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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

Isaiah 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming, the retribution
of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be
opened, the ears of the deaf
unsealed, then the lame shall leap
like a deer and the tongues of the
dumb sing for joy;

for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:7-10

Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING

James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine
faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified
Lord, with the making of
distinctions between classes of
people. Now suppose a man comes
into your synagogue, beautifully
dressed and with a gold ring on,
and at the same time a poor man
comes in, in shabby clothes, and
you take notice of the well-dressed
man, and say, 'Come this way to

the best seats'; then you tell the
poor man, 'Stand over there' or
'You can sit on the floor by my
foot-rest.' Can't you see that you
have used two different standards
in your mind, and turned
yourselves into judges, and corrupt
judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was
those who are poor according to
the world that God chose, to be
rich in faith and to be the heirs to
the kingdom which he promised to
those who love him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Jesus preached the Good News of
the kingdom and healed all who
were sick. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre,
Jesus went by way of Sidon towards
the Sea of Galilee, right through the
Decapolis region. And they brought
him a deaf man who had an
impediment in his speech; and they
asked him to lay his hand on him.
He took him aside in private, away
from the crowd, put his fingers into
the man's ears and touched his

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Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish

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, Fr. Frank Perry, Reginald Pahl, Maise Rooney, Vera Shannon, James Smith and all the faithful departed.

Please pray for Fr Frank Perry, much loved and respected supply priest to KI in the past, who died last weekend.

Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for Leonie Bald, Brooke Baker & Family, Sam Baynes, Annemeike Berden, Marj and Jimmy Browne, Jill Buist, Denice Carter, Steven Childs, Joella Davidson, Barry Dunn, Katerina Faist, Lloyd & Aileen Dodson & family, Jenny Fechner, Diane Florance, Emma Fulwood, Roy Gatton, Charles & Sue Gorman, Hans Hendrix, John Lavers, Elijah & Magenta Laundry and family, Keith Lockett, Victor Marshal, Ben Martin, Philip McDonald, Peter Murray, Max Moss, Deidre Morrison, Mick Muller, Carmel Northcott,

Fr Pat O'Keeffe, Rocco Nield, Jack Pitcher, Anthony Roestenburg, Bill Roestenburg, Claudine Shelton, Darren Smith, Peter Smith, Linda Tippet, Noelene Thomas, Greg Turner, Patrick Walsh, Sr Margaret Wallace, Anthony Weatherstone, Rob Wilkinson and Gavin Willson, Andy Wood.

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

Today is Child Protection Sunday

Children have the right to play and relax.

Play is so important for children and young people - it is how they learn, develop relationships and express themselves. What are we doing to make our Parish and church environment a happy and playful one for children to be in? Let us not forget that we are all children of God, rejoicing in the salvation we have in Jesus. As we make time and space for children to play and relax we too are reminded of the gladness we feel as we rest and rejoice in God's love.

PARISH NOTICES -02/09/18

Fr. Roman Palma will be here for two weeks arriving tomorrow.

Next week Mass in Kingscote 9:30 AM.

Confessions 30 minutes before Mass on Sundays.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL MONTH

During the month of September we focus on charitable and welfare works within the Adelaide Archdiocese. There will be a special collection next Sunday



Making a difference to the lives of South Australians since 1941.

Please support the Catholic Charities 2018 Appeal - pick up a brochure from parishes in September or make a donation today to Catholic Charities Appeal, Reply Paid 912, Adelaide SA 5001.



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.

AN ODE TO THE CHURCH

Carlo Carretto was an Italian monk who died in 1988. For many years he lived as a hermit in the Sahara Desert, translated the scriptures into the Tuareg language, and from the solitude of the desert wrote some extraordinary spiritual books. His writings and his faith were special in that they had a rare capacity to combine an almost childlike piety with (when needed) a blistering iconoclasm. He loved the church deeply, but he wasn't blind to its faults and failures, and he wasn't afraid to point out those shortcomings.

Late in life, when his health forced him to leave the desert he retired to a religious community in his native Italy. While there, late in life, he read a book by an atheist who took Jesus to task for a phrase in the Sermon on the Mount where he says: "Seek and you shall find", meaning, of course, that if you seek God with an honest heart you will find God. The atheist had entitled his book, *I Sought and I Didn't Find*, arguing from his own experience that an honest heart can seek God and come up empty.

Carretto wrote a book in reply called: *I Sought and I Found*. For him, Jesus' counsel rang true. In his own search, despite encountering many things that could indicate the absence of God, he found God. But he admits the difficulties, and one of those difficulties is, at times, the church. The church can, and sometimes does, through its sin, make it difficult for some to believe in God. Carretto admits this with a disarming honesty but argues that it's not the whole picture.

Hence his book combines his deep love for his faith and his church with his refusal to not turn a blind eye to the very real faults of Christians and the churches. At one point in the book he gives voice to something

which might be described as an Ode to the Church. It reads this way:

How much I must criticize you, my church and yet how much I love you!

