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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

*1 Kings 19:4-8*

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord,' he said 'I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 33:2-9*

*Taste and see the goodness  
 of the Lord.*

## SECOND READING

*Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2*

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God as children of his that he loves and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Jn 6:51*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the living bread from heaven,  
 says the Lord; whoever eats this  
 bread will live for ever.  
 Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*John 6:41-51*

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day.

It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me.

Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes

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# Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish

## **AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

Mary Banner, Joyce Bowbridge, Steven Browne, Terence Browne, David Buick, Irene Darcy, Don Christie, John Commerford, David Cooper, Allan Forst, Paul Glynn Jr, Henry Hughes, Annemie Huys, Mary Kildea, Daniel Lydon, Dot May, John Mertens, Rebecca Murch, Lorna Murphy, Winifred O'Daly, Joseph Ryan, Simon Slagter, Chris Slattery, Kathy Slotegraaf, Florence Tabor, Bracken Walker, Bill Willson, Owen Willson 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, Keith Lockett, Victor Marshal, Ben Martin, Janice Mills, Philip McDonald, Peter Murray, Max Moss, Darren Morris, Deidre Morrison, Mick Muller, Carmel Northcott,

Fr Pat O'Keeffe, Rocco Nield, Jack Pitcher, Margaret Rich, Anthony Roestenburg, Bill Roestenburg, Claudine Shelton, Darren Smith, Fiona 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.

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## **Safe guarding our children and young people.**

**Children have the right to food, clothing, a safe place to live and to have basic needs met.**

Though we live in a rich society, there are many children even in our own country who do not enjoy these rights. Children are disadvantaged and live in poverty for many reasons - their parents may struggle with addiction, mental illness or domestic violence. Overseas many children do not have the food, shelter or clothing they need for survival. Our Catholic charities and agencies, both here and overseas strive to help these children and families to ensure they have the things they need to be healthy and to participate fully in society. As God gives so abundantly to us his love and forgiveness, let us give through prayer, time or money, whatever we can to help children in need.

## **PARISH NOTICES –05/08/18**

1. Thank you to Fr Peter for saying Mass for us today, and for his continued presence here during the month of August

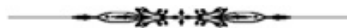
3. Confession is available every Sunday in Kingscote at 30 minutes before Mass.

4. Fr Charles will visit KI on next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August for Mass and to say goodbye before he takes up his new role as Bishop of Darwin. We will have a shared lunch at the Yacht Club with him that day to bid him farewell. Please bring some food and BYO drinks.



## 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.*



### WHY I BELIEVE IN GOD

Some of my favorite authors are agnostics, men and women who face life honestly and courageously without faith in a personal God. They're stoics mostly, persons who have made peace with the fact that God may not exist and that perhaps death ends everything for us. I see this, for example, in the late James Hillman, a man whom I greatly admire and who has much to teach believers about what it means to listen to and honor the human soul.

But here's something I don't admire in these agnostic stoics: While they face with courage what it should mean for us if God doesn't exist and death ends our personal existence, they don't, with the same courage ask the question of what it should mean for us if God does exist and death does not end our personal existence. What if God does exist and what if the tenets of our faith are true? They need too to face that question.

I believe that God exists, not because I have never had doubts, or because I was raised in the faith by persons whose lives gave deep witness to its truth, or because perennially the vast majority of people on this planet believe in God. I believe that a personal God exists for more reasons than I can name: the goodness of saints; the hook in my own heart that has never let me go; the interface of faith with my own experience, the courage of religious martyrs throughout history; the stunning depth of Jesus' teachings; the deep insights contained in other religions, the mystical experience of countless people; our sense of connection inside the communion of saints with loved ones who have died; the convergence of the anecdotal testimony of hundreds of individuals who have been clinically dead and resuscitated back to life; the things

we sometimes intuitively know beyond all logical reason; the constant recurrence of resurrection in our lives; the essential triumph of truth and goodness throughout history; the fact that hope never dies, the unyielding imperative we feel inside of ourselves to be reconciled with others before we die; the infinite depth of the human heart; and, yes, even the very ability of atheists and agnostics to intuit that somehow it still all makes sense, points to the existence of a living, personal God.

