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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

• PENNESHAW:

St Columba's Anglican Church,
Cnr North Terrace and Fourth Street
1st Sunday - 3.15pm

SPONSORSHIP

KANGAROO ISLAND

TRANSFERS (0427 887 575)
generously donate transport for
our visiting Priests.

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

FIRST READING

Malachi 3:19-20

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:5-9

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

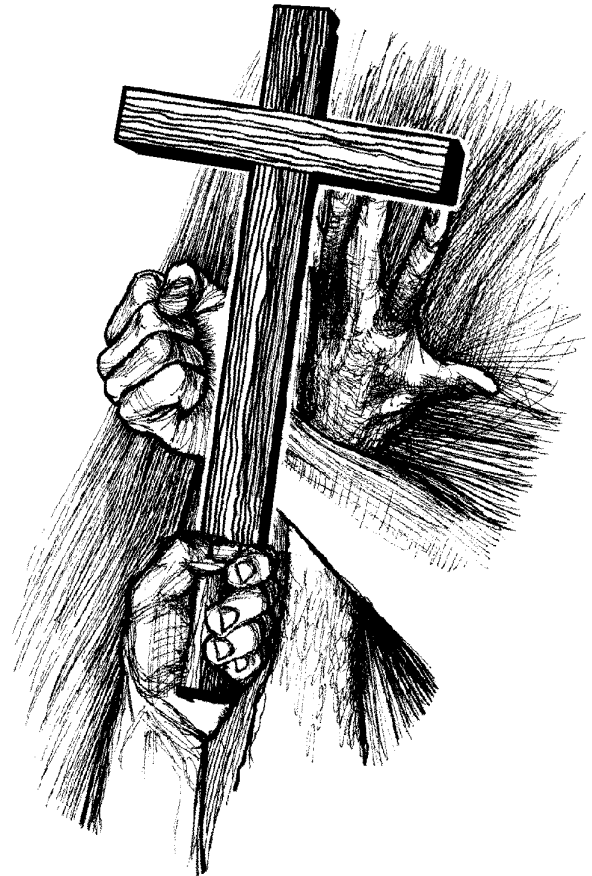
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL

Luke 21:5-19

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.'

And they put to him this question:

'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand". Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so

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PARISH NOTICES

Next week: Mass Kingscote 9:30 AM

Confession is available every Sunday 30 minutes before Mass.

Advent reflection booklets are available now and can be collected from the back of the church

November Priest Roster:

3 Nov Fr Selva, 10 Nov Fr Jack,
17 Nov-1 Dec Fr Kevin Matthews

Mass Roster:

Today:

Readers P Wales M Glynn.
Gifts: Brinkley family.
Sp. Min. C Berden J Berden.
Cleaning / Coffee: C Berden.

Next week:

A Clark C Pahl.
Wales family.
A Clark S Semler.
C Berden.

Collections November 3rd.

1st (Support of the Priests of the Archdiocese) **\$113.70**
2nd (Upkeep of our parish programs & property) **\$161.05**

Please pray for those who have died.....

Barry Dunn, Katarina Faist

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jim Airton , Francis E Bannan, Vic Banner, Clorice Bates, Toni Berden, Leon Bourke , Imogen Brinkley, Harold Burgess, Donald Chalmers, Tim Clark, Evelyn Drane, John and Dien Hendrix, Carmel Higgins, Agnes Hughes, Margaret Hughes, Peggy Imboden, Andrew Kelly, Thomas Lydon, John McDonald, Colleen Moore, Roger Pahl, Teresa Paniza, Sam Perkins, Roy Rayson, Helen Redden, Patricia Ross, Harold Semler, Marie Slagter, Pat Smith, Graham Turner, Gwen Willson and all the faithful departed.

Please pray for those who are sick.....Sr. Carmel Clarke, Mei Kuen Sexton, Fr Peter Milburn, Toni Langridge, Damian Baynes, Charles Gorman, Maureen Dunn, Dalton Baynes, Roy Gatton,May all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ through our actions and His healing presence.

Please contact Peter Clark to have names entered. For privacy reasons permission is required before names are submitted for entry in this bulletin.

Archdiocesan Events

For a full listing of events and activities being held across the Archdiocese, please visit:

<http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/parishes-and-mass-times/newsletters-from-archbishop-s-office>

Catholic Women's Advent Retreat Day

Hosted in collaboration with the Sisterhood Movement and the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia. The Retreat Day will be held on Saturday November 30, 9.30am-5pm in St Mary's Hall, Our Lady of Victories, Glenelg. To register go to <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=564825&> or call Jacinta Colla on P: 0401 399 792 or E: adventretreat@hotmail.com with any questions. Registrations close on November 20.

GOSPEL CONNECTIONS

It's About Perseverance, Not Perfection

Progress, not perfection. That phrase is critical to recovering alcoholics. Many cling to it because they are tempted to give up on sobriety when they make a mistake and drink. Don't give up, they remind one another. Perfection is impossible. But God can help you progress, one step at a time, toward a healthy life.

Christians can learn a lot from recovering alcoholics.

We'll never be perfect disciples. We're human and face tough temptations. Wear these clothes – you'll fit in. Drink this – you'll have friends. Cheat – you need the grade. Laugh at them – don't be a loser.

We're going to trip up.

The early Christians faced tough choices too. Luke included this Gospel passage to warn his community about people who claimed that Jesus had returned and "the end was near". This Gospel story also reminds people that Christ stands with us through temptation, persecution, and even failure.

It's tough out there. But remember, Jesus says we secure our lives through perseverance as Christians. That means we need to keep trying. Over time we'll see progress in our Christian living, and we'll worry less about perfection.

What tempts people to give up on trying to live the Christian life?

