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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
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Child Protection Unit 8210 8159



FIRST READING

Amos 6:1, 4-7

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in
Zion and those who feel so safe on
the mountain of Samaria.

Lying on ivory beds and sprawling
on their divans, they dine on lambs
from the flock, and stall-fattened
veal; they bawl to the sound of the
harp, they invent new instruments of
music like David, they drink wine by
the bowlful, and use the finest oil for
anointing themselves, but about the
ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.

That is why they will be the first to
be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is
over.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:6-10

Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 6:11-16

As a man dedicated to God, you
must aim to be saintly and religious,
filled with faith and love, patient and
gentle. Fight the good fight of the
faith and win for yourself the eternal
life to which you were called when
you made your profession and spoke

up for the truth in front of many
witnesses. Now, before God the
source of all life and before Jesus
Christ, who spoke up as a witness
for the truth in front of Pontius
Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing
all that you have been told, with no
faults or failures, until the Appearing
of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be
revealed by God, the blessed and
only Ruler of all, the King of kings
and the Lord of lords, who alone is
immortal, whose home is in
inaccessible light, whom no man
has seen and no man is able to see:
to him be honour and everlasting
power. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Jesus Christ was rich but he
became poor, to make you rich
out of his poverty.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees, 'There
was a rich man who used to dress in
purple and fine linen and feast
magnificently every day.

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Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish

PARISH NOTICES

Next week: Mass Kingscote 9:30 AM
Confession available 30 min before Mass

Ignite lamb raffle.

Congratulations to Karen Hammat, winner of the lamb raffle.

We sold a total of 97 tickets.

Thank you to everyone for supporting Nick and Eliza to get to Ignite Conference in Sydney by buying a ticket.

September Priest Roster:

6 Oct Fr Selva, 13 Oct Fr Thomas Kurunthanam,
20 Oct Fr John Stewart-James, 27 Oct Fr Josy.

Mass Roster:

Today:

Readers S Semler L Grant. New roster available next week

Gifts: Berden family.

Sp. Min. M Slagter C Berden.

Cleaning / Coffee: A Bevan.

Next week:

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, Eeileen Morris, Reginald Pahl, Maise Rooney, Vera Shannon, James Smith and all the faithful departed.

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

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.

Gospel Connections

Who's Outside Your Door?

Have you ever noticed that this rich man never did anything wrong? He just went about his life. For whatever reason, he didn't even notice Lazarus. Maybe he was just busy. Who knows?

And that, Jesus says, is the problem. It's not what the rich man did. It's what he didn't do.

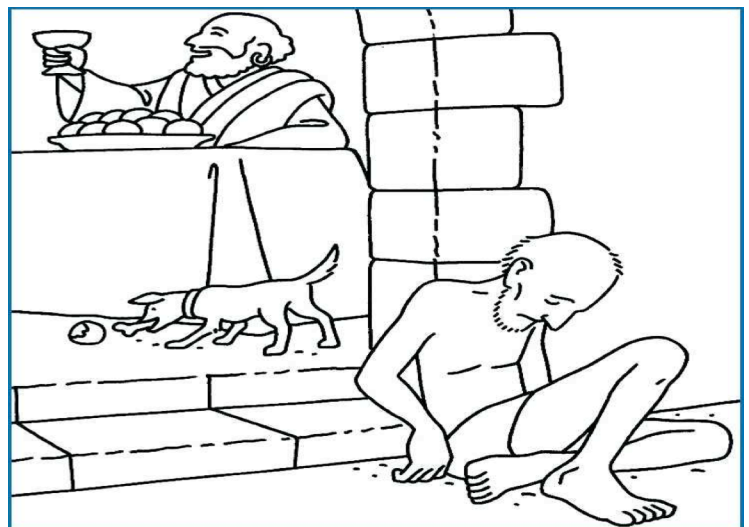
Life gets busy. I know some people that work hard all day and then spend the evening driving their kids to all sorts of sports and activities. I know young people that go to school all day and then spend the evening on homework, sports, part-time jobs, or school activities.

But Lazarus lives today. He is the lonely kid at school. He is the hungry child in Africa. He is the refugee in Syria seeking a place to call home. Jesus challenges us to care for him regularly. Make it part of your "busyness," not something you fit in when you find extra time.

Here are some tips. Ask God daily to show you the people others ignore. Read newspapers and surf the internet to learn about the problems that cause suffering in our world. Make community service trips and peace rallies part of your monthly schedule.

God has given you the power to change the world for people who suffer like Lazarus. Who's lying outside your door?

What's one thing you do to keep your focus on people like Lazarus?



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Ron Rolheiser column

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JESUS CHRIST – THE PERSON AND THE MYSTERY

We quite naturally tend to think of the word “Christ” as Jesus’ second name. We think of the name “Jesus Christ” like we think of names like “Susan Parker” or “Jack Smith”. But that’s an unhealthy confusion. Jesus didn’t have a second name. The word “Christ” is a title which, while it includes the person of Jesus, speaks of something wider than Jesus alone. What’s the difference between “Jesus” and “Christ”?

Jesus refers to a concrete person who, though the Second Person within the Godhead, walked this earth for 33 years and is still today someone whom we understand and relate to as an individual person. Christ refers to something larger, namely, the huge mystery of both creation and salvation of which Jesus, as the Christ, plays the foundational role but which includes the Eucharist, the Christian community, the historical Christian churches, the community of all sincere people who walk this planet, and physical creation itself. Jesus is a person with whom we seek to be in a relationship with in friendship and intimacy, while Christ is a mystery of which we and all creation are part of and within which we participate.

