



## **Kangaroo Island Catholic Community**

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## KANGAROO ISLAND CATHOLIC PARISH

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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**

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: the Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today, so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 32:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

### **SECOND READING**

Romans 8:14-17

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Apoc** 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL**

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the

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## Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish

### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Dorothy 'Mardi' Atktison, William 'Bill' Bauer, Shirley Black, Doris Bosanko, Norma 'Aileen' Cartel, Tony Cairney, William Christopher, Craig Feltus, Mary Alice Grace, Benjamin Hayes, Henry Hughes, Sarah Hughes, Fr. P. P. Kelly, Alan Lashmar, Ann McAnnally, James McAnnally, Lillian Murphy, Laurence O'Daly, Dean Page, Ruth Perkins, Molly Polly, Edna Rayson, Mary - Douglas Rosentreter, Henry Tabor, Michael Wilcox, Alice Willson, Brian Willson and all the faithful departed

### **Prayers for the Sick**

Please pray for Leonie Bald, Brooke Baker & Family, Sam Baynes, Berden, Marj and Jimmy Browne, Jill Buist, Denice Carter, Barry Dunn, Katerina Faist, Lloyd & Aileen Dodson & family, Jenny Fechner, Diane Florenance, Emma Fulwood, Roy Gaton, Charles & Sue Gorman, Hans Hendrix, John Lavers, Elijah & Magenta Laundy and family, Victor Marshal, 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 Tippett, Noelene Thomas Greg Turner, Patrick Walsh, Sr Margaret Wallace, Anthony Weatherstone, 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 be free from sexual abuse.

We all want the best for our children and want to teach them right from wrong so they grow into caring and happy adults. It is important however for adults to practise compassion and care as well as discipline, remembering that children are vulnerable and are harmed by cruel treatment. Children have the right to safety from violence of any kind as do adults. Let us teach and guide our children gently and with love, just as God teaches and guides us with compassion, care and forgiveness.

### PARISH NOTICES -03/06/18

- 1. Thank you to Fr Josy for saying Mass for us today xxxxxxxxx
- 2. Next Sunday there will be Mass with xxxxxxxx?
- 3. Confession is available every Sunday in Kingscote at 30 minutes before Mass.

Would any one be interested in a movie night to see "The Shack". Please express your interest by putting your name on the list at the back of the Church.



### ON FRIENDSHIP

One of the richest experiences of grace that we can have this side of eternity is the experience of friendship.

Dictionaries define friendship as a relationship of mutual affection, a bond richer than mere association. They then go on to link friendship to a number of words: kindness, love, sympathy, empathy, honesty, altruism, loyalty, understanding, compassion, comfort, and (not least) trust. Friends, the dictionaries assert, enjoy each other's company, express their feelings to each other, and make mistakes without fear of judgment from the other.

That basically covers things, but to better grasp the real grace in friendship a number of things inside that definition need explication.

First, as the Greek Stoics affirmed and as is evident in the Christian spirituality, true friendship is only possible among people who are practicing virtue. A gang is not a circle of friendship, nor are many ideological circles. Why? Because friendship needs to bring grace and grace is only found in virtue.

Next, friendship is more than merely human, though it is wonderfully human. When it is genuine, friendship is nothing less than a participation in the flow of life and love that's inside of God. Scripture tells us that God is love, but the word it uses for love in this case is the Greek word agape, a term which might be rendered as "family", "community", or "the sharing of life". Hence the famous text ("God is Love") might be transliterated to read: God is family, God is community, God is shared existence, and whoever shares his or her existence inside of community and friendship is participating in the very flow of life and love that is inside the Trinity.

### 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.



But this isn't always true. Friendship and family can take different forms. Parker Palmer, the contemporary Quaker writer, submits: "If you come here faithfully, you bring great blessing." Conversely, the great Sufi mystic, Rumi, writes: "If you are here unfaithfully, you bring great harm." Family and community can bring grace or block it. Our circle can be one of love and grace, or it can be a one of hatred and sin. Only the former merits the name friendship. Friendship, says St. Augustine, is the beauty of the soul.

Deep, life-giving friendship, as we all know, is as difficult as it is rare. Why? We all long for it in the depths of our soul, so why is it so difficult to find? We all know why: We're different from each other, unique, and rightly cautious as to whom we give entry into our soul. And so it isn't easy to find a soulmate, to have that kind of affinity and trust. Nor is it easy to sustain a friendship once we have found one. Sustained friendship takes hard commitment and that's not our strong point as our psyches and our world forever shift and turn. Moreover, today, virtual friendships don't always translate into real friendships.

