

Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish

PARISH NOTICES

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

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 9:00 AM
Wednesday (Ash Wednesday) 6:30 PM
Saturday 6:30 PM

The AGM of the Catholic Ladies Guild will be held on Monday 24th February at 9:00 AM. All welcome.

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:

Feb 8th – Mar 22nd Bishop Eugene Hurley

Mass Roster:

Today:	Next week:
Readers: N Clark S Semler.	A Clark P Wales.
Gifts: Clark family.	A Gorman C Howson.
Sp. Min: H Mumford A Gibbs.	L Grant K Hammatt.
Cleaning / Coffee: C Berden.	K Willaims.

Collections. 2nd Feb.

1st (Support of the Priests of the Archdiocese) **\$147.55**
2nd (Upkeep of our parish programs & property) **\$417.20**

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

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.

Gospel Connections

Full disclosure: I have never done this, offered myself to an enemy for a second go-round. The very idea of turning the other cheek is totally appalling. When Jesus says offer no resistance to one who is evil, I say: Lord, you've got to be kidding. Of course, I'm going to resist evil. I'm going to run from the near occasion of the bad guys the moment I see them on the horizon. Jesus wants me to surrender my coat along with my shirt and work twice as long for someone who's already taking advantage of me. The capstone of the whole teaching is the most ludicrous: love your enemy. Is Jesus pulling our leg?

It's obvious from reading the gospels that Jesus has a sense of humour. But he doesn't simply clown around. Jesus says all these preposterous things to bring us along to the bottom line on this way of thinking: Be perfect, as God is perfect. Because God does turn the other cheek, doesn't resist us even when we're evil, gives and gives, and loves us who are enemies to the divine will. Maybe we won't do these things. But thank heaven God will.

How willing are you to creep up to the territory of God's perfection?

Clean up a mess you didn't make. Turn out a light somebody else left on. Ask a blessing on someone you don't like. Put up with someone who won't stop talking. Practice holiness.

"When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the energies of prayer, for then you are working out of your true selves, your God-created selves".

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



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.

SPEAKING WITH AUTHORITY

We are growing ever more distrustful of words. Everywhere we hear people say: “That’s just talk! That’s nothing but empty words!”

And empty words are all around us. Our world is full of lies, of false promises, of glittering advertising that doesn’t deliver, of words never backed up by anything. We trust less and less in what we hear. We’ve been lied to and betrayed far too often, now we’re cautious about what we believe.

But distrust in the words we hear is only one way in which our spoken word is weak. Our words can be truthful and still have little power. Why? Because, to use Gospel terms, we may not be speaking with much authority. Our words may not have what they need to back them up. What’s meant by this?

The Gospels tell us that one of things that distinguished Jesus for the other religious preachers of his time was that he spoke with authority, while they didn’t. What gives words authority? What gives them transformative power?

There are, as we know, different kinds of power. There’s a power that flows from strength and energy. We see this, for example, in the body of a gifted athlete who moves with authority. There’s power too in charisma, in a gifted speaker or a rock star. They too speak with a certain authority and power. But there’s still another kind of power and authority, one very different in kind from that of the athlete and the rock star. There’s the power of a baby, the paradoxical power of vulnerability, innocence, and helplessness. Powerlessness is sometimes the real power. If you put an athlete, a rock star, and a baby into the same room, who among them is the most powerful? Who has

the most authority? Whatever the power of the athlete or the rock star, the baby has more power to change hearts.

The Gospel texts which tell us that Jesus spoke with “authority” never suggest that he spoke with “great energy” or “powerful charisma”. In describing Jesus’ authority they use the word “exousia”, a Greek word for which we don’t have an English equivalent. What’s “exousia”? We don’t have a term for it, but we have a concept: “Exousia” might be described as the combination of vulnerability, innocence, and helplessness that a baby brings into a room. Its very helplessness, innocence, and vulnerability have a unique authority and power to touch your conscience. It’s for good reason that people watch their language around a baby. Its very presence is cleansing.

But there are a couple of other elements too undergirding the authority with which Jesus spoke. His vulnerability and innocence gave his words a special power, yes; but two other elements also made his words powerful: His words were always grounded in the integrity of his life. As well, people recognized that his authority was not coming from him but from something (Someone) higher whom he was serving. There was no discrepancy between his words and his life. Moreover, his words were powerful because they weren’t just coming from him, they were coming through him from Someone above him, Someone whose authority couldn’t be challenged, God.