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Ron Rolheiser column

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LIVING OUT A VOCATION

What does it mean to have a vocation? The term gets batted around both in religious and secular circles and everyone assumes its meaning is clear. Is it? What's a vocation?

Karl Jung defined it this way: "A vocation is an irrational factor that destines a man to emancipate himself from the herd and from its well-worn paths." Frederick Buechner, a famed preacher, says: "A vocation is where your deep gladness meets the world's hunger."

David Brooks, a renowned journalist, reflecting on vocation in his recent book, *The Second Mountain*, gives us these quotes from Jung and Buechner and then writes: A vocation is not something you choose. It chooses you. When you sense it as a possibility in your life you also sense that you don't have a choice but can only ask yourself: What's my responsibility here? It's not a matter of what you expect from life but rather what life expects from you. Moreover, for Brooks, once you have a sense of your vocation it becomes unthinkable to turn away and you realize you would be morally culpable if you did. He quotes William Wordsworth in support of this:

*My heart was full; I made no
vows, but vows
Were then made for me; bond
unknown to me
Was given, that I should be, else
sinning greatly.*

Brooks suggests that any number of things can help awaken your soul to its vocation: music, drama, art, friendship, being around children, being around beauty, and, paradoxically, being around injustice. To this he adds two further observations: First, that usually we

only see and understand all this clearly when we're older and looking back on life and our choices; and, second, that while the summons to a vocation is a holy thing, something mystical, the way we actually end up living it out is often messy, confusing, and screwed up and generally doesn't feel very holy at all.

Well, I am older and am looking back on things. Does my vocational story fit these descriptions? Mostly, yes.

As a child growing up in the Roman Catholic subculture of the 1950s and early 1960s, I was part of that generation of Catholics within which every Catholic boy or girl was asked to consider, with considerable gravity, the question: "Do I have a vocation?" But back then mostly that meant: "Am I called to be a priest, a religious brother, or a religious sister?" Marriage and single life were, in fact, also considered vocations, but they took a back seat to what was considered the higher vocation, consecrated religious commitment.

So as a boy growing up in that milieu I did, with all gravity, ask myself that question: "Do I have a vocation to be a priest?" And the answer came to me, not in a flashing insight, or in some generous movement of heart, or in an attraction to a certain way of life. None of these. The answer came to me as hook in my conscience, as something that was being asked of me, as something I couldn't morally or religiously turn away from. It came to me as an obligation, a responsibility. And initially I fought against and resisted that answer. This wasn't what I wanted.

But it was what I felt called to. This was something that was being asked of me beyond my own dreams for

my life. It was a call. So at the tender age of seventeen I made the decision to enter a religious order, the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, and train to become a priest. I suspect that few counsellors or psychologists today would put much trust in such a decision, given my age at the time; but, looking back on it now, more than fifty years later, in hindsight, I believe this is the purest and most unselfish decision I've ever made in my life.

And I've never looked back. I've never seriously considered leaving that commitment, even though every kind of unsettling emotion, obsession, restlessness, depression, and self-pity have at times haunted and tormented me. I've never regretted the decision. I know this is what I've been called to do and I'm happy enough with the way it's turned out. It's brought me life and helped me serve others. And given my personal idiosyncrasies, wounds, and weaknesses, I doubt I would have found as deep a path into life and community as this vocation afforded me, though that admittedly can be self-serving.

I share my personal story here only because it might be helpful in illustrating the concept of a vocation. But religious life and priesthood are merely one vocation. There are countless others, equally as holy and important. One's vocation can be to be an artist, a farmer, a writer, a doctor, a parent, a wife, a teacher, a salesman, or countless other things. The vocation chooses you and makes the vows for you – and those vows put you at that place in the world where you're best placed to serve others and to find happiness.

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 8.15am (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
11.50am Adoration, 12.00 noon Mass

PENNESHAW

*St Columba, North Terrace
(shared with Anglicans)*
1st Sunday 3.15pm

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 9.00am
1st Friday Benediction following Mass

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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soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name - and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

In the context of Luke, today's Gospel appears near the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem, just prior to the events that will lead to his crucifixion. His warnings and predictions are ominous but can be read in many ways.

To those who first heard Luke's Gospel, those may have been words of encouragement. The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans was history (70 A.D.); Luke's Gospel, Catholic scholars propose, was written between 80 and 90 A.D. His audience was probably Gentile Christians. Luke here tries to interpret the fall of Jerusalem for them and to locate it in God's plans for humankind (salvation history). At the same time, Luke is suggesting to his audience that there will be a considerable elapse of time before Jesus' final coming. Luke's listeners

have likely seen much upheaval and are anxious to know if these are the signs of Jesus' coming. Luke is urging greater patience.

In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus warns that his followers will face persecution for their beliefs. Luke presents persecution as an opportunity for the followers of Jesus for "It will lead to your giving testimony" (Luke 21:13). In persecution God's wisdom and power will be shown in the example of followers of Jesus. Perseverance in the face of persecution will lead to their salvation.

Here Jesus is assuring his followers that God is present to all believers, even in times of trouble. Ultimately, Jesus will witness to this with his own death. As disciples of Jesus, we try to follow his example, trusting in God's mercy and protection, even when we are facing difficulties.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(18 - 24 November)

- **Monday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 33 (1 Macc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64; Lk 18:35-43)
- **Tuesday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 33 (2 Macc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10)
- **Wednesday, 20:** Weekday, Ord Time 33 (2 Macc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28)
- **Thursday, 21:** Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary (1 Macc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44)
- **Friday, 22:** St Cecilia (1 Macc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48)
- **Saturday, 23:** Weekday, Ord Time 33 (1 Macc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40)
- **Sunday 24:** Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE (2 Sam 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43)

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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Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).