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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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 50:3-4, 12-15

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

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GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

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MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Peter Beinke, Ellen Clarke, Peter Clark, Ellen Denholm, Inez Frawley, Kathleen Gannon, Archbishop Gleeson, Alec Grant, Keith Hornby, Gladys Lurn, Jean Lonzar, Patrick Lyden, Kath Northcott, Denis O'Brien, James Palmer, Dilly Reynolds, Richard Semler, Sylvester Shannon, Peter Slagter, Cathy Smythe, Eunice Trethewey, Edie Willson, Glad Nash ... and all the faithful departed

Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for Leonie Bald, Brooke Baker & Family, Annemeike Berden, Marj and Jimmy Browne, Jill Buist, Denice 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, Jack Pitcher, Margaret Rich, Anthony Roestenburg, Bill Roestenburg, Claudine Shelton, 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.

Peace March on Palm Sunday 25th March

Meet at the bus stop on Murray street at

11-30am to march to Memorial Park.

Please bring a shared lunch

If you prefer you can meet at Memorial

Park just for lunch.

Safe guarding our children and young people.

Children who are refugees have the right to special protection and help.

As people in many parts of the world flee their homes to find safety elsewhere we are deeply saddened to see children among them suffering. These children have the right to be safe as much as the children in our own Church community do. As people blessed with relative wealth and safety we must do what we can to help. As we give what we can and pray for the safety of children who together with their families are seeking safety and stability, we ask that they might find refuge and comfort just as we find refuge and comfort in the arms of God.

PARISH NOTICES –18/03/18

1. Thank you to Fr Peter for saying Mass today.
2. Next Sunday there will be Mass with Fr. Peter Milburn.
3. Confession is available every Sunday in Kingscote at 30 minutes before Mass.
4. **Easter Raffle is now on.**

If you could donate a prize for this raffle it would be appreciated, and please buy a ticket or two.

5. Project Compassion 2018

Ditosa in Mozambique is cared for by her grandmother, after her parents died of AIDS-related illnesses. Featured in Project Compassion 2013, aged 12, thanks to Caritas Australia's support, Ditosa has now graduated from school, with plans for university.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help young women like Ditosa to grow up with an education, confidence and hope, providing them with a future.



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.

THE UPS AND DOWNS OF FAITH

The poet, Rumi, suggests that we live with a deep secret that sometimes we know, then not, and then know again. That's a good description of faith. Faith isn't something you nail down and possess once and for all. It goes this way: Sometimes you walk on water and sometimes you sink like a stone.

The Gospels testify to this, most graphically, in the story of Peter walking on the water: Jesus asks Peter to step out of a boat and walk across the water to him. At first it works, Peter, unthinking, walks on the water, then becoming more conscious of what he is doing he sinks like a stone. We see this too in the massive fluctuations in belief that Jesus' disciples experience during the "forty days" after the resurrection. Jesus would appear to them, they would trust he was alive, then he would disappear again, and they would lose their trust and go back to the lives they'd led before they met him, fishing and the sea. The post-resurrection narratives illustrate the dynamics of faith pretty clearly: You believe it. Then you distrust. Then you believe it again. At least, so it seems on the surface.

We see another example of this in the story of Peter betraying Jesus. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus tells us that there is a secret which separates those who have faith from those who don't: *To you is given the secret of the kingdom, but to those outside everything exists in parables.* That sounds like Gnosticism, that is, the idea that there's a secret code somewhere (e.g., *The Da Vinci Code*) that some know and some don't and you are in or out depending upon whether you know it or not. But that's not what Jesus is saying here. His secret is an open one, accessible to all: the meaning of the cross. Anyone who understands this will

understand the rest of what Jesus means, and vice versa. We are in or out, depending upon whether or not we can grasp and accept the meaning of Jesus' death.

But, being in or out isn't a once and for all thing. Rather, we move in and out! After Peter denied Jesus, we're told: "*he went outside*". This is intended both literally and metaphorically. After his denial, Peter stepped outside a gate into the night to be away from the crowd, but he also stepped outside the meaning of his faith.

