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*(All items for the newsletter must be
 received no later than Wednesday
 evening.)*

MASS CENTRES

- **KINGSCOTE:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Cnr Giles/Todd Sts Sunday - 9.30am
- **PARNDANA:** Uniting Church, Cook Street 2nd and 4th Sunday - 3.00pm
- **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

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery?

Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief.

Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'

Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

I do not boast of preaching the

gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
 He bore our sickness,
 and endured our suffering
 Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to
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Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Eunice Airton, Eileen Bateman, Dorothy Brook,
Monica Buick, May Cairney, Dominic Cash, Marlene
Cummins, Pauline Deegan, Jim Dodgson, Lucy
Edwards, Colin Fahey, Margaret Flemming, Ralph
Florance, Catherine Glynn, Alec Goodwin, Edward
Hughes, Ida Jackson, Christina James, Jack
Kindellan, Ettie McDonald, Irene Northcott, Ottaviano
Orsi, Marj Phillips,

Una Reynolds, George Rowen. Ann Smith, Sheila
Tabor, Lorraine Laher Storer, Mary Weatherstone,...
And all the faithful departed.

Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for Leonie Bald, Brooke Baker
& Family, Annemeike Berden, Marj and
Jimmy Browne, Denice Carter, Barry
Dunn, Katerina Faist, Lloyd & Aileen
Dodson & family, Jenny Fechner, Diane
Florence, Roy Gatton, Charles & Sue
Gorman, John Lavers, Elijah & Magenta
Laundy and family, Ben Martin, Janice
Mills, Dianne McCarthy, Philip McDonald,
Peter Murray, Max Moss, Darren Morris,
Deidre Morrison, Mick Muller, Rocco Nield,
Jill Oldfield, Jack Pitcher, Margaret Rich,
Anthony Roestenburg, Bill Roestenburg,
Darren Smith, John Smith, Peter Smith,
Linda Tippett, Greg Turner, Patrick Walsh,
Sr Margaret Wallace, Anthony
Weatherstone and Rob Wilkinson.

May they know the healing love of Christ
through our actions and His healing
presence.

PARISH NOTICES –04/02/18

1. Thank you to Fr Roy for saying Mass
today.

2. Next Sunday there will be Mass with
Fr John Shanahan.

3. Confession is available every Sunday in
Kingscote at 30 minutes before Mass.

4. **National Day of Prayer and Fasting,**
At the Uniting Church Kingscote
Saturday Feb 10th, 10am to 4pm
Also at The Haven, American River.

5. If you have a child, or know of someone
who has, who is ready to make their **First Holy
Communion or Confirmation**, please ring Helen
Mumford 85595156.

6. Parish Census

Parish Census forms will be handed out for
the next 2 weeks so as we can update your
contact details etc. We are hoping for your full
co-operation with this. If you have any queries
please talk to a Parish Council Member.

Please return forms by 25th Feb 2018



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.

HOW DOES GOD ACT IN OUR WORLD?

There's an oddity in the gospels that begs for an explanation: Jesus, it seems, doesn't want people to know his true identity as the Christ, the Messiah. He keeps warning people not to reveal that he is the Messiah. Why?

Some scholars refer to this as "the messianic secret", suggesting that Jesus did not want others to know his true identity until the conditions were ripe for it. There's some truth in that, there's a right moment for everything, but that still leaves the question unanswered: Why? Why does Jesus want to keep his true identity secret? What would constitute the right conditions within which his identity should be revealed?

That question is center-stage in Mark's gospel, at Caesarea Philippi, when Jesus asks his disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" Peter answers: "You are the Christ." Then, in what seems like a surprising response, Jesus, rather than praising Peter for his answer, warns him sternly not to tell anyone about what he has just acknowledged. Peter seemingly has given him the right answer and yet Jesus immediately, and sternly, warns him to keep that to himself. Why?

Simply put, Peter has the right answer, but the wrong conception of that answer. He has a false notion of what means to be the Messiah.

In the centuries leading up to the birth of Jesus and among Jesus' contemporaries there were numerous notions of what the Christ would look like. We don't know which notion Peter had but obviously it wasn't the right one because Jesus immediately shuts it down. What Jesus says to Peter is not so much: "Don't tell anyone that I'm the Christ" but rather "Don't tell anyone

that I am what you think the Christ should be. That's not who I am."

Like virtually all of his contemporaries and not unlike our own fantasies of what a Savior should look like, Peter no doubt pictured the Savior who was to come as a Superman, a Superstar who would vanquish evil through a worldly triumph within which he would simply overpower everything that's wrong by miraculous powers. Such a Savior would not be subject to any weakness, humiliation, suffering, or death and his superiority and glory would have to be acknowledged by everyone, willing or begrudgingly. There would be no holdouts; his demonstration of power would leave no room for doubt or opposition. He would triumph over everything and would reign in a glory such as the world conceives of glory, that is, as the Ultimate Winner, as the Ultimate Champion – the winner of the Olympic medal, the World Cup, the Super Bowl, the Academy Award, the Nobel Prize, the winner of the great trophy or accolade that definitively sets one above others.

