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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

Genesis 9:8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons,
 'See, I establish my Covenant with
 you, and with your descendants after
 you; also with every living creature
 to be found with you, birds, cattle
 and every wild beast with you:
 everything that came out of the ark,
 everything that lives on the earth. I
 establish my Covenant with you: no
 thing of flesh shall be swept away
 again by the waters of the flood.
 There shall be no flood to destroy
 the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the
 Covenant I make between myself
 and you and every living creature
 with you for all generations: I set my
 bow in the clouds and it shall be a
 sign of the Covenant between me
 and the earth. When I gather the
 clouds over the earth and the bow
 appears in the clouds, I will recall
 the Covenant between myself and
 you and every living creature of
 every kind. And so the waters shall
 never again become a flood to
 destroy all things of flesh.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 24:4-9

*Your ways, O Lord, are love and
 truth to those who keep your
 covenant.*

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ himself, innocent though he
 was, died once for sins, died for the
 guilty, to lead us to God. In the body
 he was put to death, in the spirit he
 was raised to life, and, in the spirit,
 he went to preach to the spirits in
 prison. Now it was long ago, when
 Noah was still building that ark
 which saved only a small group of
 eight people 'by water', and when
 God was still waiting patiently, that
 these spirits refused to believe. That
 water is a type of the baptism which
 saves you now, and which is not the
 washing off of physical dirt but a
 pledge made to God from a good
 conscience, through the resurrection
 of Jesus Christ, who has entered
 heaven and is at God's right hand,
 now that he has made the angels and
 Dominations and Powers his
 subjects.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:4

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
 king of endless glory!
 No one lives on bread alone,
 but on every word that comes
 from the mouth of God.
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
 king of endless glory!*

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Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Heather Barrett, Joan Marie Berden, Mary Clark, Phillip Deakin, Alice Ellick, Alfred Gray, Bernadette Hehir, Kenneth Howard, Ron King, Jamie Larcombe, Frank May, Tom Meaney, Allan Moray, Pat Pawelski, Horace Riley, Christopher Riley, Bert Willson And all the faithful departed

Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for Leonie Bald, Brooke Baker & Family, Annemeike Berden, Marj and Jimmy Browne, Denise Carter, Barry Dunn, Katerina Faist, Lloyd & Aileen Dodson & family, Jenny Fechner, Diane Florenance, Roy Gaton, Charles & Sue Gorman, Hans Hendrix, John Lavers, Elijah & Magenta Laundry 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, Fiona Smith, John Smith, Peter Smith, Linda Tippet, 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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

At the Uniting Church Kingscote at 2pm

On Friday 2nd March

Please come along and bring a plate to share for afternoon Tea.

This year this event will be hosted by the Lutherans

Safeguarding our children and young people.

Children have the right to information that is important to their well being.

As adults it can be easy to forget to share information with children and young people. Some times we might even withhold it because we feel it isn't important, that they wouldn't understand, or that it might upset them. This is understandable but children have the right to be informed and we have the responsibility to present information to them in a way that is understandable and meaningful to them. Whether that is information about their rights, discussions about difficult issues in the world, or the redeeming message of the Gospel that is universal to old and young. How do we ensure the messages of our Church are given to children equally as to adults? Let us speak to our children as God speaks to us every day

PARISH NOTICES –18/02/18

1. Thank you to Fr Santiago Fernandes for saying Mass today.
2. Next Sunday there will be Mass with Fr. Josy.
3. Confession is available every Sunday in Kingscote at 30 minutes before Mass.
4. Guild AGM on Monday 26th Feb. 9-30am
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.

OUR MOST COMMON SIN

Classically Christianity has listed seven sins as “deadly” sins, meaning that most everything else we do which is not virtuous somehow takes its root in one these congenital propensities. These are the infamous seven: *pride, greed, lust, envy, gluttony, wrath, and sloth.*

In spiritual literature the first three, *pride, greed, and lust* get most of the ink and attention. Pride is presented as the root of all sin, Lucifer’s primordial defiance of God as forever echoed in our own lives: *I will not serve!* Greed is seen as the basis for our selfishness and our blindness towards others and lust has often been given the ultimate notoriety, as if the Sixth Commandment were the only commandment.

Not to deny the importance of these, but I suspect that the sin which most commonly afflicts us and is not much mentioned in spiritual literature is *wrath*, that is, anger and hatred. I venture to say that most of us operate, however unconsciously, out of anger and this shows itself in our constant criticism of others, in our cynicism, in our jealousy of others, in our bitterness, and in our inability to praise others. And unlike most of our other sins, anger is easy to camouflage and rationalize as virtue.

At one level, anger often rationalizes itself as justified indignation over the foibles, stupidity, egotism, greed, and faults of others: *How can I not be angry given what I see every day!* Here anger shows itself in our constant irritation and in our quickness to correct, criticize, and make a cynical remark. Conversely we’re very slow to praise and affirm. Perfection then becomes the enemy of the good and since nothing and no one is perfect, we’re always in critical mode and we see this as a

virtue rather than for what it in fact is, namely, an inchoate anger and unhappiness inside of ourselves.

