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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 Numbers 11:25-29

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets. and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 18:8, 10, 12-14 The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

SECOND READING

James 5:1-6 An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that

are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 17:17 Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' (*Continued page 4*)

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SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Frank Berden, Mary Bowery, Terrence Browne, Gwen Caldicott, Audrey Carslake, Peg Dow, Thomas Drane, Christopher Glynn, Loretta Hartley, Catherine Hughes, Patrick Hughes, Pearl Malycha, Elvie Meaney, Dean Larcombe, Julia Martienses, Eeileen Morris, Fr. Frank Perry, Reginald Pahl, Maise Rooney, Vera Shannon, James Smith and all the faithful departed.

Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for Leonie Bald, Brooke Baker & Family, Sam Baynes, Annemeike Berden, Marj and Jimmy Browne, Jill Buist, Denice Carter, Steven Childs, Joella Davidson, Barry Dunn, Katerina Faist, Lloyd & Aileen Dodson & family, Jenny Fechner, Diane Florance, Emma Fulwood, Roy Gaton, Charles & Sue Gorman, Hans Hendrix, John Lavers, Elijah & Magenta Laundy and family, Keith Lockett, Victor Marshal, Ben Martin, Philip McDonald, Peter Murray, Max Moss, Deidre Morrison, Mick Muller, Carmel Northcott, Fr Pat O'Keeffe, Rocco Nield, Jack Pitcher, Anthony Roestenburg, Bill Roestenburg, Claudine Shelton, Darren Smith, Peter Smith, Linda Tippett, Noelene Thomas, Greg Turner, Patrick Walsh, Sr Margaret Wallace, Anthony Weatherstone, Rob Wilkinson and Gavin Willson, Andy Wood.

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

Live well, live wisely, live humbly, as James tells us. Our lives are always a more compelling witness than our words.

PARISH NOTICES -30/09/18

Thank you Father Josy for celebrating Mass with us today. A priest is not confirmed for next week yet.

Next week Mass or Liturgy in Kingscote 9:30 AM and Penneshaw 1pm.

Confessions 30 minutes before Mass on Sundays.



FR CHARLES' EPISCOPAL ORDINATION - 26 September



WHAT'S IN A NAME? We're called to a name change.

We're all familiar with the incident in the bible where God changes the name of *Abram* to *Abraham*. The change seems so small that often times it isn't even picked up by those reading that text. What's the difference between *Abram* and *Abraham*?

The name *Abram*, meaning "Exalted Father", is the name given the great patriarch to whom God made the promise that one day he would be the father of all the descendants of the nation of Judaism. But later when God promises this same man that he is to be the father as well of all nations everywhere, God changes his name to *Abraham*: "You will no longer be called *Abram*; your name will be *Abraham*, for I have made you a father of many nations." (Genesis 17, 5).

What is implied in this change? The name, *Abraham*, in its very etymology, connotes a stretching to become something larger; he's now to be the father of **all** nations. *Abram*, the father of one nation, now becomes *Abraham* (in Hebrew, *Ab hamon goyim*) the father of all the other nations, the "goyim".

That change doesn't just stretch a word: it stretches Abraham, a Jew. and redefines his understanding of himself and his mission. He's no longer to understand himself as the patriarch of just one nation, his own, his ethnic and religious family, but he's to see himself and the faith he is entrusted with as someone and something for all nations. He's no longer to think of himself as the patriarch of one particular tribe, since God is not a tribal God. As well, he's no longer to think of just his own tribe as his family, but to think of all others, irrespective of ethnicity or faith, as also his children.

What does that mean for us? T.S. Eliot might answer that by saying: *Home is where we start from*. Our particular ethnic, religious, cultural, and civic roots are precious and important, but they're not the fully mature tree into which we're meant to grow. Our roots are where we start from.

I grew up a very sheltered child, in a very close family, in a very enclosed rural environment. We were all of one kind, our neighbors, my classmates, everyone I knew, all of us, we shared a common history, ethnicity, religion, cultural background, set of values, and lived in a young country, Canada, that for the most part looked exactly like we did. I value those roots. They're a great gift. Those roots have given me a stability that has freed me up for the rest of my life. But they're only my roots, precious, but merely the place where I start from.

