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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:

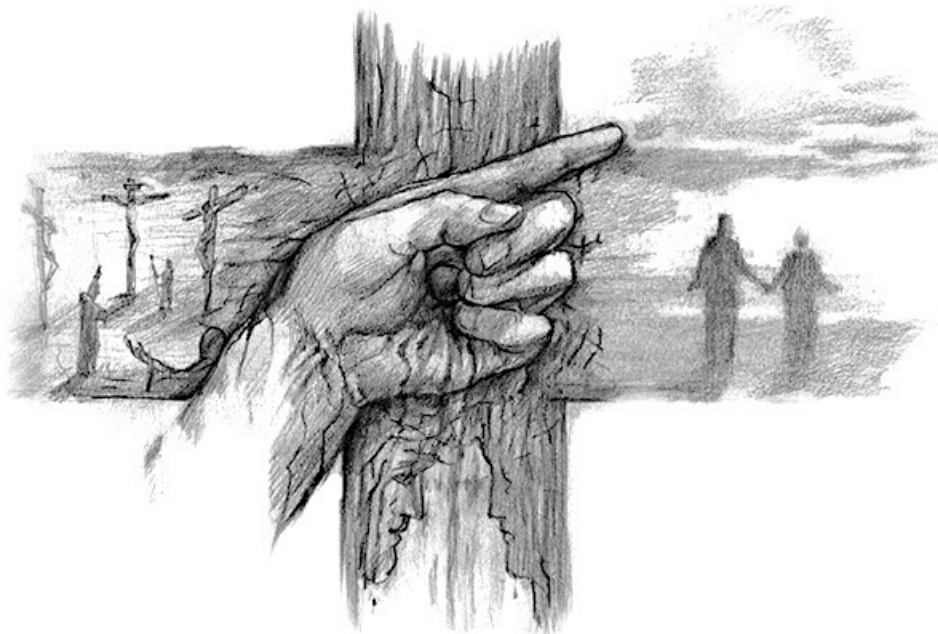
St Columba's Anglican Church,
Cnr North Terrace and Fourth Street
1st Sunday - 3.15pm

SPONSORSHIP

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our visiting Priests.

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159



FIRST READING

2 Samuel 5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel then came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 121:1-5

*Let us go rejoicing to the
house of the Lord.*

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:12-20

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he

loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 11:9,10

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Blessed is he who inherits the
kingdom of David our father;
blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Alleluia!*

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Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish

PARISH NOTICES

Next week: Mass Kingscote 9:30 AM
Penneshaw 3:15 PM

Confession is available every Sunday 30 minutes before Mass.

Parish Council meets after Mass this morning.

Catholic Ladies Guild Meeting Monday 2nd.
December @ 9.30 a.m. mass, followed by a meeting, then Christmas lunch @ Frogs & Roses at 12. Noon. Please place name on form at the church entrance.

A tip from Father Kevin.

Download "Universalis" to have a combined Sunday and Daily Missal along with the daily prayer of the Church on your phone or tablet.

It's reasonably cheap and allows you not only to follow the Mass better, but to know about all the feasts the Church celebrates.

Advent reflection booklets are available now and can be collected from the church entrance.

November Priest Roster:

3 Nov Fr Selva, 10 Nov Fr Jack,
17 Nov-11 Dec Fr Kevin Matthews

Mass Roster:

Today:

Readers A Clark C Pahl.
Gifts: Wales family.
Sp. Min. A Clark S Semler.
Cleaning / Coffee: C Berden.

Next week:

N Clark S Semler.
Clark family.
H Mumford A Gibbs.
C Berden.

Collections November 17th.

1st (Support of the Priests of the Archdiocese) **\$149.20**
2nd (Upkeep of our parish programs & property) **\$153.55**

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.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas eve: Penneshaw 4:00 PM
Kingscote 7:30 PM
Christmas day: Kingscote 8:30AM

GOSPEL CONNECTIONS

Come, follow this "Failed" King

Our King was a failure. He pushed for a world that welcomed the weak, the powerless, the marginalised, the outsider. So the powerful killed him. He gathered close followers who believed in him and his message. But most of them, including his best friend, abandoned him. He preached that nonviolence could defeat violence. And he suffered the most violent death imaginable.

Our King was a failure. What does this mean for us?

Let's start by remembering our failures. Have your hopes ever been crushed? Have you ever been betrayed, or even suffered, for doing the right thing? Do you ever feel like a total screw-up?

If so, then our King understands you. He's been there, done that. Will you? Are you looking for a kingdom of forgiveness and hope, peace and justice; a kingdom where you need not be a success; a kingdom where you can always start over?

If so, then call out to Jesus today. Ask for help to make the Kingdom of God real in your life. Forgive when others say get even. Reach out when others pull back. Dream about a better world. Let those dreams inspire you to a life of service even while others surrender to selfishness. The Kingdom is here now. You only need to enter.

And our "failed" King will strengthen you when some mock and attack you. It can get tough building his Kingdom. But it's worth the struggle. And never forget. Even though our King "failed" on Friday, he rose on Sunday.

How can we find comfort in following a "failed" King?

