

## KANGAROO ISLAND

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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  
 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 2.30pm
- **PENNESHAW:** St Columba's  
 Anglican Church, Cnr North  
 Terrace and Fourth Street  
 1<sup>st</sup> 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

*Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48*

As Peter reached the house  
 Cornelius went out to meet him,  
 knelt at his feet and prostrated  
 himself. But Peter helped him up.  
 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man  
 after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The  
 truth I have now come to realise' he  
 said 'is that God does not have  
 favourites, but that anybody of any  
 nationality who fears God and does  
 what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the  
 Holy Spirit came down on all the  
 listeners. Jewish believers who had  
 accompanied Peter were all  
 astonished that the gift of the Holy  
 Spirit should be poured out on the  
 pagans too, since they could hear  
 them speaking strange languages and  
 proclaiming the greatness of God.  
 Peter himself then said, 'Could  
 anyone refuse the water of baptism  
 to these people, now they have  
 received the Holy Spirit just as much  
 as we have?' He then gave orders for  
 them to be baptised in the name of  
 Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged  
 him to stay on for some days.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 97:1-4*

*The Lord has revealed to the  
 nations his saving power.*

## SECOND READING

*1 John 4:7-10*

My dear people, let us love one  
 another since love comes from God  
 and everyone who loves is begotten  
 by God and knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never  
 have known God, because God is  
 love.

God's love for us was revealed when  
 God sent into the world his only Son  
 so that we could have life through  
 him; this is the love I mean: not our  
 love for God, but God's love for us  
 when he sent his Son to be the  
 sacrifice that takes our sins away.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Jn 14:23*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*All who love me will keep my words,  
 and my Father will love them  
 and we will come to them.*

*Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*John 15:9-17*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so have  
 I loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments you  
 will remain in my love, just as I have  
 kept my Father's commandments and  
 remain in his love.

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# Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Bill Berden, Mary Bradley, Peter Bradley, Baby Burden, Henry Carslake, Bob Clare, Charles Darcy, Timothy Hamm, Lorraine Holohan, Brian Kildea, Mildred Lashmar, Anthony Lonzar, Peter Lonzar, Dorothy McMahon, John Reynolds, Vikki Reynolds, Ann Wallace, Sr. Pauline Wallace, John Williams, Heather Willmott, Ross Wohling and all the faithful departed

## Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for Leonie Bald, Brooke Baker & Family, Sam Baynes, Annemeike Berden, Marj and Jimmy Browne, Jill Buist, Denice Carter, Barry Dunn, Katerina Faist, Lloyd & Aileen Dodson & family, Jenny Fechner, Diane Florenance, Roy Gatton, Charles & Sue Gorman, Hans Hendrix, John Lavers, Elijah & Magenta Laundry and family, Victor Marshal, Ben Martin, Janice Mills, Dianne McCarthy, Philip McDonald, Peter Murray, Max Moss, Darren Morris, Deidre Morrison, Mick Muller, Rocco Nield, Jack Pitcher, Margaret Rich, Anthony Roestenburg, Bill Roestenburg, Claudine Shelton, Darren Smith, Fiona Smith, John Smith, Peter Smith, Linda Tippet, Noelene Thomas 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.

Safe guarding our children and young people.

**Children have the right to religious freedom and parents have the right to teach their children about the religion of their choice**

We are blessed to live in a country where we are free to practice our faith. We are grateful for our right to teach our children the Gospel message while also recognizing that they have been given the gift of free will. We encourage our children to come to Christ joyfully, drawn in by the love of God rather than out of obligation or fear. We keep in our thoughts children and families who do not have this freedom and who maintain faith despite fear of persecution. Let us pray that they are granted freedom to live their faith openly and let us be thankful every day for the opportunities our own children have to learn about the true freedom we find in the message of the Gospel.

## PARISH NOTICES –06/05/18

1. Thank you to Fr Michael Brennan for saying Mass today
2. Next Sunday there will be Mass (Priest to be advised)
3. Confession is available every Sunday in Kingscote at 30 minutes before Mass.
4. **Ladies Guild**  
Please note the change of date  
The meeting is at 9-30am on Mon 7<sup>th</sup> May, tomorrow morning
5. Special leaving collection for St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal, today.



## 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.*

### POVERTY, CHASTITY, AND OBEDIENCE IN A SECULAR AGE

Cardinal Francis George was once asked what he thought of the radical pacifism of people like Dorothy Day and Daniel Berrigan, prophetic figures who believed in absolute nonviolence. How can this be practical, he was asked, it's utterly naïve to believe that we can live without police and without soldiers. This was his reply: *The world needs pacifists in the same way as it needs vowed celibates.* They're not practical. They're out of place in this world. But they point to the eschatological world, the world of heaven, a world within which there will be no guns, where relational exclusivities will not exist as they exist now, where family will not be based on biology, blood, or marriage, where there will be no poor people, and where everything will belong to everyone.

I thought of that recently as I was conducting a workshop on religious life for a group of young people who were discerning whether or not to enter vowed religious life. My task was not to try to persuade them to join a religious community but to help them understand what that life, should they join it, would entail. That meant, of course, long discussions on the three vows that people take to be in religious life: *poverty, chastity, and obedience* (classically termed "the Evangelical Counsels").

What's to be said about poverty, chastity, and obedience in a world that, for the most part, places its hope in material riches, generally identifies chastity with frigidity, and values individual freedom above all else?

