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

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159



FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.

The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble.

There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him.

The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 67:4-7, 10-11

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have

come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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PARISH NOTICES

Next week: Mass Kingscote 9:30 AM
Parndana 2:30 PM

September 8 – Monsignor Ian Dempsey's 50th Anniversary of his Ordination will be celebrated at a Thanksgiving Eucharist held at 1.30pm in St. Joseph's Church, 24 Strathmore Tce, Brighton.

Everyone is invited to attend.

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

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: P Wales M Glynn.

Gifts: Brinkley family.

Sp. Min. C Berden J Berden.

Cleaning / Coffee: C Berden.

Next week:

M Slagter C Pahl.

Wales family.

A Clark S Semler.

C Berden.

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.....

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.

Who's at Your Lunch Table?

The school tuck-shop. Over there are the jocks. There's the drama club. There's the band. There's that one kid who always eats alone. Who will you eat with? Who wouldn't you be caught dead eating with? Those are the questions Jesus asks in this week's Gospel.

Parties and meals are social time. It's pretty normal to spend that time with friends and people who share your interests. But sometimes friendships can become cliques that exclude or look down on others.

Jesus calls us to expand our circle of friends. Why? Because many people need our company. Meals were huge in Jesus' ministry. He brought outcasts to meals with people of honour. He ate in the homes of people considered sinners. His meals revealed God's Reign – where everyone has a place around the table.

He tells his followers to stop worrying about whether their seat allocation proves they're honourable. He asks them to welcome outcasts to their meals and into their lives.

What does that mean for us? Reach out. Each tuck-shop has young people who sit alone. Invite them to your table. Each school has young people that are friendless. Welcome them into your circle of friends. Each town has nursing homes with lonely people. Find yourself another grandpa or grandma.

Honour the people others forget, and others will see that Jesus' ministry continues.

What concrete step could you take to follow this Gospel next week?

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Ron Rolheiser column

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A LESSON IN AGING

We live in a culture that idealizes youth and marginalizes the old. And, as James Hillman says, the old don't let go easily either of the throne or the drive that took them there. I know; I'm aging.

For most of my life, I've been able to think of myself as young. Because I was born late in the year, October, I was always younger than most of my classmates, graduated from high school at age seventeen, entered the seminary at that tender age, was ordained to the priesthood at age twenty-five, did an advanced degree within the next year, and was teaching graduate theology at age twenty-six, the youngest member on the faculty. I was proud of that, achieving those things so early. And so I always thought of myself as young, even as the years piled up and my body began to betray my conception of myself as young. Moreover, for most of those years, I tried to stay young too in soul, staying on top of what was shaping youth culture, its movies, its popular songs, its lingo. During my years in seminary and for a good number of years after ordination, I was involved in youth ministry, helping give youth retreats in various high schools and colleges. At that time, I could name all the popular songs, movies, and trends, speak youth's language, and I prided myself in being young.

But nature offers no exemptions. Nobody stays young forever. Moreover, aging doesn't normally announce its arrival. You're mostly blind to it until one day you see yourself in a mirror, see a recent photo of yourself, or get a diagnosis from your doctor and suddenly you're hit on the head with the unwelcome realization that you're no longer a young person. That usually comes as a surprise. Aging generally makes itself known in

ways that have you denying it, fighting it, and accepting it only piecemeal, and with some bitterness.

But that day comes round for everyone when you're surprised, stunned, that what you are seeing in the mirror is so different from how you have been imagining yourself and you ask yourself: "Is this really me? Am I this old person? Is this what I look like?" Moreover you begin to notice that young people are forming their circles away from you, that they're more interested in their own kind, which doesn't include you, and you look silly and out of place when you try to dress, act, and speak like they do. There comes a day when you have accept that you're no longer young in in the world's eyes – nor in your own.

Moreover gravity doesn't just affect your body, pulling things downward, so too for the soul. It's pulled downward along with the body, though aging means something very different here. The soul doesn't age, it matures. You can stay young in soul long after the body betrays you. Indeed we're meant to be always young in spirit.

Souls carry life differently than do bodies because bodies are built to eventually die. Inside of every living body the life-principle has an exit strategy. It has no such strategy inside a soul, only a strategy to deepen, grow richer, and more textured. Aging forces us, mostly against our will, to listen to our soul more deeply and more honestly so as to draw from its deeper wells and begin to make peace with its complexity, its shadow, and its deepest proclivities – and the aging of the body plays the key role in this. To employ a metaphor from James Hillman: The best wines have to be aged in cracked old barrels. So too for the soul: The aging process is designed by God and nature to force

the soul, whether it wants to or not, to delve ever deeper into the mystery of life, of community, of God, and of itself. Our souls don't age, like a wine, they mature, and so we can always be young in spirit. Our zest, our fire, our eagerness, our wit, our brightness, and our humor, are not meant to dim with age. Indeed, they're meant to be the very color of a mature soul.

So, in the end, aging is a gift, even if unwanted. Aging takes us to a deeper place, whether we want to go or not.

Like most everyone else, I still haven't made my full peace with this and would still like to think of myself as young. However I was particularly happy to celebrate my 70th birthday two years ago, not because I was happy to be that age, but because, after two serious bouts with cancer in recent years, I was very happy just to be alive and wise enough now to be a little grateful for what aging and a cancer diagnosis has taught me. There are certain secrets hidden from health, writes John Updike. True. And aging uncovers a lot of them because, as Swedish proverb puts it, "afternoon knows what the morning never suspected."

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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Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

DID YOU KNOW

- In Scripture, as we have noted before, the wedding feast—a time of joyous celebration and abundance—is one of the traditional images of the kingdom of God.
- At the time of Jesus, society was organised along strictly hierarchical lines. People were very sensitive to their status in society and how they were treated.
- Pharisees are one among a number of groups within Jewish society. They were especially observant of the law and were influential in society.

EXPLORING THE WORD

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is often depicted as sharing meals with people who were not considered at that time and in that culture to be appropriate table companions: publicans, tax collectors, sinners and women of dubious reputation. In this meal, Jesus reveals more of the radical reversal that is characteristic of God's way. He challenges the way the Pharisees see their own standing in society as people of status, urging them instead to take the more humble positions at table and to allow the host, or God, to choose those who should be exalted. He also shatters the Pharisees' idea of table fellowship by urging them to share their festive table with those who are the least important or the outcasts of society. The way to God cannot be organised according to human priority! It is in the ultimate humiliation of crucifixion that Jesus is exalted in resurrection and ascension.

SHARING THE TRADITION

Just as Jesus challenged the social norms and the leadership of his day,

the church continues to challenge society. The social teaching of the church is often called its best-kept secret! In the modern period, the great landmark document *Rerum Novarum*, issued in 1891 by Pope Leo XIII, marked the beginning of what has become a long and illuminating tradition for the Catholic Church. Successive popes have added to this tradition of offering a critique of social, political and economic structures in the light of the Gospel.



September is Catholic Charities month - our opportunity to support the Diocesan Appeal to help people in our community.

FATHER'S DAY

As with many special days we celebrate today, Father's Day began as a primarily religious observance. A traditional Catholic day celebrating fatherhood, Father's Day has been recognized in some way dating back to the Middle Ages. Traditionally, Father's Day took place on March 19, the date the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of St Joseph.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(02 - 08 September)

- **Monday, 02:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Thess 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30)
- **Tuesday, 03:** St Gregory the Great (1 Thess 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37)
- **Wednesday, 04:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44)
- **Thursday, 05:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11)
- **Friday, 06:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39)
- **Saturday, 07:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5)
- **Sunday 08:** 23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Wis 9:13-18; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33)

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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