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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:

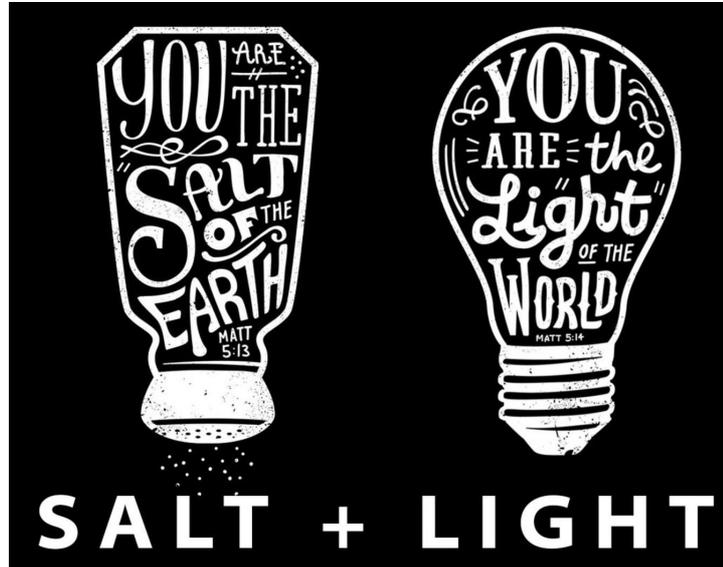
St Columba's Anglican Church,
Cnr North Terrace and Fourth Street
1st Sunday - 3.15pm

SPONSORSHIP

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

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159



FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:7-10

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor; clothe
the man you see to be naked and turn
not from your own kin. Then your
light will shine like the dawn and
your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you and
the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer; call,
and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke, the
clenched fist, the wicked word, if
you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed, your
light will rise in the darkness, and
your shadows become like noon.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 111:4-9

*A light rises in the darkness for the
upright.*

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers, it was
not with any show of oratory or
philosophy, but simply to tell you
what God had guaranteed. During
my stay with you, the only
knowledge I claimed to have was
about Jesus, and only about him as
the crucified Christ. Far from relying

on any power of my own, I came
among you in great 'fear and
trembling' and in my speeches and
the sermons that I gave, there were
none of the arguments that belong to
philosophy; only a demonstration of
the power of the Spirit. And I did
this so that your faith should not
depend on human philosophy but on
the power of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the light of the world, says the
Lord; the man who follows me will
have the light of life.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples, 'You are
the salt of the earth. But if salt
becomes tasteless, what can make it
salty again? It is good for nothing,
and can only be thrown out to be
trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A
city built on a hill-top cannot be
hidden. No one lights a lamp to put
it under a tub; they put it on the
lamp-stand where it shines for
everyone in the house. In the same
way your light must shine in the
sight of men, so that, seeing your

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PARISH NOTICES

Next week: Mass Kingscote 9:30 AM

Confession is available every Sunday 30 minutes before Mass.

Today we welcome Bishop Eugene Hurley of Darwin. Bishop Hurley, who is a former Priest and Bishop of the Port Pirie diocese will be residing here for the next few weeks. Please make him welcome.

Priest Roster:

Feb 8th – Mar 22nd Bishop Eugene Hurley

Mass Roster:

Today:

Readers: P Wales M Glynn.

Gifts: Brinkley family.

Sp. Min: C Berden J Berden.

Cleaning / Coffee: C Berden.

Next week:

W Bennett C Pahl.

Wales family.

A Clark S Semler.

C Berden.

Collections. 2nd Feb.

1st (Support of the Priests of the Archdiocese) **\$162.90**

2nd (Upkeep of our parish programs & property) **\$143.50**

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

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Heather Barrett, Joan Marie Berden, Mary Clark, Phillip Deakin, Allice 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.....Sr. Carmel Clarke, 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.