You see this kind of authority; for example, in persons like Mother Teresa and Jean Vanier. Their words had a special authority. Mother Teresa could meet someone for the first time and ask him or her to come to India and work with her. Jean

Vanier could do the same. A friend of mine shares how on meeting Vanier for the first time, in their very first conversation, Vanier invited him to become a missionary priest. That thought had never before crossed his mind. Today he’s a missionary.

What gives some people that special power? “Exousia”, a selfless life, and a grounding in an authority that comes from above. What you see in persons like Mother Teresa and Jean Vanier is the powerlessness of a baby, combined with a selfless life, grounded in an authority beyond them. When such persons speak, like Jesus’, their words have real power to calm hearts, heal them, change them and, metaphorically and really, cast out demons from them.

But we don’t always have to look to spiritual giants like Mother Teresa and Jean Vanier to see this. Most of us have not been so personally influenced by Mother Teresa or Jean Vanier, but have been spoken to with authority by people around us. In my case, it was my father and mother who spoke to me with that kind of authority. As well some of the Ursuline nuns who taught me in school and some of my uncles and aunts had the power to ask sacrifice of me because they spoke with “exousia” and with an integrity and a faith that I could not question or deny. They asked me to consider becoming a priest and I became one.

What moves the world is often the powerful energy and charisma of the highly talented; but the heart is moved by a different kind of authority.

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

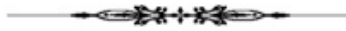
St Joan of Arc, 30 Seaview Road
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 11.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Thursday 9.00am
Friday 9.00am
1st Friday Benediction following Mass

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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‘You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.’



FIRST COMMUNITY DAY 2020

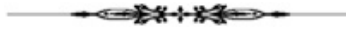


Grief, the Environment and Jesus

You are invited to a Day of Reflection

Date: Sunday, March 1
Place: St Joseph's Parish Hall, St George's Street, Willunga
Time: 9.30am - 3.00pm
(You may wish to join in the Parish Mass in St Joseph's at 8.30am)

Please bring something to share for lunch and morning tea. Tea and coffee provided. All are welcome.
Any queries, please contact:
Clare - clarealiceh@gmail.com or
Fr Tom - tegleeson@bigpond.com



DID YOU KNOW?

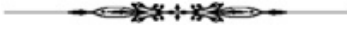
- ‘An eye for an eye; a tooth for a tooth.’ This notion of justice and retribution from the Old Testament is often misunderstood. Rather than a dire punishment aimed at vengeance, it is in fact a way of limiting retribution. In effect, Old Testament law on this point says that you may not extract more punishment than was inflicted.

- In Jesus' time, a Roman soldier had the right to command any man to carry his kit one mile but no further.
- Tax collectors were reviled by the Jews because they cooperated with the Romans and collected Roman taxes on their behalf. Because of their association with Gentiles, they were considered unclean.

EXPLORING THE WORD

This gospel continues the theme of going beyond what is required by law, but here Jesus takes the teaching much further. More than honouring the spirit of the law over the letter of the law, Jesus advocates what must have sounded like the ravings of a mad man to his hearers: don't just allow a person to strike you once; offer him the other cheek as well. If asked, don't just give away your tunic; give your cloak as well! Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. What was Jesus thinking?

It is the final verse of this text that gives us the clue to the meaning of this demanding passage. In essence, what Jesus is saying is that believers must emulate God's own actions. God is a God of total self-giving. God is a God of unbounded generosity, even to those who may not seem to deserve such magnanimity. God is a God whose love and self-giving embrace all, both the honest and the dishonest. The offer of the kingdom of heaven is open to all who seek to be God-like in their dealings with others.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(24 February - 01 March)

- **Monday, 24:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (James 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29)
- **Tuesday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (James 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37)
- **Wednesday, 26:** Ash Wednesday (Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)
- **Thursday, 27:** Thursday, after Ash Wed (Deut 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25)
- **Friday, 28:** Friday, after Ash Wed (Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15)
- **Saturday, 29:** Saturday, after Ash Wed (Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32)
- **Sunday 30:** FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11)

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).