I believe that God exists because faith works; at least to the extent we work it. The existence of God proves itself true to the extent that we take it seriously and live our lives in face of it. Simply put, we're happy and at peace to the exact extent that we risk, explicitly or implicitly, living lives of faith. The happiest people I know are also the most generous, selfless, gracious, and reverent persons I know. That's no accident.

Leon Bloy once asserted that there's only one true sadness in life, that of not being a saint. We see that in the story of the rich young man in Gospels who turns down Jesus' invitation to live his faith more deeply. He goes away sad. Of course, being a saint and being sad are never all or nothing, both have degrees. But there's a constant: We're happy or sad in direct proportion to our fidelity or infidelity to what's one, true, good, and beautiful. I know that existentially: I'm happy and at peace to the exact extent that I take my faith seriously and live it out in fidelity; the more faithful I am, the more at peace I am, and vice versa.

Inherent in all of this too is a certain "law of karma", namely, the universe gives back to us morally exactly what we give to it. As Jesus worded

it, *the measure you measure out is the measure that will be measured back to you*. What we breathe out is what we're going to inhale. If I breathe out selfishness, selfishness is what I will inhale; if I breathe out bitterness, that's what I'll meet at every turn; conversely, if I breathe out love, gracious, and forgiveness, these will be given back to me in the exact measure that I give them out. Our lives and our universe have a deep, innate, non-negotiable structure of love and justice written into them, one that can only be underwritten by a living, personal, divine mind and heart of love.

None of this, of course, proves God's existence with the kind of proof we find in science or mathematics; but God isn't found at the end of an empirical test, a mathematical equation, or a philosophical syllogism. God is found, explicitly or implicitly, in living a good, honest, gracious, selfless, moral life, and this can happen inside of religion or outside of it.

The Belgium Benedictine, Benoit Standaert, submits that *wisdom is three things, and a fourth*. Wisdom is a respect for knowledge; wisdom is a respect for honesty and aesthetics; and wisdom is a respect for mystery. But there's a fourth – wisdom is a respect for Someone.

*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 Honeypt 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 8.15am (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 9.15am

### VICTOR HARBOR

*St Joan of Arc, 30 Seaview Road*  
Saturday 6.00pm  
Sunday 11.00am  
Tuesday 9.00am  
Thursday 9.00am  
Friday (other than 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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from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life.

‘I am the bread of life.

Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.”

### DID YOU KNOW?

- The Gospel of John contains several ‘I am’ sayings. When God revealed his name to Moses at the burning bush he called himself ‘I am who am’. Jesus’ use of this term is a pointer to his true identity as Son of God.
- The ‘manna’ of the desert experience is indeed a real phenomenon. It is a highly nutritious substance which forms in the early morning possibly from the secretions of beetles which feed on the tamarisk plant.

### EXPLORING THE WORD

‘The Jews’ of today’s gospel are having great difficulty in accepting Jesus’ origins. They have seen the abundant feast which is promised when the Messiah comes; they have seen the signs that God worked through Jesus and he has told them he is the bread that came down from heaven. But still they are trapped in their earthly reality and cannot move beyond it into the mystery of God present among them. For ‘the Jews’ the gift which God gave is the Law. They cannot move into the new reality that Jesus has surpassed this and offers something greater – his flesh for the life of the world. It is through his death and resurrection

that salvation will be won. The final line of this text is the lead into the climax of the discourse which will shock the crowd in next week’s gospel.

### MAKING CONNECTIONS

- ‘To hear the teaching of the Father and learn from it is to come to me’. Reflect on your journey so far. Are you coming closer to Jesus?
- Do some extra spiritual or religious reading this week to help you ‘hear the teaching of the Father’ and come closer to Jesus.
- Was there a time when you were strengthened or nourished by another person? What were your needs at that time? How did this person help fill them?

### THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(August 13 - 19)

- **Monday, 13:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 19 (Ezek 1:2-5, 24-28; Mt 17:22-27)
- **Tuesday, 14:** St Maximilian Mary Kolbe (Ezek 2:8-3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14)
- **Wednesday, 15:** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Apoc 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; 1 Cor 15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56)
- **Thursday, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Ezek 12:1-12; Mt 18:21-19:1)
- **Friday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Ezek 16:1-15, 60, 63; Mt 19:3-12)
- **Saturday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Ezek 18:1-10, 13, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15)
- **Sunday 19:** 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Prov 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58)



### 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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