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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 and 4th 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

Ezekiel 2:2-5

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this."

Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 122

*Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,
pleading for his mercy.*

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, "My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness," So I shall be very happy to make my

weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to
the poor.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-6

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him?

This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with

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JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Alma Adams, Eadie Adams, Sid Adams, Peg Anderson, Lill Buick, Phil Connell, Henry Dravitzki, Paul Glynn, Joyce Grant, Mick Grant, Bill Higgins, Monica Hughes, Barry Jameison, Judith Jeffs, Kym Moses, Ron Mumford, Alexander Nash, Alice O'Neill, Alice O'Driscoll, Jill Perkins, Charles Reynolds, Nora Ridge, Johnny Tully, John Walsh, Tony Walker, Robyn Williams 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, Emma Fulwood, 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, Carmel Northcott, 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, Rob Wilkinson and Gavin Willson.

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 be free from sexual abuse.

We all want children to be safe and know that sexual abuse harms children on many levels. The Adelaide Archdiocese has a program (Safe Environments For All) that aims to ensure our Church is a safe space where children are protected from abuse. We pray for children who are not safe or have been harmed by adults tasked with caring for them. Doing everything we can to create a safe environment will ensure that children now and in the future can experience our Church as a place where they know the love of God - where the way we as adults care for them mirrors the care and protectiveness that God shows all.

PARISH NOTICES –08/07/18

1. Thank you to Fr Matthew Boland for saying Mass for us today.
2. Next Sunday there will be Mass/Liturgy
3. Confession is available every Sunday in Kingscote at 30 minutes before Mass.



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.



REAL MIRACLES

Ralph Waldo Emerson calls the stars in the night sky “envoys of beauty, lighting the universe with their astonishing smile” and submits that if they appeared for a single night only every thousand years, we’d be on our knees in worship and would cherish the memory for the rest of our lives. But since they come out every night, the miracle goes mostly unnoticed. We watch television instead.

But, their beauty notwithstanding, shining stars are not the most prominent miracle which goes unnoticed. The greatest miracles have to do with gratuity, with love, with unfreezing a soul, with forgiveness. Our great poverty is that these go mostly unnoticed. There are much more astonishing things than the stars for which to be down on our knees in gratitude and there are more profound things to cherish in memory than a starlit night.

The Belgium spirituality writer, Benoit Standaert, suggests that the greatest miracle is “that the freely given exists, that there is love that makes whole and that embraces what has been lost, that chooses what had been rejected, that forgives what has been found guilty beyond appeal, that unites what had seemingly been torn apart forever.”

The greatest miracle is that there’s redemption for all that’s wrong with us. There’s redemption from all we’ve failed to live up to because of our inadequacies. There’s redemption from our wounds, from all that’s left us physically, emotionally, and spiritually limping and cold. There’s redemption from injustice, from the unfairness we suffer ourselves and from the hurt which we inflict knowingly or unknowingly on others. There’s redemption from our mistakes, our moral failures, our infidelities, our sins. There’s redemption from relationships gone sour, from marriages, families, and friendships that have been torn apart by misunderstanding, hatred, selfishness, and violence. There’s redemption from suicide and murder. Nothing falls outside the scope of God’s power to

forgive, to resurrect and make new, fresh, innocent, and joyful again.

Our lives, to a greater or lesser extent, all end up incomplete, broken, unfairly ripped away from us, and causing hurt to others because of our weaknesses, infidelities, sin, and malice; and still, ultimately, it can all wash clean again. There’s redemption, new life after all the ways we’ve gone wrong in this world. And that redemption comes through forgiveness.

Forgiveness is the greatest miracle, the pan-ultimate miracle, which, along with everlasting life, is the real meaning of the resurrection of Jesus. There’s nothing more godlike, or miraculous, than a moment of reconciliation, a moment of forgiveness.