And it's the same for all of us. We take root inside a particular family, an ethnicity, a neighborhood, a country, and a faith, with a particular slant on the world and, with that, some people constitute our tribe and others don't. But that's where we start from. We grow, change, move, meet new people, and live and work with others who don't share our background, nationality, ethnicity, skin color, religion, or particular slant on life.

And so today we share our countries, cities, neighborhoods, and churches with the "goyim", the people of other tribes, and that makes for the long struggle, hopefully successful, to eventually see that those others who are different from us, share the same God, are also our brothers and sisters, and have lives that are just as real, important, and precious as those of our own biological, national, and religious families. Like Abraham we need a name change so that we don't make idolatry out of our youthful patriotism which has us believe that our own tribe is special and that our own country, skin color, background, and religion give us a unique and privileged claim to God.

Our world is globalizing at a dizzying pace and countries, neighborhoods, and churches are becoming ever-more plural and diverse ethnically, linguistically, culturally, and religiously. Our countries, neighborhoods, workplaces, and churches are literally taking on a different face. The old sheltered communities that gave us our roots are disappearing and for many of us this is scary and the temptation is retrench, to go hard to the right, to militantly defend the old boundaries, and to claim God and truth more exclusively again for ourselves. That's understandable, but not where we're called to be by what's best inside our humanity and our faith. Like Abraham, we're called to a name change.

We're called to cherish our heritage, country, mother tongue, culture, faith, and church because only by being firmly rooted within primary community are we stable and altruistic enough to offer family to those outside of our own. But home is where we start from. From those wonderful families that give us roots, we're called to stretch our hearts religiously, ethnically, culturally so that everyone eventually is embraced as family. We're called to move from being *Abram* to becoming *Abraham*.

You can read, or download, Ron Rolheiser's weekly columns from his website at: <u>www.ronrolheiser.com</u>

Ron Rolheiser column

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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 8.15am (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 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 9.15am

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

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But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

DID YOU KNOW?

- There are a number of welldocumented examples of healers and miracle workers who were contemporaries of Jesus.
- Hell is the English word used to translate the Hebrew Sheol or Gehenna or the Greek Hades. The idea of a particular place of punishment by fire in the afterlife developed quite late in Hebrew thought—about the third century BC.
- In the final line of this gospel, Jesus is quoting from Isaiah about the fate of those who rebel against God: 'their worm shall not die, their fire shall not be quenched' (Is 66:24).

EXPLORING THE WORD

In last week's gospel, the principal message was that to be a disciple, one must become the servant of others. This message seems to have had little impact on the disciples as we still find them obsessed with their own position in the 'in group': 'Because he was not one of us, we tried to stop him.' The arrogance of the disciples is astounding. They have no authority to stop the spread of the Kingdom! Indeed the true reward will go, not to the great among them but to those who by a simple act of kindness, such as offering a cup of water, assist in the work of welcoming the kingdom.

Not only must they not hinder the spreading of the reign of God by whatever means, Jesus warns them that they must not hinder or damage the faith of others. The difficult language of the remainder of this gospel is really designed to draw attention to the fact that the kingdom is so precious that we should be prepared to rid ourselves of anything at all that would place our attainment of it in jeopardy.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

In recent times in our nation, there have been occasions when some people have rejected those who are 'not one of us'. Increasingly in our world, divisions between peoples are becoming apparent.

Think of times when you welcomed someone outside your immediate circle. Were you enriched by the experience? Was the other person?

THIS WEEK'S READINGS (October 01 - 07)

- *Monday, 01:* St Therese of the Child Jesus (Job 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50)
- *Tuesday, 02:* The Holy Guardian Angels (Ex 23:20-23; Mt 18:1-5,10)
- *Wednesday, 03:* Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Job 9:1-13, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62)
- *Thursday, 04:* St Francis of Assisi (Job 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12)
- *Friday, 05:* Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Job 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16)
- *Saturday, 06:* Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24)
- *Sunday 07:* 27th SUNDAY in ORD TIME (Gen 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16)

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).