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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

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-9

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The kingdom of God is near:
 believe the Good News.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. *(Continued page 4)*

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JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Eunice Airton, Eileen Bateman, Dorothy Brook, Monica Buick, May Cairney, Dominic Cash, Marlene Cummins, Pauline Deegan, Jim Dodgson, Lucy Edwards, Colin Fahey, Margaret Flemming, Ralph Florance, Catherine Glynn, Alec Goodwin, Edward Hughes, Ida Jackson, Christina James, Jack Kindellan, Ettie McDonald, Irene Northcott, Ottaviano Orsi, Marj Phillips,

Una Reynolds, George Rowen. Ann Smith, Sheila Tabor, Lorraine Laher Storfer, Mary Weatherstone,...
And all the faithful departed.

Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for Leonie Bald, Brooke Baker & Family, Pat Barrett, Annemeike Berden, Marj and Jimmy Browne, Denice Carter, Katerina Faist, Lloyd & Aileen Dodson & family, Jenny Fechner, Diane Florenance, Roy Gaton, Charles & Sue Gorman, 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, Bill Roestenburg, Darren Smith, John Smith, Peter Smith, Linda Tippet, Greg Turner, Patrick Walsh and Rob Wilkinson.

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

Safeguarding our Children and Young People

Children have a right to a voice, to be listened to and taken seriously.

Children and young people have much to share, yet in the busyness of our adult world it can sometimes be hard to make the time to listen and value their voice. In our church community we can listen to children and young people by including them in worship, giving them opportunities to share their thoughts and telling them that what they have to say matters. When children speak it is important that we act upon what they are saying and take it just as seriously as the thoughts and opinions voiced by adults. Let us value the voices of children just as God values the voices of all who speak to him.

To find out more about child protection initiative contact the Child Protection Unit

on 82108159

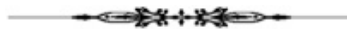
PARISH NOTICES –21/01/18

1. Thank you to Fr Greg Bourke 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.



Ron Rolheiser column

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CAN YOU LOSE YOUR VOCATION?

Recently I received a letter from a man who shared that he was still deeply haunted by a story he'd heard in grade school many years before. One of his religion teachers had read them a story about a priest who went to visit a childhood friend. While staying with his friend, the priest noticed that, while his friend was cheerful and affable enough, he seemed to be harboring some deep, residual sadness. When he asked his friend about it his friend confessed that he "had lost his salvation" because he had felt a call to priesthood when he was young but had chosen instead to marry. Now, he felt, there was no existential redemption from that. He had had a vocation and lost it and, with that, also lost for good his chance at happiness. Though happily enough married, he felt that he would bear forever the stigma of having been being unfaithful in not accepting his God-given vocation.

I was raised on stories like that. They were part of the Catholicism of my youth. We were taught to believe that God marked out a certain vocation for you, that is, to be a priest, a sister, a married person, or a single person in the world, and if you didn't accept that, once you knew your calling, then you had "missed" or "lost" your vocation and the consequence would be an abiding sadness and even the danger of missing heaven. Such were the vocation stories of my youth, and, truth be told, I went to the seminary to become a priest with that lingering as a shadow in my mind. But it was only a shadow. I didn't enter religious life and priesthood out of fear, though some moral fears did play a part in it, as they should. Fear can also be a healthy thing.

But it can also be unhealthy. It's not healthy to understand both God and your vocation in terms that can have you missing out on happiness and salvation on the basis on singular choice made while you are still young. God doesn't work like that.

It's true that we are called by God to a vocation which we are meant to discern through conscience, through community, through circumstance, and through the talents that we've been given. For a Christian, existence does not precede essence. We're born with a purpose, with a mission in life. There are many clear texts in scripture on this: Jesus, praying for entire nights to know his Father's will; Peter conscripted on a rock to led by a belt that will take him where he would rather not go; Paul being led into Damascus and instructed by an elder as to his vocation; Moses being called to do a task because he saw the suffering of the people; and all of us being challenged to use our talents or be stripped of them. We're all called to mission and so each of us has a vocation. We're not morally free to live our lives simply for ourselves.

