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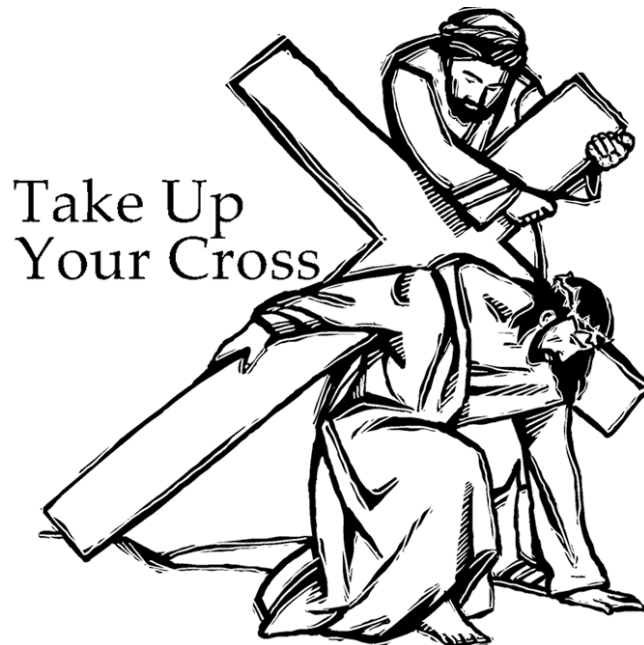
- **KINGSCOTE:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Cnr Giles/Todd Sts Sunday - 9.30am
- **PARNDANA:** Uniting Church, Cook Street 2nd Sunday - 2.30pm
- **PENNESHAW:** St Columba's Anglican Church, Cnr North Terrace and Fourth Street 1st Sunday - 2.00pm

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CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159



FIRST READING

Wisdom 9:13-18

What man can know the intentions
of God?

Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable; for a
perishable body presses down the
soul, and this tent of clay weighs
down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out
what is on earth, laborious to know
what lies within our reach; who,
then, can discover what is in the
heavens?

As for your intention, who could
have learnt it, had you not granted
Wisdom and sent your holy spirit
from above?

Thus have the paths of those on
earth been straightened and men
been taught what pleases you, and
saved, by Wisdom.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17

*In every age, O Lord,
you have been our refuge.*

SECOND READING

Philemon 1:9-10,12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now
and, what is more, still a prisoner of

Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you
for a child of mine, whose father I
became while wearing these chains:
I mean Onesimus. I am sending him
back to you, and with him – I could
say – a part of my own self. I should
have liked to keep him with me; he
could have been a substitute for you,
to help me while I am in the chains
that the Good News has brought me.
However, I did not want to do
anything without your consent; it
would have been forcing your act of
kindness, which should be
spontaneous. I know you have been
deprived of Onesimus for a time, but
it was only so that you could have
him back for ever, not as a slave any
more, but something much better
than a slave, a dear brother;
especially dear to me, but how much
more to you, as a blood-brother as
well as a brother in the Lord. So if
all that we have in common means
anything to you, welcome him as
you would me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.*

Alleluia!

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Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish

PARISH NOTICES

Next week: Mass Kingscote 9:30 AM

Confession available 30 min before Mass

September is Catholic Charities month where the focus is on the charitable and welfare works within the Adelaide Archdiocese with a special collection on one of the Sundays

Pauline Books & Media closing down sale

August & September until sold out almost all stock including books & giftware **30%** discount.

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September Priest Roster:

8 Sept	15 Sept	22 Sep	29 Sep
Fr Sam	Fr M Brennan	Fr Des?	Fr G Nader

Mass Roster:

Today:

Readers: M Slagter C Pahl.

Gifts: Wales family.

Sp. Min. A Clark S Semler..

Cleaning / Coffee: C Berden.

Next week:

N Clark S Semler.

Clark family.

H Mumford A Gibbs.

K Williams.

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

Jimmy Browne, Bernadette Florance.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Frank Berden, Mary Bowery, Terrence Browne, Gwen Caldicott, Audrey Carslake, Peg Dow, Thomas Drane, Christopher Glynn, Loretta Hartley, Catherine Hughes, Patrick Hughes, Pearl Malycha, Elvie Meaney, Dean Larcombe, Julia Martienses, Eileen Morris, Reginald Pahl, Maise Rooney, Vera Shannon, James Smith and all the faithful departed.

. Please pray for those who are sick.....

Fr Peter Milburn, Toni Langridge, Damian Baynes Charles Gorman, Maureen Dunn, Fr. Pat O'Keefe, Dalton Baynes, Roy Gatton, Steven Childs.

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.

Gospel Connections

Did He Say *Hate*?

I had an interesting meeting with a mum when I was a parish youth minister a few years ago. The woman's daughter had spent a lot of time with us at youth-group activities. So Mum wanted to make sure we were all okay.

I tell that story because this Gospel highlights this fact for many young people: Active discipleship can raise questions at home. Some parents get concerned when their teenagers start making friends their parents don't know. Bad church experiences can make it hard for some parents to accept a child's good experiences. Parents who want more family time can get frustrated when a child wants to spend more time at church activities.

So your commitment to Jesus might cause friction at home, but don't misunderstand the Gospel, Jesus says to "*hate*" people, but according to Scripture scholars, he doesn't mean we should feel hatred. He means we should choose God's will over all people and things. And that should make us treat family and friends with more love.

If your faith choices do cause friction at home, here are some tips for responding with love:

Talk and listen

Many parents just want to know what you're up to. Make time to discuss your faith choices with them.

Be patient

Many parents struggle with faith. That can make it hard for them to understand yours.

Value family time

Don't forget that discipleship calls us to serve our families, not just our parishes, youth groups, and the poor.