Well, no doubt, poverty, chastity, and obedience are seen as radically counter-cultural; but that's mostly because they are generally not very well understood (sometimes even by those who are living them out). For

the most part they are seen as a drastic renunciation, the sacrificing of a full life, the unnatural denial of one's sexuality, and the adolescent signing over of one's freedom and creativity. But that's a misunderstanding.

Poverty, chastity, and obedience are not a missing out on riches, sexuality, and freedom. *They are rather a genuine, rich, modality of riches, sexuality, and freedom.*

The vow of poverty isn't primarily about living with cheaper things, not having a dishwasher and doing your own housework. It's also not about renouncing the kinds of riches that can make for the full flourishing of life. A life of voluntary poverty is a lived way of saying that all material possessions are gift, that the world belongs to everyone, that nobody owns a country, and that nobody's needs are first. It's a vow against consumerism and tribalism, and it brings its own wonderful riches in terms of meaning and in the happiness and joy of a shared life.

Likewise for the vow of chastity: Properly understood, it is not a missing out on the joys of sexuality. It's a rich modality of sexuality itself, given that being sexual means more than having sex. Sexuality is a beautiful, God-given drive within us for lots of things: community, friendship, togetherness, wholeness, family, play, altruism, enjoyment, delight, creativity, genital consummation, and for everything that takes us beyond our aloneness and makes us generative. And so the very real joys that are found in community, friendship, and service of others are not a second-rate substitute for sex. They bring their own sexual flourishing in terms of leading us out of our aloneness.

The same holds true for obedience. Properly understood, it's not a

missing out on real freedom. Rather it's a rich modality of freedom itself, one practiced by Jesus (who repeatedly says: "I do nothing on my own. I do only the Father's will.") Obedience, as a religious vow, is not an immature sacrificing of one's freedom and adulthood. It's rather a radical submitting of one's human ego (with all its wounds, desires, lusts, private ambitions, and envies) to something and Someone higher than oneself, as seen in the human and religious commitments in persons from Jesus, to Teilhard de Chardin, to Dag Hammarskjöld, to Simone Weil, to Mother Teresa, to Jean Vanier, to Daniel Berrigan. In each of these we see a person who walked this earth in a freedom we can only envy but clearly too in a freedom that's predicated on a genuflecting of one's individual will to something higher than itself.

Our thoughts and our feelings are strongly influenced by the cultural software within which we find ourselves. Thus, given how our culture understands riches, sex, and freedom today, this may well be the most difficult time in many centuries to make the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience and live them out. Small wonder religious communities are not over-flooded with applications. But because it is more difficult than ever, it is also more important than ever that a number of women and men choose, voluntarily, to prophetically live out these vows.

And their seeming sacrifice will be amply rewarded because, paradoxically, poverty brings its own riches, chastity brings its own flourishing, and obedience provides us with the deepest of all human freedoms.

*You can read, or download, Ron Rolheiser's weekly columns from his website at: [www.ronrolheiser.com](http://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  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 11am (Spanish Mass)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)  
Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm  
Monday 9.00am  
Tuesday 9.00am  
Wednesday 7.30pm  
Thursday 8.45am (St Luke's)  
Thursday 9.15am (St John's - term time)  
Friday 10.00am

### NORMANVILLE

*St Peter, Cape Jervis Road*  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays 10.30am  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 8.30am  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday 6.00pm

### PARNDANA

2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 2.30pm

### PENNESHAW

*St Columba, North Terrace*  
(shared with Anglicans)  
1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>) 9.00am  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday 11.30am

### WILLUNGA

*St Joseph, 12 St Judes Street*  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays 8.30am  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 10.30am  
Wednesday 9.00am  
Thursday 9.00am  
Friday 9.00am

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I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you is to love one another.'

## DID YOU KNOW?

In John's Gospel there is no account of the last meal that Jesus shared with his disciples. Instead there is the account of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples, an act of absolute service to others, and a long discourse of instruction on how they must conduct themselves in the future. This is known as the 'Farewell Discourse' and part of it is read this Sunday and next week.

## EXPLORING THE WORD

The heart of today's gospel lies in Jesus repeating himself: 'Love one another'. The model for this love is the love that Jesus showed towards all those who follow him. Jesus has changed the way in which God relates to human beings. We are no longer servants of God but are drawn into deep intimacy and friendship through the Son. This new relationship is not dependent on our choice or will. God has chosen us and we are now commissioned to bear fruit, fruit that will last. The

Christian command to love is not a vague feeling of good will; it is a love which suffers all, and may demand great sacrifice. The command to love as Jesus loved may be the most difficult test of our Christianity. This is how the presence of Jesus is experienced even in his absence.

## MAKING CONNECTIONS

- When have you experienced complete joy? What or who brought that sensation on for you?
- Have you ever found that love is a costly and demanding emotion?
- What does it mean to love one another as Christ loved us?
- Today's Entrance Antiphon makes a lovely reflection for the week:

*Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: the Lord has freed his people, alleluia.*

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(07 - 13 May)

- **Monday, 07:** Monday of the 6<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 - 16:4)
- **Tuesday, 08:** Tuesday of the 6<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:1; Jn 16:12-15)
- **Wednesday, 09:** Wednesday of the 6<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15)
- **Thursday, 10:** Thursday of the 6<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20)
- **Friday, 11:** Friday of the 6<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23)
- **Saturday, 12:** Saturday of the 6<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28)
- **Sunday 13:** The ASCENSION of the LORD (Acts 1:1-11; Eph 4:1-13)

## 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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