When Peter says: "You are the Christ!" that's how he's thinking about it, as earthly glory, worldly triumph, as a man so powerful, strong, attractive, and invulnerable that everyone would simply have to fall at his feet. Hence Jesus' sharp reply: "Don't tell anyone about *that!*"

Jesus then goes on to instruct Peter, and the rest of us, who he really is a Savior. He's not a Superman or Superstar in this world or a miracle worker who will prove his power through spectacular deeds. Who is he?

The Messiah is a *dying and rising Messiah*, someone who in his own life and body will demonstrate that

evil is not overcome by miracles but by forgiveness, magnanimity, and nobility of soul and that these are attained not through crushing an enemy but through loving him or her more fully. And the route to this is paradoxical: The glory of the Messiah is not demonstrated by overpowering us with spectacular deeds. Rather it is demonstrated in Jesus letting himself be transformed through accepting with proper love and graciousness the unavoidable passivity, humiliation, diminishment, and dying that eventually found him. That's the dying part. But when one dies like that or accepts any humiliation or diminishment in this way there's always a subsequent rising to real glory, that is, to the glory of a heart so stretched and enlarged that it is now able to transform evil into good, hatred into love, bitterness into forgiveness, humiliation into glory. That's the proper work of a Messiah.

In Matthew's Gospel this same event is recorded and this same question is asked and Peter gives the same response, but Jesus' answer to him here is very different. In Matthew's account, after Peter says: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God", rather than warn him not to talk about it, Jesus praises Peter's answer. Why the difference? Because Matthew recasts the scene so that, in his version, Peter does understand the Messiah correctly.

How do we imagine the Messiah? How do we imagine triumph? Imagine Glory? If Jesus looked us square in the eye and asked, as he asked Peter: "How do you understand me?" Would he laud us for our answer or would he tell us: "Don't tell anyone about that!"

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, 3rd Sundays 11am (Spanish Mass)
2nd Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)
Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm
Monday 9.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Tuesday 1st week 9.00am and 9.45am
(later Mass followed by Tuesday Chats)
Wednesday 7.30pm
Thursday 9.00am (St John's School)
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, 4th Sunday 3.00pm

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 (other than 1st) 9.00am
1st Friday 11.30am

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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the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway.

He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

EXPLORING THE WORD

In touching Simon's mother-in-law and then allowing her to serve him, Jesus is breaking down traditional barriers. He brings wholeness and holiness to her by his presence. The Kingdom of God cannot tolerate prejudice and taboo just as sickness and evil have no place in the Kingdom.

This text shows us a typical day for Jesus—the first of his ministry. He listens to the Word of God, then worships with his community; he relaxes in the home of a friend; he pursues his work of healing and preaching and, before dawn, he withdraws alone to develop his relationship with the Father through prayer. There is a wonderful pattern of balance here between prayer, work and rest.

When the disciples find him, they want him to return to Capernaum to the acclaim he is receiving. Instead,

Jesus insists that the boundaries of the Kingdom be pushed out. The Kingdom of God must reach further and further. It is for this that he came!

DID YOU KNOW?

- In Capernaum, archaeological excavations have uncovered a house, close by the synagogue, which has ancient inscriptions suggesting it is the house of Peter.
- Capernaum was a thriving town and was a centre for the local fishing industry.
- The Jewish Sabbath begins at sunset on Friday and lasts until sunset on Saturday. As the day of God's rest, work was not permitted. That is why Jesus only begins his work of healing after sunset.

SHARING THE TRADITION

There are many different ways for Christians to pray: private meditation or contemplative prayer, the repeated mantras of Taizé style prayer, prayer through song, praying the Scriptures, the Rosary, and the liturgy as the formal public prayer of the Church. There are prayers of blessing and adoration, prayers of petition or intercession, prayers of thanksgiving and prayers of praise. The faithful can pray to the Father, the Son, the Spirit, or to Mary or particular saints as intercessors.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(5 - 11 February)

- **Monday, 5:** St Agatha (1 Kg 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 7:1-13)
- **Tuesday, 6:** St Paul Miki and companions (1 Kg 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13)
- **Wednesday, 7:** Weekday, Ord Time 5 (1 Kg 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23)
- **Thursday, 8:** Weekday, Ord Time 5 (1 Kg 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30)
- **Friday, 9:** Weekday, Ord Time 5 (1Kg 11:29-32, 12:19; Mk 7:31-37)
- **Saturday, 10:** St Scholastica (1Kg 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10)
- **Sunday 11:** SIXTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31 - 11:1; Mk 1:40-45)

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).