Seek help

If tension is high at home, find someone to dialogue with who can help you choose a Christian response.

Give them a break

It's tough raising young people – even a Christian one.

When has a faith choice caused friction between you and your parents or friends?

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Ron Rolheiser column

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LATE MIGRATIONS

Jesus says that if we follow him, the cross, pain, will find us.

That message is chronically misunderstood. Maybe we would understand it better if Jesus had worded it this way: The more sensitive you become, the more pain will seep into your life. We catch the connection then. Sensitive person suffer more deeply, just as they also drink in more deeply the joys and beauties of life. Pain enters them more deeply for the same reason that meaning does. They're open to it. The calloused (by definition) are spared of both, deep pain and deep joy.

With this as a backdrop I would like to introduce readers to a new book by Margaret Renkl, *Late Migrations – A Natural History of Love and Loss*.

This book manifests a rare sensitivity. Some people are gifted intellectually, others artistically, others romantically, and still others emotionally. Renkl is gifted with all of these; particularly with an emotional intelligence which she combines with the refined aesthetics of an artist and then further combines those two with the skill of a gifted, natural writer. It makes for a good package. Content is only part of the gift of this book. Beyond its message, it's a great piece of writing and a nice piece of art as well. It's also a book about faith, though Renkl does not express this very explicitly. She writes primarily as a naturalist, an urban Pilgrim at Tinker Creek, someone who admires nature, spends a lot of time with it, understands well its prodigal character and its innate cruelties, and understands too how those cruelties (where, within nature, life can seem cheap and easily taken) are connected to the deepest forces undergirding all life, including our

own. She shares a certain complexity of character with the great paleontologist, mystic, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, who was fond of saying that he was born with two incurable loves, a natural love of the pagan world and all its beauties and an equally strong love for the mystical, the other world, that is, the God behind this world. However, unlike Teilhard who is very explicit about his sense of God and the centrality of faith, Renkl's faith is more inchoate, though clearly manifest in her understanding of nature and in how she intuits the finger of God working inside the stories she shares.

The book is a compilation of short essays, alternating between wonderfully aesthetic descriptions of the life of the birds she feeds and the gardens she tends to equally sensitive descriptions of her own life and that of her family, particularly in terms of loss and grief as inextricably intertwined with love. A few examples:

On our shortcomings in life: "Human beings are creatures made for joy. Against all evidence, we tell ourselves that grief and loneliness and despair are tragedies, unwelcome variations from the pleasure and calm and safety that in the right way of the world would form the firm ground of our being."

On the lessons to be learned from observing nature: "Every day the world is teaching me what I need to know to be in the world."

On how sentimentality makes for a one-sided compassion: "The story of one drowned Syrian boy washed up in the surf keeps us awake at night with grief. The story of four million refugees streaming out of Syria seems more like a math problem."

On nature's beauty and its cruelty: "Inside the nest box, the baby birds

are safe from the hawks, sheltered from the wind, protected from the sharp eye of the crow and the terrible tongue of the red-bellied woodpecker. [But ...] Inside the nest box, the baby birds are powerless, vulnerable to the fury of the pitched summer sun, of the house sparrow's beak. Bounded on all sides by their sheltering home, they are a meal the rat snake eats at its leisure."

On taking care of our aging loved ones until they die: "The end of caregiving is freedom. The end of caregiving is [also] grief."

On responding to a woman who insinuated that she, Renkl, was a coward because she much feared the loss of loved ones: "It occurred to me to wonder if she had ever, even once, loved anyone enough to fear the possibility of loss, but that thought was as ugly as her own, and in any case she was not wrong."

Richard Rohr suggests that we are forever dealing with the twin truths of great suffering and great love. During the course of this book, Renkl shares how her mother, a woman who could in certain areas of her life exhibit extraordinary energy and zest, would sometimes suffer through periods of paralyzing depression and how she herself is not immune to that same experience. There's a logic to that since, as Jesus says, sensitive persons drink in things very deeply, both suffering and love and the former can paralyze you in grief, even as the latter can give you extraordinary energy and zest.

This book deserves to be read.

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 9.00am

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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GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

SHARING THE TRADITION

'In the same way, unless you give up all your possessions you cannot be my disciple.' Perhaps these words of Jesus are best understood as a readiness to renounce worldly wealth if that becomes a hindrance to following his way. It implies the need for an attitude of detachment from the things of this world. There is a strong tradition of complete renunciation of personal belongings among those taking special vows to religious life within the Church, but each believer is invited to ponder the meaning of Christ's words and our response to them.

The Church teaches that Earth and its riches belong to all people. No-one has an intrinsic right to more of

Earth's goods than another. At the same time, to guarantee personal freedom and dignity and to provide for their needs, each person has a right to private property. We must manage the inherent tension between meeting our own material needs and the needs of all other people on Earth. Our attitude to our own property must be governed by moderation, concern for justice and a sense of solidarity with those who have less.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The use of the term 'hate' in today's text should not be taken to mean hatred as such, but rather should be understood as pointing to things which may hinder the single-mindedness needed to take up the call to discipleship.
- The Greek word *ekklesia*, used for the Church, means being called out from or apart from others. This understanding is suggested by Jesus' words in this text.
- A recurrent theme in Luke's Gospel is that obsessive attachment to money or material wealth is a hindrance to a full and complete relationship with God. It distracts people from what is really important in life.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(09 - 13 September)

- **Monday, 09:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (Col 1:24-2:3; Lk 6:6-11)
- **Tuesday, 10:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 t (Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19)
- **Wednesday, 11:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26)
- **Thursday, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38)
- **Friday, 13:** St John Chrysostom (1 Tim 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42)
- **Saturday, 14:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Num 21:4-9; Jn 3:13-17)
- **Sunday 15:** 24th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32)

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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