It’s for this reason that when the Gospels write up the resurrection of Jesus their emphasis, again and again, is on forgiveness. Indeed, Luke’s Gospel does not distinguish the announcement of the resurrection from the announcement of the forgiveness of sins. Forgiveness and resurrection are inextricably linked. Likewise, in the Gospel of John, in Jesus’ first resurrection appearance to the assembled community (with them all hiding behind locked doors in fear) he gives them the power to forgive sins. The message of the resurrection is that a dead body can be raised again from its grave. But this isn’t just true for our physical bodies, which die, but it’s also true, especially, for hearts that are frozen and dead from disappointment, bitterness, anger, separation, and hatred. The miracle of the resurrection is as much about raising deadened souls to new life as it is about raising dead bodies to new life.

Despite being nearly overwhelmed by new inventions today, machines and gadgets that do everything including talking to us, in truth, we see very little that’s genuinely new, that’s not the norm. Sure, we see new innovations every day coming at us so rapidly that we have trouble coping with the changes they are bringing

about. But, in the end, these innovations don’t genuinely surprise us, at least not at a deep level, at the level of the soul, morally. They’re simply more of what we already have, extensions of ordinary life, nothing really surprising.

But when you see a woman forgive another person who has genuinely hurt her, you are seeing something that’s not normal, that’s surprising. You are seeing something that is not simply another instance of how things naturally unfold. Likewise, when you see warmth and love break through to a man who has long been captive of a bitter and angry heart, you are seeing something that’s not just another instance of normal life, of ordinary unfolding. You’re seeing newness, redemption, resurrection, forgiveness. Forgiveness is the only thing that’s new on our planet, everything else is just more of the same.

And so, in the words of Benoit Standaert: “Whenever we strive to bring a little more peace through justice here on earth and, in whatever form, change sadness into happiness, heal broken hearts, or assist the sick and the weak, we arrive directly at God, the God of the resurrection.”

Forgiveness is the most astonishing miracle we will ever see or experience this side of eternity. It, alone, makes for the possibility of heaven – and happiness.

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, 4th 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 (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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us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

DID YOU KNOW?

- There is great debate about the relationship of 'the brothers of the Lord' to Jesus. Some scholars suggest that they were in fact literal brothers (or half-brothers or step-brothers), while others scholars point out that it was common practice to refer to cousins and even more distant relations as 'brothers'. The Catholic Church holds that Jesus was the only child of Mary, the virgin mother of Christ.
- The reference to Jesus as 'son of Mary' was a slur on his legitimacy because, in Jesus' time, people were usually identified as the child of their father.
- The man referred to here as 'James, the brother of the Lord' later became the leader of the Church in Jerusalem.

EXPLORING THE WORD

The questions asked by the townspeople of Nazareth are interesting ones. They rightly seek to understand the origins of Jesus' wisdom and power. 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him?' They recognise that Jesus is not the source of his own authority. There is a greater power behind him. Their failure lies in the fact that they do not recognise the source of Jesus' power and authority. They do not see the presence of God in the words and deeds of their compatriot. Indeed, Jesus is designated as 'son of Mary', a slur

on them both at a time when one's genealogy was traced through the line of the father. Jesus is astonished by the inability of the townspeople to look beyond what they are familiar with to the obvious signs of the kingdom of God in his actions and words. The kingdom of God requires the cooperation of people if it is to become a reality. He can do nothing there!

SHARING THE TRADITION

Prophets and prophecy have always been part of the heritage of the people of Israel. The prophets of the Hebrew Scriptures were charged with the difficult task of speaking God's words to a people who did not always want to hear such a difficult message, often about their own failings. Prophets were not people who foretold the future but those who had a clear understanding of what God wanted and called the people back to fidelity to God's plan and covenant when they had strayed. Even today, there are people who speak out against the status quo, who refuse to accept that the way things are is the way things should be. Sometimes, the way things are is not the way God intended!

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(July 09/10)

- **Monday, 09:** Weekday, Ord Time 14 (Hosea 2:16-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26)
- **Tuesday, 10:** Weekday, Ord Time 14 (Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38)
- **Wednesday, 11:** St Benedict (Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7)
- **Thursday, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 14 (Hosea 11:1-4, 8-9; Mt 10:7-15)
- **Friday, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 14 (Hosea 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23)
- **Saturday, 14:** Weekday, Ord Time 14 (Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33)
- **Sunday 15:** 15th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Amos 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13)

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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