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### **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

Mr Peter Clark (8559 5131,  
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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

### **• PENNESHAW:**

St Columba's Anglican Church,  
Cnr North Terrace and Fourth Street  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday - 3.15pm

## **SPONSORSHIP**

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

## **CHILD PROTECTION**

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159



## **FIRST READING**

**Genesis 12:1-4**

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

*'I will bless those who bless you:  
I will curse those who slight you.  
All the tribes of the earth  
shall bless themselves by you.'*

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22**

*Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.*

## **SECOND READING**

**2 Timothy 1:8-10**

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ

Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Mt 17:5**

*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**

**Matthew 17:1-9**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here,

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# Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish

## PARISH NOTICES

Next week: Mass at Kingscote 9:30 AM  
Confession is available every Sunday 30 minutes before Mass.

The Kingscote Catholic Church will be holding sacramental preparation beginning in April. If you have a child who is ready to make their First Holy Communion or Confirmation, please ring Helen Mumford 0408367009

### **Priest Roster:**

New Roster not yet available.

### **Mass Roster:**

#### **Today:**

Readers: L Grant.  
Gifts: Berden family.  
Sp. Min: M Slagter C Berden.  
Cleaning / Coffee: A Bevan.

#### **Next week:**

P Bennett A Clark.  
Clark family.  
M Slagter C Berden.  
A Bevan.

### **Collections. 1<sup>st</sup> March.**

1<sup>st</sup> (Support of the Priests of the Archdiocese) **\$178.65**  
2<sup>nd</sup> (Upkeep of our parish programs & property) **\$211.90**

**Thank you for your support of our Priests and our Parish property.**

**Please pray for those who have died....** Maureen Dunn, Imelda Hurley

### **FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

Heather Barrett, Joan Marie Berden, Mary Clark, Phillip Deakin, Aalice Ellick, Alfred Gray, Bernadette Hehir, Kenneth Howard, Ron King, Jamie Larcombe, Frank May, Tom Meaney, Allan Moray, Pat Pawelski, Horace Riley, Christopher Riley, Bert Willson And all the faithful departed.

**Please pray for those who are sick.....** Mei Kuen Sexton, Fr Peter Milburn, Toni Langridge, Damian Baynes, Charles Gorman, 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.

If you have items for this newsletter, please email to [paclark@muckra.com.au](mailto:paclark@muckra.com.au) or text message to 0418 819 078

### **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>

### **Gospel Connections:**

#### **A Divine Design**

**Jesus was changed before their eyes.** Have you ever seen a transfiguration? Have you ever seen a simple thing become a holy thing, like bread become sacred flesh? Have you ever seen a plain face become a radiant beauty when seen through the eyes of love? Have you ever seen a timid person become a lion when circumstances required strength beyond fear? Transfiguration is not an isolated incident, a one-time deal in salvation history. Transfigurations happen around us in surprising places, for those who have eyes to see.

Sitting with my driving friend for many weeks, I watched how a weakening body can become a temple of great holiness. The spiritual strength of a failing mortal life was so much stronger than the physical vigour he once displayed. Before his illness, he scaled mountains for pleasure. In his last illness, he ascended to spiritual heights that astonished me with their breathtaking vistas. Once, he saw the view from the peaks of the Sierras and hoped to climb Mount Kilimanjaro. Now, his vision is on higher places, and the things he sees are lovelier than all the earth's delights. This is transfiguration, as surely as what Peter, James and John saw on that fateful day.

*"Don't breathe a word of what you've seen. After the Son of Man is raised from the dead, you are free to talk".*

***When and how have you seen transfigurations in yourself, in others, or in situations around you?***





## Ron Rolheiser column

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### JEAN VANIER – REVISITED

Like many others, I was deeply distressed to learn of the recent revelations concerning Jean Vanier. He was a person whom I much admired and about whom, on numerous occasions, I have written glowingly. So, the news about him shook me deeply. What's to be said about Jean Vanier in the light of these revelations?

First, that what he did was very wrong and deeply harmful, not least to the women he victimized. Without knowing the specifics of what happened (and without wanting to know them) enough is known to know that this was serious abuse of trust. No cloak of justification can be placed around it.

Second, what he did may not be linked to or identified with clerical sexual abuse. Vanier was not a cleric, nor indeed a canonically vowed religious. He was a layman, a public celibate admittedly, but his betrayal of his commitment to celibacy may not be identified with the clerical sexual abuse. He broke the sixth commandment, albeit in a way that merits a harsh judgment, given his public stature and the abuse of a particular kind of sacred trust. However, his breaking of his professed celibacy doesn't put into question the legitimacy and fruitfulness of vowed celibacy itself, any more than a married man being unfaithful to his wife puts into question the legitimacy and fruitfulness of the vocation of marriage.

Third, Vanier's transgressions do not negate the good work of L'Arche nor cast any negative shadow on the dedication and good work of the many women and men who work there and who have worked there. By their fruits you shall know them! Jesus taught that and no one, no one,

can deny or question the good work that L'Arche has done and continues to do in more than thirty countries. L'Arche is a work of God, of grace, of the Holy Spirit. It turns out now that its founder had some flaws. So be it. Jesus is the only founder who had no flaws. Indeed, the good work being done by L'Arche attests too to the fact that Vanier is and was bigger than his sins. Nobody who is essentially duplicitous can leave behind such a grace-filled legacy.