But our unhappy cynicism isn’t the biggest problem here. More seriously, anger too often parades itself as Godly-virtue, as righteousness, as prophecy, as a healthy, divinely-inspired militancy for truth, for cause, for virtue, for God. And so we define ourselves as “holy warriors” and “vigilant defenders of truth”, taking justification in the popular (though false) conception that prophets are angry people, on passionate fire for God.

However there’s a near infinite distance between true prophetic anger and the anger that today commonly parades itself as prophecy. Daniel Berrigan, in his criteria for prophecy, submits (and rightly) that a prophet is someone who takes a vow of love, not of alienation. Prophecy is characterized by love aching for reconnection, not anger pushing for separation.

And love isn’t generally what characterizes most so-called prophetic anger in our world today, especially as it pertains to God, religion, and defense of truth. You see this in its worst form in Islamic extremism where, in the name of God, every kind of hatred, violence, and random murder puts on God’s cloak. Blaise Pascal captures this well in his *Pensees* where he writes: “Men never do evil so completely and cheerfully as when they do it from religious conviction.” He’s wrong on one thing; mostly we aren’t doing it cheerfully but angrily. One only has to read the letters to the editor in our newspapers, listen to most talk-radio stations, or listen to any debate on politics, religion, or morality to see raw hatred and anger justifying themselves on moral and divine grounds.

There is such a thing as healthy prophetic anger, a fiery response when the poor of God, the word of God, or the truth of God are being slandered, abused, or neglected. There are important causes and boundaries to be defended. But prophetic anger is an anger that emanates out of love and empathy and always, regardless of the hatred it meets, still exhibits love and empathy, like a loving mother in the face of a belligerent child. Jesus on occasion exhibits this kind of anger, but his anger is antithetical to most of what masquerades as prophetic anger today, where love and empathy are so noticeably absent.

Someone once said that we spend the first half of life struggling with the Sixth Commandment, and then spend the second-half of life struggling with the Fifth Commandment: *Thou shalt not kill!* We see this illustrated in the famous parable of the *Prodigal Son*, his Older Brother, and his Prodigal Father. The younger son is effectively out of his father’s house through wrestling with the seductive energies of youth. The older brother is just as effectively outside his father’s house, not through sin, but through wrestling with anger.

As a young boy I was catechized to confess “bad thoughts” as sinful, but bad thoughts then were defined as sexual thoughts. As we age, I suggest, we might continue to confess “bad thoughts”, but now those “bad thoughts” have to do with anger.

A cynic, it’s said, is someone who has given up, but not shut up! He’s also someone who has confused one of the seven deadly sins, wrath, with virtue.

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 Honeypt 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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GOSPEL

Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'



EXPLORING THE WORD

The Baptist had promised that Jesus would baptise with the Holy Spirit and at his baptism the Holy Spirit had descended on him. Now that same Spirit drives Jesus into the wilderness. He is not the master of his own destiny. He is the object of the action of God. There is no murmur of opposition to this. Jesus accepts God's Spirit and God's will. As a consequence, the harmony of creation is restored and Jesus 'is with' the wild beasts. It is a fulfilment of the prophecy of Isaiah that 'the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the lion and fatling together' (Is 11:6-7). The new creation has begun in the person of Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God. Indeed, he proclaims that the Kingdom of God is close at hand.

But Jesus also summons his followers to repent and believe the good news. Lent is a time to listen attentively to the gospel and to turn back to the ways of the Father. It is a time for us to consider how close we are to the Kingdom of God.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Lent lasts for forty days in imitation of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday.
- There is evidence of Lenten preparation for Easter very early in the Church's history but its practices became more regularised after the Council of Nicaea.

- Each Lent all the baptised are expected to adopt the three Lenten disciplines of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving to those in need.
- In years gone by, Catholics did not eat meat on any Friday, and later, on Fridays in Lent. Today there are two days of the year when Catholics are expected to not eat meat—Ash Wednesday and Good Friday—but all the Fridays of Lent are still days when we should 'fast'.
- This scene in the gospel has been traditionally associated with the Judean wilderness, an unforgiving dessert landscape in the south of the country.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- How do you experience 'the wilderness' in your life? What are the 'wild beasts' for you in this place? Who or what looks after you?
- What comforts and distractions make it difficult for you to follow Jesus' way? Can you dispense with these for the forty days of Lent? Can you, instead, take on additional tasks or disciplines to assist you in walking with God?



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(19 - 25 February)

- **Monday, 19:** Monday of 1st week of Lent (Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46)
- **Tuesday, 20:** Tuesday of 1st week of Lent (Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15)
- **Wednesday, 21:** Wednesday of 1st week of Lent (Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32)
- **Thursday, 22:** The Chair of St Peter (1 Pet 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19)
- **Friday, 23:** Friday of 1st week of Lent (Ezek 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26)
- **Saturday, 24:** Saturday of 1st week of Lent (Deut 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48)
- **Sunday 25:** SECOND SUNDAY of LENT (Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10)

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.
Contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552),
Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).