Please contact Peter Clark 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>

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

GOSPEL CONNECTIONS

A Light in the Darkness

Salt is no great mystery. Salt is salt, as basic as it is common. I'll bet there's a shaker close at hand right now. Salt does one thing: it adds flavour. Taste almost any food and you know right away: it needs more, has too much, or is just right.

The job of Christians is to be salt for the world. Our lives should make a difference. The Church's witness is our commitment to living according to kingdom values and not worldly ones. The time, money, and talent in our control should be used to maintain a simple lifestyle, so the surplus can be used to care for those in need. Sprinkled into the world, this kingdom witness flavours the generations.

The worst we can do is to besprinkled into the world and change nothing. If no one around you would guess you're a Christian, this is a problem.

The light of goodness comes into this world in the same way. The world at times can be a rather dark place. How often we point it out and complain about it (and how the media celebrates it!) Our energy would be better spent generating light through acts of mercy and forgiveness. The light of Christ has come into the world, but it's up to us to be the lamps of witness.

What are some of the best ways to utilise your time, your talents and your money for the sake of the kingdom?





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.

MAGNANIMITY

What does it mean to be big-hearted, magnanimous?

Once during a baseball game in high school an umpire made very unfair call against our team. Our whole team was indignant and all of us began to shout angrily at the umpire, swearing at him, calling him names, loudly venting our anger. But one of our teammates didn't follow suit. Instead of shouting at the umpire he kept trying to stop the rest of us from doing so. "Let it go!" he kept telling us, "Let it go – we're bigger than this!" Bigger than what? He wasn't referring to the umpire's immaturity, but to our own. And we weren't "bigger than this", at least not then. Certainly I wasn't. I couldn't swallow an injustice. I wasn't big enough.

But something stayed with me from that incident, the challenge to "be bigger" inside the things that slight us. I don't always succeed, but I'm a better person when I do, more big-hearted, just as I am more-petty and smaller of heart when I don't. But just as our teammate challenged us all those years ago, we remain challenged to "be bigger" than the pettiness within a moment. That invitation lies at the very heart of Jesus' moral challenge in the Sermon on the Mount, There he invites us to have "a virtue that's deeper than that of the Scribes and the Pharisees". And there's more hidden in that statement than first meets the eye because the Scribes and Pharisees were very virtuous people. They strove hard always to be faithful to all the precepts of their faith and were people who believed in and practiced strict justice. They didn't make unfair calls as umpires! But inside of all of that goodness they still lacked something that the Sermon on the Mount invites us to, a certain magnanimity, to have big enough hearts and minds that can

rise above being slighted so as to be bigger than a given moment.

Let me offer this example of what that can mean: John Paul II was the first pope in history to speak out unequivocally against capital punishment. It's important to note that he didn't say that capital punishment was wrong. Biblically we do have the right to practice it. John Paul conceded that. However, and this is the lesson, he went on to say that, while we may in justice practice capital punishment, we shouldn't do it because Jesus calls us to something higher, namely, to forgive sinners and not execute them. That's magnanimity, that's being bigger than the moment we're caught up within.

Thomas Aquinas, in his moral astuteness, makes a distinction that one doesn't often hear either in church teachings or in common sense. Thomas says that a certain thing can be sin for one person and yet not for another. In essence, something can be a sin for someone who is big-hearted, even as it is not a sin for someone who is petty and small of heart. Here's an example: In a wonderfully challenging comment, Thomas once wrote that it is a sin to withhold a compliment from someone who genuinely deserves it because in doing so we are withholding from that person some of the food upon which he or she needs to live. But in teaching this, Thomas is clear that this is a sin only for someone who is big-hearted, magnanimous, and at a certain level of maturity. Someone who is immature, self-centered, and petty of heart is not held to the same moral and spiritual standard.

