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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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 3.00pm
- **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**

**Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18**

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it

is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps 115:10, 15-19**

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

**SECOND READING**

**Romans 8:31-34**

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us. *(Continued page 4)*

# Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish

## Inter-Church Notices

### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Heather Barrett, Joan Marie Berden, Mary Clark, Phillip Deakin, Aalice 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, Jill Buist, Denice Carter, Barry Dunn, Katerina Faist, Lloyd & Aileen Dodson & family, Jenny Fechner, Diane Florenance, Roy Gatton, 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, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> March

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

This year this event will be hosted by the Lutherans

1. Peace March on Palm Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

2. We are looking for helpers for the Services held at Canarvon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> + 4<sup>th</sup>

Wednesdays of each month.

If you can help or have any questions please contact Louise Davis on 0417862231

## PARISH NOTICES –25/02/18

1. Thank you to Fr Josy for saying Mass today.
2. Next Sunday there will be Mass with Fr. Roy.
3. Confession is available every Sunday in Kingscote at 30 minutes before Mass.
4. Guild AGM on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> 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  
Please return forms today.
7. Project Compassion 2018

Please donate to Project Compassion and help provide employment and training for First Australians. The work of Evengeline and Djilpin Arts is creating opportunities for First Peoples to remain on country and keep their culture alive. This work is essential for a just 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.*



### CELIBACY REVISITED

Writing in the first person is always a risk, but the subject matter of this column is best done, I feel, through personal testimony. In a world where chastity and celibacy are seen as naïve and to be pitied and where there's a general skepticism that anyone is actually living them out, personal testimony is perhaps the most effective protest.

What's to be said for celibacy and chastity, whether these are lived out in a vowed religious context or are simply the given situation of anyone who is going through life celibate? Here's my story:

At the age of seventeen, I made the decision to become a priest and enter a religious order, the *Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate*. That decision involved committing myself to celibacy for life. Strange as this may sound, since I was only seventeen, I didn't make that decision naively or out of some passing fancy. I intuited pretty accurately the cost, so much so that I virtually everything inside me strongly resisted the call. Anything but that! While I was drawn to ministry the accompanying vow of celibacy was a massive stumbling block. I didn't want to live as a celibate. Who does? Indeed nobody should. But the inner call was so strong that, despite its downside, when I finished high school I gave a reluctant but solid assent and entered a religious congregation. Now, looking back on it more than fifty years later, I see it still as the purest, most unselfish decision I've ever made.

I've been in religious life now for more than fifty years and have served as a priest for more than forty-five of those years and, all told, celibacy has served me well, just as I can honestly say that I have served it in essential fidelity. Celibacy has its

upside: Beyond the inner work it forced me to do in terms of my relationship to God, to others, and to myself (often painful work done in restlessness and prayer and on occasion with the help of a counsellor) celibacy also afforded me a privileged availability for the ministry. If you move through this life as a priest and missionary, celibacy can be a friend.

But it isn't always a friend. For me, celibacy has always been the hardest struggle within religious life and ministry, a habitual emotional crucifixion, as it should be. There have been seasons – days, weeks, months, and sometimes many months – when most everything inside of me screamed against it, when because of falling in love, or dealing with an obsession, or dealing with the one-sided energy within a male congregation, or when I was overcome with the fact I will never have children, or, when the simple, raw physical and emotional power of sexuality left me restless and frustrated enough that the man inside of me wanted to take back what the priest inside of me had once vowed. Celibacy will have you sweating blood in the Garden of Gethsemane sometimes. It goes against some of the deepest, innate, God-given instincts and energies within you and so it doesn't allow itself to be dealt with lightly.

That being said though, something else also needs to be said, something too little understood today: Celibacy can also be very generative because sexuality is about more than having sex. Just before creating the sexes, God said: *It is not good for the man to be alone!* That's true for every person who will ever walk this earth. Sexuality is given to us to take us beyond our aloneness; but many things do that for us and full sexual intimacy is only one of them.

Perhaps the single, biggest misunderstanding about sex today is the belief that deep friendship, warm companionship, faith community, and non-genital forms of intimacy are only a substitute, some second-best compensation, for sex rather than a rich, generative modality of sex itself. These aren't a consolation prize for missing the real thing. They are, just as is having sex, one rich aspect of the real thing.

Recently, I phoned a priest on the 60th anniversary of his ordination. Eighty-five years old now, he had this to say: "There were some rough times, all of my classmates left the ministry and I had my temptations too. But I stayed and, now, looking back, I am pretty happy with the way my life turned out."

Looking back on own life and my commitment to celibacy I can say something similar. Celibacy has made for some tough seasons and remains, as Merton once put it, the deep anguish within chastity. But celibacy has also provided me with a life rich in friendship, rich in community, rich in companionship, rich in family of every kind, and rich in opportunity to be present to others. I will die without children, my life, like everyone's, an incomplete, never-fully-consummate symphony. But looking back on it all, I'm pretty happy with the way it turned out. Celibacy can be a very life-giving way of being sexual, of creating family, and of being happy.

*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 Honeypot 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 8.45am (St Luke's)  
Thursday 9am (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 3.00pm

**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 9.00am

**VICTOR HARBOR**

*St Joan of Arc, 30 Seaview Road*  
Saturday 6.00pm  
Sunday 11.00am  
Tuesday 9.00am  
Thursday 9.00am  
Friday (other than 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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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Mt 17:5**

*Glory and praise to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud,  
the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ!*

**GOSPEL**

**Mark 9:2-10**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- This event in the life of Jesus is known as the Transfiguration. It is traditionally associated with Mt Tabor near Nazareth in Galilee.
- The words of the voice from the cloud echo the words from heaven at Jesus' baptism, 'You are my son, the beloved, my favour rests on you' (Mk 1:11).
- The three disciples who witness Jesus' glory in this episode are the

same three who will witness his agony on the Mount of Olives on the night before he died.

- Jesus is joined by Elijah and Moses in this episode. They represent the Prophets and the Law, major sections of the Hebrew Scriptures.

**EXPLORING THE WORD**

In the biblical tradition a mountain is often used to situate close encounters between God and his people. In this text, Jesus' appearance takes on the imagery of the divine. Those who join Jesus are significant: Moses was the receiver of the Law and Elijah was the first prophet. Here the Law and the Prophets, the fullness of Scripture, meet Jesus transfigured. Understandably, the disciples are terrified and Peter suggests they build three tents. This would allow them to remain on the mountain and contemplate the face of God. But this is to misunderstand the true call of the disciple. Gazing heavenwards is not enough - the disciple must also listen and act. The mystery of this response will only become clear when placed in the context of the death and resurrection of Jesus. There can be no sidestepping of the cross and its invitation to all who are followers of Jesus that they too must lose themselves for the sake of others.

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

*(26 February - 04 March)*

- **Monday, 26:** Monday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent (Dan 9:4-10; Lk 6:36-38)
- **Tuesday, 27:** Tuesday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent (Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12)
- **Wednesday, 28:** Wednesday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent (Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28)
- **Thursday, 01:** Thursday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent (Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31)
- **Friday, 02:** Friday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent (Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46)
- **Saturday, 03:** Saturday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent (Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32)
- **Sunday 04:** THIRD SUNDAY of LENT (Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25)

**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).