Our faith also bounces up and down for another reason, we misunderstand how it works: Take for example the Rich Young Man who approaches Jesus with this question: "Good master, what must I do *to possess* eternal life?" That's an interesting choice of a verb: *to possess*. Eternal life as a possession? Jesus' gentle correction of the young man's verb teaches us something vital about faith. Jesus says to him: "Now if you wish *to receive* eternal life", meaning that faith and eternal life are not something you possess so that they can be stored and guarded like grain in a barn, money in a bank, or jewelry in a box. They can only be received, like the air we breathe. Air is free, is everywhere, and our health doesn't depend upon its presence, for it's always there, but rather upon the state of our lungs (and mood) at any given moment. Sometimes we breathe deeply and appreciatively; but, sometimes, for various reasons, we breathe badly, gasp for breath, are out of breath, or are choking for air. Like breathing, faith too has its modalities.

And so, we need to understand our faith not as a possession or as something we achieve once and for all, which can be lost only by some

huge, dramatic, life-changing shift inside of us, where we move from belief to atheism. "Faith isn't some constant state of belief," suggests Abraham Heschel, "but rather a sort of faithfulness, a loyalty to the moments when we've had faith."

And that teases out something else: To be real, faith need not be explicitly religious, but can express itself simply in faithfulness, loyalty, and trust. Fox example, in a powerful memoir written as she as dying of cancer, *The Bright Light*, Annie Riggs shares her strong, but implicit, faith as she calmly faces her death. Not given to explicit religious faith, she is challenged at one point by a nurse who says to her: "Faith, you gotta have it, and you're gonna need it!" The comment triggers a reflection on her part about what she does or doesn't believe in. She comes to peace with the question and her own stake in it with these words: "For me, faith involves staring into the abyss, seeing that it is dark and full of the unknown – and being okay with that."

We need to trust the unknown, knowing that we will be okay, no matter that on a given day we might feel like we are walking on water or sinking like a stone. Faith is deeper than our feelings.

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 8.45am (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 9.00am

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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A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.'

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.

And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

EXPLORING THE WORD

The Greeks referred to in this text are likely to have been 'God-fearers' or non-Jewish people who are attracted to Judaism as a religion. Not being born Jews, they are unable to fully enter into the chosen people of Israel and its religious life. Here, though, they express their wish to 'see Jesus'. The classic call to discipleship is 'Come and see'. There is an element here which builds on earlier references in John to the fact that the gospel is not just for the Jews but for all people who express faith. The call of the gospel is universal. The imminent death of the grain is already beginning to yield a rich harvest. Jesus is well aware of the fate in store for him but accepts that this is the central act of his mission. Glorification and exultation await him. It is in being lifted up that Jesus will draw all people to himself.

DID YOU KNOW?

- In the gospels, Jesus often refers to himself as the Son of Man, a mysterious expression that both reveals and conceals his identity. It is a term which comes from the Book of Daniel.
- The festival referred to here was the Passover (Jn 12:1). Observant Jews who were able to came from far and wide to celebrate this great festival at the Temple in

Jerusalem. The city was overflowing with pilgrims from many lands and regions.

- Often, people stayed outside the city because accommodation was very stretched at the times of the pilgrimage festivals. They came into the city each day to celebrate and then returned outside the walls to sleep, either in a nearby village or, often, under the stars.
- This is exactly what Jesus did on his final Passover visit to Jerusalem. After celebrating the meal he was returning to Bethany where his friends Mary, Martha and Lazarus lived. On the way, he stopped to pray at the Garden of Gethsemane and there accepted his fate.
- The Passover is just one of the three great pilgrimage festivals of Judaism.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- What might have to 'die' in you in order for something new to take root and grow?
- How do you understand the call to be a servant to others?

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(19 - 25 March)

- **Monday, 19:** St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24)
- **Tuesday, 20:** Tuesday 5th week of Lent (Num 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30)
- **Wednesday, 21:** Wednesday 5th week of Lent (Dan 3:14-20, 24-25, 28; Jn 8:31-42)
- **Thursday, 22:** Thursday 5th week of Lent (Gen 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59)
- **Friday, 23:** Friday 5th week Lent (Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42)
- **Saturday, 24:** Saturday 5th week Lent (Ezek 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-46)
- **Sunday 25:** PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD (Entrance: Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47)

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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