How you have made me suffer much and yet owe much to you.

I should like to see you destroyed and yet I need your presence.

You have given me much scandal and yet you alone have made me understand holiness.

Never in this world have I seen anything more obscurantist, more compromised, more false, and yet never in this world have I touched anything more pure, more generous, and more beautiful.

Many times I have felt like slamming the door of my soul in your face – and yet how often I have prayed that I might die in your sure arms!

No, I cannot be free of you, for I am one with you, even though not completely you.

Then, too – where would I go? To build another church?

But I cannot build another without the same defects, for they are my own defeats I bear within me.

And again, if I build one, it will be my Church, and no longer Christ's.

No, I am old enough to know that I am no better than others.

I shall not leave this Church, founded on so frail a rock, because I should be founding another one on an even frailer rock: myself.

And then, what do rocks matter?

What matters is Christ's promise, what matters is the cement that binds the rocks into one: the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit alone can build the

Church with stones as ill-hewn as we.

This is an expression of a mature faith; one which isn't so romantic and idealistic that it needs to be shielded from the darker side of things and one which is real enough so as not to be so cynical that it blinds itself to the evident goodness that also emanates from the church. In truth, the church is both horribly compromised and wonderfully grace-filled. Honest eyes can see both. A mature heart can accept both. Children and novices need to be shielded from the dark underbelly of things; scandalized adults need to have their eyes opened to the evident goodness that's also there.

Many people have left the church because it has scandalized them through its habitual sins, blind spots, defensiveness, self-serving nature, and arrogance. The recent revelations (again) of sexual abuse by priests and the cover-up by church authorities have left many people wondering whether they can ever again trust the church's structure, ministers, and authorities. For many, this scandal seems too huge to digest.

Carlo Carretto's Ode, I believe, can help us all, whether scandalized or pious. To the pious, it can show how one can accept the church despite its sin and how denial of that sin is not what's called for by love and loyalty. To the scandalized, it can be a challenge to not miss the forest for the trees, to not miss seeing that, in the church, frailty and sin, while real, tragic, and scandalous, never eclipse the superabundant, life-giving grace of God.

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

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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tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

DID YOU KNOW?

- Tyre and Sidon are cities on the Mediterranean coast in the far north of Israel, now southern Lebanon. They were the leading cities of the Phoenicians. This was not Jewish territory. Jesus has entered the realm of Gentiles.
- The Decapolis was a federation of ten cities with a largely Greek culture. Most were in the area of the eastern side of the Jordan River to the south of the Sea of Galilee.
- 'Ephphatha' is an Aramaic word. Aramaic was a commonly spoken Semitic language and probably the language spoken by Jesus.
- The Gospels were written in Greek but we sometimes encounter evidence of an earlier written Aramaic source of stories about Jesus or evidence at least of earlier oral traditions which preserve the Aramaic sayings of Jesus.
- The deaf hearing and the dumb speaking are signs of the coming of the Messiah and the advent of the kingdom of God. Jesus the Messiah is bringing the kingdom of God to fulfilment now!

EXPLORING THE WORD

The geographical indicators in this gospel are very important. Mark is at pains to tell us exactly which way Jesus travels.

Following the route as outlined, Jesus would not have set foot on Jewish territory. He remains in Gentile land. The healing offered by the good news is for all people to access. The miracle is not wrought by the use of gestures

alone. Placing his fingers in the ears and his own spittle on the tongue of the man produce no magic results by themselves. To these gestures are added Jesus' gaze towards heaven, a sign of his union with God, and the commanding word of Jesus. It is this combination of the actions and the words of Jesus which produce the results. This man is now open to a whole new way of living in the world, no longer dependent on others but free to take his place in the community.

The prophecy of Isaiah in today's first reading has been fulfilled. When the Lord comes, the ears of the deaf will be opened and the tongues of the dumb will sing for joy. These are signs of the advent (coming) of the Messiah.

In last week's gospel, Jesus had clashed with the religious leadership of Israel and their lack of understanding of who he is. In this text, however, we see that it is the Gentiles who recognise Jesus and are open to his message and ministry.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

In this gospel, physical deafness could be seen as a symbol of being closed off from the world around us. Are there voices we do not hear, or do not hear well enough, in our family or workplace; in our nation or our world? Are we always attentive enough to those who have something to say to us?

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(September 10 - 16)

- **Monday, 10:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11)
- **Tuesday, 11:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19)
- **Wednesday, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26)
- **Thursday, 13:** St John Chrysostom (1 Cor 8:1-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38)
- **Friday, 14:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Num 21:4-9; Jn 3:13-17)
- **Saturday, 15:** Our Lady of Sorrows (Heb 5:7-9; Lk 2:33-35)
- **Sunday 16:** 24th SUNDAY in ORD TIME (Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35)

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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