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>

If you have items for this newsletter, please email to paclark@muckra.com.au or text message to 0418 819 078



Ron Rolheiser column

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SAINTS FOR A NEW SITUATION

Everywhere in church circles today you hear a lament: Our churches are emptying. We've lost our youth. This generation no longer knows or understands the classical theological language. We need to announce Jesus again, as if for the first time, but how? The church is becoming evermore marginalized.

That's the situation pretty much everywhere within the secularized world today. Why is this happening? Faith as a spent project? Secularity's adolescent grandiosity before the parent who gave it birth, Judeo-Christianity? The "buffered self" that Charles Taylor describes? Affluence? Or is the problem mainly with the churches themselves? Sexual abuse? Cover-up? Poor liturgies? Poor preaching? Churches too liberal? Churches too conservative?

I suspect it's some combination of all of these, but single out one issue here to highlight, affluence. Jesus told us that it's difficult (impossible, he says) for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. No doubt, that's a huge part of our present struggle. We're good at being Christians when we're poor, less-educated, and on the margins of mainstream society. We've had centuries of practice at this. What we haven't had any practice at, and aren't any good at, is how to be Christians when we're affluent, sophisticated, and constitute the cultural mainstream.

So, I'm suggesting that what we need today is not so much a new pastoral approach as a new kind of saint, an individual man or woman who can model for us practically what it means to live out the Gospel in a context of affluence and secularity. Why this?

One of the lessons of history is that often genuine religious renewal, the type that actually reshapes the religious imagination, does not come from think-tanks, conferences, and church synods, but from graced individuals – saints, wild men and women who, like Saint Augustine, Saint Francis, Saint Clare, Saint Dominic, Saint Ignatius, or other such religious figures can reshape our religious imagination. They show us that the new lies elsewhere, that what needs fixing in the church will not be mended simply by patching the old. What's needed is a new religious and ecclesial imagination. Charles Taylor, in his highly-respected study of secularity, suggests that what we're undergoing today is not so much a crisis of faith as a crisis of imagination. No Christians before us have ever lived within this kind of world.

What will this new kind of saint, this new St. Francis, look like? I honestly don't know. Neither, it seems, does anyone else. We have no answer yet, at least not one that's been able to bear much fruit in the mainstream culture. That's not surprising. The type of imagination that reshapes history isn't easily found. In the meantime we've come about as far as we can along the road that used to take us there, but which for many of our children no longer does.

Here's our quandary: We're better at knowing what to do once we get people into a church than we are at knowing how to get them there. Why? Our weakness, I believe, lies not in our theological imagination where we have rich theological and biblical insights aplenty. What we lack are saints on the ground, men and women who, in a passion and fidelity that's at once radically faithful to God and fiercely empathic to our secular world, can incarnate their faith into a way of living that

can show us, practically, how we can be poor and humble disciples of Jesus even as we walk in an affluent and highly secularized world.

And such new persons will appear. We've been at this spot before in history and have always found our way forward. Every time the world believes it has buried Christ, the stone rolls back from the tomb; every time the cultural ethos declares that the churches are on an irrevocable downward slide, the Spirit intervenes and there's soon an about face; every time we despair, thinking that our age can now longer produce saints and prophets, some Augustine or Francis comes along and shows that our age, like times of old, can too produce its saints; and every time our imaginations run dry, as they have now, we find that our scriptures are still full of fresh insight. We may lack imagination, but we don't lack hope.

Christ promised we will not be orphaned, and that promise is sure. God is still with us and our age will produce its own prophets and saints. What's asked of us in the moment is biblical patience, to wait on God. Christianity may look tired, tried, and spent to a culture within which affluence and sophistication are its current gods, but hope is already beginning to show its face: As secularization, with its affluence and sophistication, marches unswervingly forward we're already beginning to see a number of men and women who have found ways to become post-affluent and post-sophisticated. These will be the new religious leaders who will teach us, and our children, how to live as Christians in this new situation.

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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GOSPEL

Luke 23:35-43

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Saviour of all.

Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Saviour of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognises Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation.

Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognise Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make

our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognise that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Saviour of all. *Loyola Press website*

ADVENT



Advent is the season of new beginnings. A new liturgical year begins on the First Sunday of Advent (next Sunday - 1 December) and it beckons to us with images of transformation and hope. It is the season of the impossible becoming possible. In the scriptures we read of the dry, barren wilderness bursting into bloom; of broken hearts healing; of a barren woman and a young virgin both conceiving children. It is the season of longing and light. Week by week, candles are lit on the Advent wreath signifying our longing for the light of Christ, as the time of his birth draws near.

Yet Advent heralds more than Christ's birth. It paves our way toward celebrating Christ as God-with-us, God in human flesh. This is a profound mystery at the heart of our faith, and it is the cause of our joy at Christmas.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(18 - 24 November)

- **Monday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 34 (Dan 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4)
- **Tuesday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 34 (Dan 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11)
- **Wednesday, 20:** Weekday, Ord Time 34 (Dan 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19)
- **Thursday, 21:** Weekday, Ord Time 34 (Dan 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28)
- **Friday, 22:** Weekday, Ord Time 34 (Dan 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33)
- **Saturday, 23:** St Andrew, apostle (Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22)
- **Sunday 24:** FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT (Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44)

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).