This has huge implications, not least in how we understand spirituality and church. In essence, this is what’s at stake: What’s more central to us, what Jesus has done and asks of us or the person of Jesus himself? It’s interesting to look at the various Christian churches in terms of that question: Are they more focused on the teaching of Jesus or on the person of Jesus? Are they more focused on Jesus or on Christ?

In terms of a large over-generalization, we might say that Roman Catholicism and mainline Protestantism have tended to focus

on the teachings of Jesus and the demands of discipleship that flow from those teachings more than they have on the person of Jesus himself. The reverse is true for the Evangelical tradition, where the emphasis has been and continues to be on the person of Jesus and our individual relationship to him. In fairness, both traditions, clearly, also include the other dimension. Roman Catholics and mainline Protestants haven’t ignored the person of Jesus and Evangelicals haven’t ignored the teachings of Jesus; but, in both cases, one has been more central than the other. Roman Catholicism, for its part, also emphasized the dimension of one-to-one intimacy with Jesus but placed that within its devotional practice more so than within its mainline theology which is focused more on the mystery of Christ than on the person of Jesus.

Spirituality, not surprisingly, tended to follow the same pattern. Roman Catholics and mainline Protestants, unlike the Evangelicals, have not made one-to-one intimacy with Jesus the centerpiece of spirituality, even as they hold it up as the ultimate ideal. Their emphasis is on Christ. Evangelicals, on the other hand, focused on an affective, one-to-one, intimacy with Jesus in a way that often left Roman Catholics and mainline Protestants wondering exactly what Evangelicals meant when they asked us: “Have you met Jesus Christ?” “Is Jesus Christ your personal Lord and Savior?” “Have you been born again?” Conversely, Roman Catholics and mainline Protestants often looked critically at their Evangelical brothers and sisters, questioning whether their over-riding emphasis on personal salvation and personal intimacy with Jesus does not distract them from having to deal with some central teachings of Jesus that have to do with social justice and with wide faith embrace.

Admittedly, both emphases are needed. We see that clearly in the preaching of the early church. The renowned scripture scholar, Raymond Brown, tells us that, beginning already with St. Paul, the earliest Christian preachers shifted the primary focus of their proclamation to Jesus himself, almost as if they could not announce the kingdom without first telling of him through whom the kingdom was made present.

Proclaiming a person himself (rather than just that person’s message) was novel for the early Christian preachers. Their proclamation of Jesus’ person was radically different from the way the Hebrew Scriptures honor Moses, in that they honor his message but never draw attention to his person in terms of asking anyone to relate to him. As an aside: There’s a lesson here in terms of how we often treat our saints and holy persons. We honor them through admiration when what’s really asked of us is that we imitate their actions.

Christian discipleship, clearly, asks for both, intimacy with Jesus and attention to what he taught, personal piety and social justice, firm loyalty to one’s own ecclesial family and the capacity to also embrace all others of sincere heart as one’s faith family. Soren Kierkegaard once suggested that what Jesus really wants is followers, not admirers. That’s spoken as a true mainline Protestant. Evangelicals wouldn’t disagree, but would argue that what Jesus really wants is an intimate relationship with us. The earliest preachers of the Gospel would agree with both Kierkegaard and the Evangelicals. We need to proclaim both, the message of Jesus and Jesus himself.

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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And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

‘In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, “Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.” “My son,” Abraham replied “remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop any crossing from your side to ours.”

‘The rich man replied, “Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too.” “They have Moses and the prophets,” said Abraham “let them listen to them.” “Ah no, father Abraham,” said the rich man “but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent.” Then Abraham said to him, “If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.”’

EXPLORING THE WORD

This is another text about the unexpected reversals of the kingdom of God. The situation of the two characters is described in detail. The rich man no doubt saw his affluence as a blessing from God for his goodness. His only sin was his failure to see the poverty and desperate need that was at his doorstep. So many stories in Luke's

Gospel deal the responsibility to use wealth for the good of all rather than to selfishly monopolise resources for our own benefit alone. When the reality of the situation dawned on the rich man, he is concerned that his brothers do not make the same mistake. But Jesus points out that they already have the teaching of Moses and the prophets who repeatedly call Israel to justice and mercy. If people are prepared to ignore that call, What difference will it make ‘even if someone should rise from the dead’. It is this phrase which offers a challenge to Christians. Do we too, like the rich man, fail to see and respond to the needs in our world? Christian faith is about more than Sunday worship. It is about living the message of Jesus every day.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

Abraham is an important figure in Judaism. He was the first person mentioned in Scripture (Genesis 12) who puts his complete trust and faith in God. Abraham became the model of righteousness. To rest in the bosom of Abraham is a metaphor for eternal happiness.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(30 September - 06 October)

- **Monday, 30:** St Jerome (Zech 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50)
- **Tuesday, 01:** St Therese of the Child Jesus (Zech 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56)
- **Wednesday, 02:** The Holy Guardian Angels (Ex 23:20-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10)
- **Thursday, 03:** Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Neh 8:1-12; Lk 10:1-12)
- **Friday, 04:** St Francis of Assisi (Baruch 1:15-22; Lk 11:25-30)
- **Saturday, 05:** Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Baruch 4:5-12; Lk 10:13-16)
- **Sunday 29:** 27th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-9)

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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