see Christians just like him. I have friends who constantly go out of their way to see Jesus' spirit in people I write off. They remind me of Zacchaeus. I have friends who will quickly admit their wrongs and make things right. They remind me of Zacchaeus. I have friends who have great wealth but focus more on sharing it with the poor than on protecting it for themselves. They remind me of Zacchaeus. I have friends who have been pushed around and belittled. They've never been part of the "in crowd". But they don't act bitter. They focus on living a good life. They remind me of Zacchaeus

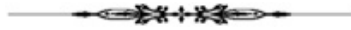
Whom do you know who reminds you of Zacchaeus?

If you have items for this newsletter, please email to paclark@muckra.com.au or text message to 0418 819 078



Ron Rolheiser column

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THE FRUSTRATING STRUGGLE FOR HUMILITY

It's hard to be humble, not because we don't have more than enough deficiencies to merit humility, but rather because there's crafty mechanism inside of us that normally doesn't let us go to the place of humility. Simply put, as we try to be self-effacing, humble, and non-hypocritical, variably we take pride in that and then, feeling smug about it, we become judgmental of others.

Jesus gave us a wonderful parable on this but mostly we miss its lesson. We're all familiar with the parable of the Pharisee and the Publican. Jesus tells the story of two men standing before God in prayer. The first man, a devout Pharisee, is a man who took the pursuit of virtue seriously and he thanks God that he's devout and moral and also thanks God that he's not as amoral as the Publican who is in the temple with him. The second man, a Publican, recognizes (honestly and without any rationalization) that he is amoral, that he is a sinner, and, within that recognition, humbly asks God to forgive him for his weaknesses. We know how Jesus assessed the two men. The Pharisee didn't really pray while the Publican did. Moreover the parable highlights the internal blindness of the Pharisee in a way that's impossible not to see. Everyone hearing this story cannot help but see his lack of humility.

What's challenging however is to examine our own reaction to the story. We instantly see the difference between false pride and genuine humility. We see how arrogant it is for the Pharisee to say: "Thank God, I am not like that man!" But, but then, I would venture to guess that 98% of us hearing that story spontaneously nurse this feeling: "Thank God, I'm not like that Pharisee!" And, in doing that, we are

him! Exactly like him, we're brimming over with our own sense of virtue and, because of that, begin judging others. Our prayer is in fact usually the opposite of the Publican's prayer. We are not praying out of our own sinfulness, but rather praying: "I thank you, God, that I'm not as blind to self and as judgmental as so many other people are!" It's hard to be the Publican. Our very virtue and humility invariably coil back upon themselves and make us proud and judgmental.

What's the answer? How do we break the vicious circle? There's only one way and the Publican shows us that way. How? He prays out of his own sinfulness, for real. He's a sinner and he honestly admits it. For our part, when we speak of ourselves as sinners mostly we don't really mean it! We admit that we have our weaknesses and that sometimes we do sin, but then, like the Pharisee, we're immediately thankful that we don't have the weaknesses and sins of others. Mostly we think this way: "Admittedly, I have my faults, but at least I'm not as ignorant and self-serving as that colleague of mine!" "For all of my shortcomings, I still thank God that I'm not as narcissistic as my boss!" "I may not have much religious faith, but at least I'm not as hypocritical as so many of those church people!" "I may be a bit of a mess, but thank God I don't have Jack's faults!" Pride is forever sneaking around our defenses and keeping genuine humility at bay.

But there's one instance when it can't do that and that is when we are genuinely acknowledging our own sinfulness. When we are truly standing inside of our own sinfulness, like the Publican, then we judge no one – not even our own selves. As a Roman Catholic priest

who has been hearing confessions for some 47 years, I can say without hesitation that people are at their very best when they are honestly confessing their own shortcomings. When we are genuinely standing inside the recognition of our own sin, we judge no one. In that space we never think: "Thank God, I don't have Jack's faults!" We know that our own suffice. Our prayer then becomes honest and, according to Jesus, it's then that it's heard in heaven.

And it's precisely our sinfulness that we must existentially recognize and stand within. Our other weaknesses, our congenital and personal inadequacies, can be helpful in making us humble, but, since we aren't personally or morally responsible for them, recognizing them doesn't do the same thing for us as does recognizing our own sinfulness. We aren't responsible for physical or psychological DNA. We aren't responsible for our ethnicity or color. We aren't responsible for the kind of family, neighborhood, and culture we were raised in. And we aren't responsible for what happened to us in the playpen and on the playground when we were little. Yet all of these deeply impact both our weaknesses and our strengths. But since we aren't responsible for these, ultimately we don't have to be humble about them.

But we do have to be humble about our own sin.

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 2.00pm

SEAFORD

*Seaford Ecumenical Mission,
Grand Bvd*
Sunday 10.45am
Wednesday 9.15am

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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Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

EXPLORING THE WORD

This text should be contrasted with the story of the rich official who is a righteous man that comes just before it (Luke 18:18-23), but that is not included in the Lectionary readings for this year. In that text, Jesus challenges the rich man to sell all he has and to distribute the proceeds to the poor, but the rich man is unable to give up his wealth. Here, Zacchaeus, also a rich man but considered a sinner, spontaneously offers to give half his wealth away and to make generous restitution to those he has cheated. The response to Jesus of these two characters is in stark contrast. In his undignified climbing of the tree, Zacchaeus is prepared to make himself look ridiculous in order to know Jesus. He has humbled himself in the eyes of the crowd just as the tax collector humbled himself in the temple in last week's Gospel. Jesus not only tells parables but lives them in reality. He has searched out the lost, and the encounter leads to conversion and salvation.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The name Zacchaeus means 'pure' but the actions of this wealthy tax collector belied such a name and earned him the title of 'sinner'.
- Jesus addresses Zacchaeus as 'son

of Abraham', a title usually reserved for the holy or pious ones. Jesus is clearly indicating that Zacchaeus is as good as anyone else.

- Jericho lies in the Jordan Valley, just 6 miles north of the Dead Sea, and so has a milder climate than the surrounding barren hills. Herod built a lavish winter palace here.
- The journey of Jesus to Jerusalem is almost complete. Jericho is the last town to be passed through before the steep ascent to Jerusalem.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

Zacchaeus' encounter with Jesus led him to reassess the way he lived in the world and the way he related to those around him. He repented his past wrongs, made restitution and entered into a new way of being. This same journey is the one to which baptism into the church calls all believers.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(04 - 12 November)

- **Monday, 04:** Weekday, Ord Time 31 (Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14)
- **Tuesday, 05:** Weekday, Ord Time 31 (Rom 12:5-16; Lk 14:15-24)
- **Wednesday, 06:** Weekday, Ord Time 31 (Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33)
- **Thursday, 07:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Jn 2:13-22)
- **Friday, 08:** St Leo the Great (Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:-8)
- **Saturday, 09:** St Martin of Tours (Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15)
- **Sunday 10:** 32nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13)

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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Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).