But God doesn't give us just one chance which if we miss it or turn down will leave us sad forever. No. God opens a new door every time we close one. God gives us 77x7 chances, and more after that, if needed. The question of vocation is not so much a question of guessing right (*What very specifically was I predestined for?*) but rather a question of giving oneself over in faith and love to the situation that we've chosen (or which more often than not has by circumstance chosen us). We should not live in unhealthy fear about this. God continues to love us and desire our happiness, even when we don't always follow to where we are ideally called.

Recently I heard a homily in a church in which the priest compared God to a GPS, a *Global Positioning System*, that is, that computerized instrument, complete with human voice, that countless people have today in their cars and which gives them ongoing instructions on how to get to their destination. One of its features is this: No matter how many times you disregard or disobey its command, the voice never expresses impatience, yells at you, or gives up on you. It simply says "Recalculating". Sooner or later, no matter how many times you disregard it, it gets you home.

Delightful as is that image, it's still but a very weak analogy in terms of understanding God's patience and forgiveness. None of us should be haunted, long-term, by sadness and fear because we feel that we've missed our vocation, unless we are living a selfish life. Selflessness rather than selfishness, a life in pursuit of service rather than a life in pursuit of comfort, not guessing correctly, constitutes one's vocation. Our Christian vocation is to make what we are in fact living – married, priest, religious, single in the world – a life of selflessness and service to others. Happiness and salvation are contingent upon that, not upon guessing correctly.

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, 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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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.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

SHARING THE TRADITION

The first disciples to be called by Jesus offer us a model of how we are expected to be followers of Christ. A disciple is one who takes another as teacher and model. As disciples, we must not only believe in the teachings of Jesus but allow them to influence how we live our lives. We are called to 'profess our faith, bear witness to it and spread it'

DID YOU KNOW?

- John the Baptist was arrested and ultimately killed by Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, who ruled over the region of Galilee. John had been highly critical of the behaviour of Antipas in marrying Herodias who was his niece and the former wife of his brother.
- The Sea of Galilee is also known as Lake Tiberias and Lake of Gennesaret. It is the largest freshwater lake in Israel, and is approximately 53 km in circumference, 21 km long and 13 km wide.
- Each gospel account of the calling of the disciples is slightly

different. Compare this gospel to last week's reading.

- Simon and Andrew, James and John lived in the town of Capernaum on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee. Look at a map of Palestine. Most Bibles include one.

EXPLORING THE WORD

This week we return to the Gospel of Mark which will be the main source of readings through the weeks of Ordinary Time this year. Mark's Gospel was the first of the accounts of Jesus' ministry to be written down. It is widely accepted that it was written about 65–70AD for a community in Rome where Christians were undergoing persecution because of their faith. Because of this setting, Mark often recalls stories which give great hope to people and encourage them to stay firm in their faith in the face of opposition. In this gospel, the disciples do not make excuses or delay. They simply leave everything to follow Jesus. They are immediately drawn to the words and person of Jesus; nothing else is as important as the Kingdom of God and the One who preaches it.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(22 - 28 January)

- **Monday, 22:** Weekday, Ord Time 3 (2 Sam 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30)
- **Tuesday, 23:** Weekday, Ord Time 3 (2 Sam 6:12-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35)
- **Wednesday, 24:** St Francis de Sales (2 Sam 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20)
- **Thursday, 25:** The Conversion of St Paul (Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18)
- **Friday, 26:** Australia Day (Is 32:15-18; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Mt 5:2-12)
- **Saturday, 27:** Weekday, Ord Time 3 (2 Sam 12:1-7, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41)
- **Sunday 28:** FOURTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Deut 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28)

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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