Finally, not least, friendship is often hindered or derailed by sex and sexual tension. This is simply a fact of nature and a fact within our culture and all other cultures. Sex and sexuality, while they ideally should be the basis for deep friendship, often are the major hindrance to friendship. Moreover, in our own culture (whose ethos prizes sex over friendship) friendship is often seen as a substitute, and a second-best one at that, for sex.

But while that may be in our cultural ethos, it's clearly not what's deepest in our souls. There we long for something that's ultimately deeper than sex — or is sex in a fuller flowering. There's a deep desire in us all (be that a deeper form of sexual desire or a desire for something that's beyond sex) for a soulmate, for someone to sleep with morally. More deeply than we ache for a sexual partner, we ache for a moral partner, though these desires aren't mutually exclusive, just hard to combine.

Friendship, like love, is always partly a mystery, something beyond us. It's a struggle in all cultures. Part of this is simply our humanity. The pearl of great price is not easily found nor easily retained. True friendship is an eschatological thing, found, though never perfectly, in this life. Cultural and religious factors always work against friendship, as does the omnipresence of sexual tension.

Sometimes poets can reach where academics cannot and so I offer these insights from a poet vis-à-vis the interrelationship between friendship and sex. Friendship, Rainer Marie Rilke suggests, is often one of the great taboos within a culture, but it remains always the endgame: "In a deep, felicitous love between two people you can eventually become the loving protectors of each other's solitude. ... Sex is, admittedly, very powerful, but no matter how powerful, beautiful, and wondrous it may be. If you become the loving protectors of each other's solitude, love gradually turns to friendship."

And as Montaigne once affirmed: "The end of friendship may be more important than love. The epiphanies of youth are meant to blossom and ripen into something everlasting."

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**

2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 9.15am

### **VICTOR HARBOR**

St Joan of Arc, 30 Seaview Road
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 11.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Thursday 9.00am
Friday (other than 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 (Continued from page 1)
Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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#### DID YOU KNOW?

- Many of the prayers of the Church express our belief in a Triune God (three persons in one). One of the greatest prayers is the Sign of the Cross where we dedicate ourselves 'In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit'.
- Although the Scriptures describe God as Father, Son and Spirit, many centuries elapsed before the Church formulated the doctrine of the Trinity. This formulation is enshrined in the Nicene Creed.
- St Patrick reportedly used the shamrock to describe the three persons in one God to the pagans of Ireland.
- St Augustine described the Trinity as the lover, the beloved and the love between.

### **EXPLORING THE WORD**

This text is taken from the very end of Matthew's Gospel after Jesus has been raised and appeared to some women. He instructs them to tell the disciples to leave Jerusalem and travel to Galilee to the place he has arranged to meet them. This place is on a mountain. In Jewish tradition and in Scripture, the top of a mountain is associated with closeness to God and is often the setting for God's self-revelation to his people Israel.

The disciples who gather there are a fragile bunch! Their hopes and dreams have been shattered by the death on the cross of the one they saw as saviour. The disappearance of his body from the tomb has left them wondering and afraid. Now Jesus appears to them and offers words of great consolation. He has ultimate authority in heaven and on Earth and issues the disciples with three instructions.

First, they must go to all the nations, not just to the people of Israel. Christ's salvation is for all people. We must remember that Matthew was writing to a predominantly Jewish community which was struggling with allowing gentiles to enter as people of faith in Jesus. Next, he instructs on a new initiation rite - baptism in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit. For Jews the old initiation rite was the circumcision of male children. Membership in the new people of God is open to all, male and female, gentile and Jew. Finally, Jesus replaces the old Law, the commandments given to Moses, with a new Law, the commandments given by Jesus.

In conclusion, Jesus assures them (and us) that he will be with them always, even to the end of time.

### **MAKING CONNECTIONS**

 Have you ever experienced a sense of closeness with the divine that left you with a feeling of awe, of being truly aware of God's presence?



### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(28 May - 3 June)

- *Monday, 28:* Weekday, Ord Time 8 (1 Pet 1:3-9; Mk 10:17-27)
- *Tuesday, 29:* Weekday, Ord Time 8 (1 Pet 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31)
- *Wednesday, 30:* Weekday, Ord Time 8 (1 Pet 1:18-25; Mk 10:32-45)
- *Thursday, 31:* The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Zeph 3:14-18; Lk 1:39-56)
- *Friday, 1:* St Justin (1 Pet 4:7-13; Mk 11:11-26)
- *Saturday, 2:* Weekday, Ord Time 8 (Jude 17:20-25; Mk 11:27-33)
- *Sunday 3:* The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST (Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26)

### **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).