How is this possible, isn't a sin a sin, irrespective of person? Not always. Whether or not something is a sin or not and the seriousness of a sin depends upon the depth and maturity

within a relationship. Imagine this: A man and his wife have such a deep, sensitive, caring, respectful, and intimate relationship so that the tiniest expressions of affection or neglect speak loudly to each other. For example, as they part to go their separate ways each morning they always exchange an expression of affection, as a parting ritual. Now, should either of them neglect that expression of affection on an ordinary morning where there's no special circumstance, it would be no small, incidental matter. Something large would be being said. Conversely, consider another couple whose relationship is not close, where there is little care, little affection, little respect, and no habit of expressing affection upon parting. Such neglect would mean nothing. No slight, no intent, no harm, no sin, just lack of care as usual. Yes, some things can be a sin for one person and not for another.

We're invited both by Jesus and by what's best inside us to become big enough of heart and mind to know that it's a sin not to give a compliment, to know that even though biblically we may do capital punishment we still shouldn't do it, and to know that we're better women and men when we are bigger than any slight we experience within a given moment.

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
11.50am Adoration, 12.00 noon Mass

PENNESHAW

*St Columba, North Terrace
(shared with Anglicans)*
1st 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
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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good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

DID YOU KNOW?

- In the ancient world, salt was essential. It was used not simply to season food or to add to its taste, but as a preservative, enabling food to be stored and kept.
- At the time of Jesus, the main source of oil for lamps was the olive. A saucer-shaped lamp held the oil, and a wick, made of flax or a similar material, burned from a small opening on the rim. Such lamps were often placed in a niche in the walls of rooms.
- Lamp oil was a precious commodity. Once lit, a lamp was often placed high to give maximum illumination.
- Ancient cities were often built on hilltops so that they were easily defended against invaders and were visible for many miles around.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

The people of Israel often described the Law of God as 'salt' because it gave zest and flavour to life and it preserved them as the people of God. Similarly, the Law was often compared to a light that showed them the path to God: 'Your word is a light to my feet and a lamp to my path' (Psalm 119:105). Jerusalem, the city on the hill, was a focal point and reminder of God's presence. Jesus gives a new focus to all these images when he applies them to those who hear his word and put it into practice. All Christians are called to be 'salt' and 'light', a 'city on the hill' giving witness to God's presence.

EXPLORING THE WORD

To understand this text, it is important to place it alongside the Beatitudes that immediately precede it. In that text, the virtues to be cultivated by followers of Jesus are outlined, but the danger with taking the Beatitudes on their own is that faith can become contented peacefulness and somewhat inward-looking.

To avoid this risk, Matthew follows the Beatitudes with this text, which teaches disciples about the task of Christians in the world. They have been given the gifts; they are the salt of the earth. But if they just see their blessedness and rest there, they risk becoming 'tasteless' and good only to be 'trampled underfoot'. Instead, the disciples are urged to place their light high on a hill and let it shine for all to see. They are witnesses to God's living presence, not just for the nation of Israel but for all the world. In seeing the way that Christians live and act—their 'good works'—others will be drawn to God through their active witness to faith. Others will come to give praise to God in heaven.

This is an amazing responsibility, and Jesus acknowledges that some salt may lose its taste and some lights be hidden. The challenge for Christians, new and old, is not to take the gift of faith for granted and let it become tasteless; not to keep the light confined to private moments but to allow others to see the difference faith makes so that they can know the presence and power of God.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(10 - 16 February)

- **Monday, 10:** St Scholastica (1 Kg 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56)
- **Tuesday, 11:** Weekday Ord Time 5 (1Kg 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13)
- **Wednesday, 12:** Weekday Ord Time 5 (1Kg 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23)
- **Thursday, 13:** Weekday Ord Time 5 (1Kg 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30)
- **Friday, 14:** Sts Cyril and Methodius (1Kg 11:29-32, 12-19; Mk 7:31-37)
- **Saturday, 15:** Weekday Ord Time 5 (1Kg 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10)
- **Sunday 16:** 6th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37)

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).