Finally, the disillusionment and anger we feel says as much about us as it says about Jean Vanier. In Luke's Gospel, a young man comes up to Jesus and says to him: "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" (18.18-23) Jesus immediately challenges the way he is being addressed by saying: "Don't call me good! Only God is good." That was our mistake with Jean Vanier, just as it's our mistake with other persons whom we cloak with divinity in an idealization that's supposed to be reserved for God alone. And whenever we do that, and we did it to Jean Vanier, we cannot not ultimately be disappointed and disillusioned. Nobody, except God, does God well, all the rest of us eventually disappoint.

What Jean Vanier did to us was unfair. We cannot not feel betrayed by his betrayal. Conversely, though, what we did to him was also unfair. We asked him to be God for us and that's also not a fair request.

When I was a twenty-one-year-old seminarian, searching for mentors, one of my seminary teachers came back from a Vanier retreat gushing with superlatives as he described Vanier as the "holiest, most-wonderful, most single-minded, spiritual man" he'd ever met. My critical faculties immediately put me on guard: "No one's that good!" So, I deliberately didn't look to Vanier

for mentorship. However, in the fifty years since, I did look to him for mentorship. Though I never met him personally, I read his books, was much influenced by numerous persons who counted him as a formidable influence in their lives (including Henri Nouwen), I wrote a Preface for one of his last books, and wrote a glowing tribute to him for the newspapers when he died. So, I was also enough besotted by him so that now I too felt dismayed and disillusioned when I learned of his moral lapses.

However, disillusionment is curious phenomenon. After the initial shock, you soon enough realize it's a positive thing. It's the dispelling of an illusion, and an illusion is always in the mind of the one who doing the perceiving rather than on the part of the one being perceived. With Jean Vanier, the illusion was on our part, not his. There was, as we now know, a certain falsity in his life – but there was one on our part too.

Yes, the revelations about Jean Vanier shook me deeply, but not to my core because at our core, when we touch it, we know that no one, except God, is good, at least with a goodness that has no imperfections. Once we accept that, we can accept too that nobody's perfect, even a Jean Vanier. At our core we can accept that, despite this betrayal, Jean Vanier did a lot of good and that L'Arche is clearly a graced reality.

*You can read, or download, Ron Rolheiser's weekly columns from his website at: [www.ronrolheiser.com](http://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  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 11am (Spanish Mass)  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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*  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays 10.30am  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 8.30am  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday  
11.50am Adoration, 12.00 noon Mass

**PENNESHAW**

*St Columba, North Terrace  
(shared with Anglicans)*  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 3.15pm

**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  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday Benediction following Mass

**WILLUNGA**

*St Joseph, 12 St Judes Street*  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays 8.30am  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 10.30am  
Wednesday 9.00am  
Thursday 9.00am  
Friday 9.00am

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one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'



**EXPLORING THE WORD**

In the later part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus warns his disciples that he must journey to Jerusalem to suffer and die and to rise again. He begins his journey towards his fate, but that journey is interrupted by this wondrous moment where he is revealed as the glorious Messiah, the beloved Son of God.

In the language of this text, there are echoes of the Jewish expectation of the Messiah coming in glory at the end of time. Through the appearance of Moses and Elijah in this scene, Matthew links Jesus intimately with Jewish expectation. The law, represented by Moses, established a covenant with the chosen people, and it was the role of the prophets, represented by Elijah, to constantly remind the people of their covenant obligations. Both the law and the prophets looked forward to God's final intervention in human history, and here, Jesus is presented as that intervention. The disciples want to capture this moment and freeze it in time by building shrines, but Jesus is adamant that the journey must continue to its final outcome, which will confirm God's action in human history. It is not until Christ has been raised that the truth of this vision will be known.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- This event is known as 'the transfiguration'.
- Moses was a great figure who represented the law for Israel. Elijah

represented the prophets. Readings from the law and the prophets made up the Scriptures of Israel. Here Matthew shows Jesus in conversation with them; thus Jesus is in harmony with everything revealed in Judaism.

- The voice from heaven here echoes the words that were used at the baptism of Jesus.
- Traditionally, this scene of the transfiguration is associated with Mount Tabor, which rises out of the Plain of Esdraelon.

**"SEASONS OF THE SPIRIT"**

*A three day retreat*

This retreat offers a chance to reflect on how God works through the seasonal movements of 'inner life'. Just as the earth moves through seasons, so too, does the individual spirit. A gently moving retreat offering plenty of opportunity for individual reflection and direction.

Thursday 2 April (commencing with dinner at 6.00pm) - Sunday 5 April, (after 12.30pm lunch) at Sevenhill Centre of Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality, College Road, Sevenhill. For more information contact Loyola Outreach (0411 269 630) or retreat facilitators - Judy (0408 636 994) or Anne (0417 882 345).



**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

*(09 - 15 March)*

- **Monday, 09:** Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> week Lent (Dan 9:4-10; Lk 6:36-38)
- **Tuesday, 10:** Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> week Lent (Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12)
- **Wednesday, 11:** Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> week Lent (Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28)
- **Thursday, 12:** Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> week Lent (Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31)
- **Friday, 13:** Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> week Lent - (Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46)
- **Saturday, 14:** Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> week Lent (Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32)
- **Sunday 15:** THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42)

**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).