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(All items for the newsletter must be
received no later than Tuesday
evening.)

SPONSORSHIP

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

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

WEEKEND MASSES

This weekend Mass will be held at
Kingscote at 9.30am.



FIRST READING

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."

And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp.

When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 77:3-4, 23-25, 54

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Bill Roestenberg, Carmel Northcott, Nick Hacker

August anniversaries: Mary Banner, Joyce Bowbridge, Jimmy Browne, Steven Browne, Terence Browne, David Buick, Irene Darcy, Don Christie, John Commerford, David Cooper, Allan Forst, Paul Glynn Jr, Henry Hughes, Annemie Huys, Mary Kildea, Hazel Keitel, Daniel Lydon, Dot May, John Mertens, Rebecca Murch, Lorna Murphy, Winifred O'Daly, Margaret Rich, Joseph Ryan, Simon Slagter, Chris Slattery, Kathy Slotegraaf, Florence Tabor, Bracken Walker, Bill Willson, Owen Willson and all the faithful departed.

ROSTERS

	Comm	Reader	Cleaning
1/8	A Clark	C Pahl	A Clark
8/8	M Glynn	N Clark	C Berden
15/8	C Pahl	K Hammat	C Berden
22/8	S Semler	W Bennett	H Mumford
29/8	K Hammat	L Grant	H Mumford

COVID Marshal

1/8	A Clark	8/8	W Bennett
15/8	J Fernandez	22/8	M Slagter
29/8	C Weatherstone		

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes

if something unforeseen crops up)

1/8	Fr Dev	8/8	Fr Prathap
15/8	Fr Josy	22/8	Fr Dev
29/8	Fr Prathap		

PRAYER FOR HEALING

Parishioners are invited to a Prayer for Healing and Renewal gathering in our Church on Thursdays: 9.00am - 9.30am.

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Please read the most up-to-date information on page 4 of this bulletin.

POEM ABOUT THE CORONAVIRUS

by Pam Ayres (now aged 74!)

I'm normally a social girl
I love to meet my mates
But lately with the virus here
we can't go out the gates.

You see, we are the 'oldies' now
We need to stay inside
If they haven't seen us for a while
They'll think we've upped and died.

They'll never know the things we did
Before we got this old
There wasn't any FaceBook
So not everything was told.

We may seem sweet old ladies
Who would never be uncouth,
But we grew up in the 60s –
If you only knew the truth!

There was sex, drugs and rock 'n roll
The pill and miniskirts
We smoked, we drank, we partied
And were quite outrageous flirts.

Then we settled down, got married
And turned into someone's mum,
Somebody's wife, then nana,
Who on earth did we become?

We didn't mind the change of pace
Because our lives were full
But to bury us before we're dead
Is like red rag to a bull!

So here you find me stuck inside
For four weeks, maybe more
I finally found myself again
Then I had to close the door!

It didn't really bother me
I'd while away the hour
I'd bake for all the family
But I've got no flaming flour!

Now Netflix is just wonderful
I like a gutsy thriller
I'm swooning over Idris
Or some random sexy killer.

At least I've got a stash of booze
For when I'm being idle
There's wine and whisky, even gin
If I'm feeling suicidal!

So, let's all drink to lockdown
To recovery and health
And hope this awful virus
Doesn't decimate our wealth.

We'll all get through the crisis
And be back to join our mates
Just hoping I'm not far too wide
To fit through the flaming gates!

ADELAIDE DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

17 & 18 September

Cabra Dominican College

The Archdiocese of Adelaide will be holding a Diocesan Assembly this September. The Assembly is a meeting of representatives from parishes, schools, communities and groups to discuss the life of our local church, discern a new vision for the diocese and prepare for the upcoming Plenary Council. Individuals and groups are invited to respond to the pre-assembly consultation question, "What do you think are the most important things to discuss at the Diocesan Assembly?" For more information on the Diocesan Assembly,

and to share your response to the consultation question, visit: www.adelaidediocesanassembly.org or contact Sarah Moffatt in the Diocesan Office (8210 8100).

AUSTRALIAN CENSUS 2021

Census night - Tuesday, 10 August

For more information go to:

www.census.abs.gov.au

VISIT OF ARCHBISHOP

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will be coming to KI for confirmation on 31 October. More details later.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Our next Special Collection will be the Appeal for Vocations on the weekend of 14/15 August.

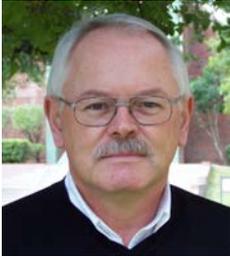
DATES

8 Aug	Feast of St Mary of the Cross
15 Aug	Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary
15 Aug	Appeal for Vocations
Sep 1-30	Catholic Charities Month
24 Sep	Last day School Term 3
4 Oct	Labour Day holiday
11 Oct	First day School Term 4
17 Oct	World Mission Day Appeal
31 Oct	Confirmation
1 Nov	All Saints' Day
2 Nov	All Souls' Day
14 Nov	Vinnies Christmas Appeal
21 Nov	Christ the King
28 Nov	First Sunday of Advent
5 Dec	Second Sunday of Advent
10 Dec	Last day School Term 4
12 Dec	Third Sunday of Advent

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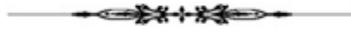
- *People keep asking; "Is Covid-19 really that serious?" Listen up! Casinos and churches have been closed. When heaven and hell agree on the same thing, it's probably pretty serious.*





Ron Rolheiser column

Ronald Rolheiser, a Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. 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.



CAN WE PROVE THAT GOD EXISTS?

I wrote my doctoral thesis on the value of various philosophical arguments that try to prove the existence of God. Can there be such a proof? Brilliant philosophers, from Anselm, through Aquinas, through Descartes, through contemporary intellectuals like Charles Hartshorne, submit that the existence of God can be proven through rational argument. Except, except, a lot depends upon what exactly we mean by the word “prove”. How do we prove something?

There’s a legend about St Christopher that’s pertinent here: Christopher was a man gifted in every way, except faith. He was physically strong, powerful, goodhearted, mellow, and well liked. He was also generous, using his physical strength to help others, but he found it hard to believe in God, even though he wanted to. For him, the physical was what was real and everything else seemed unreal. And so, as the legend goes, he lived his life in a certain honest agnosticism, unable to really believe in anything beyond what he could physically see, feel, and touch.

However, this did not prevent him from using his gifts, especially his physical strength, to serve others. This was his refuge, generosity and service. He became a ferryboat operator, spending his life helping to carry people across a dangerous river. One night, as the legend goes, during a storm, the ferryboat capsized and Christopher dove into the dark waters to rescue a young child. Carrying that child to the shore, he looked into its face and saw there the face of Christ. After that, he believed for he had seen the face of Christ.

For all its piety, this legend contains

a profound lesson. It changes the perspective on the question of how one tries to “prove” God’s existence. Our attempt to prove God’s existence has to be practical, existential, and incarnate rather than mainly intellectual. How do we move from believing only in the physical, from believing only in the reality of what we can see, feel, touch, taste, and smell, to believing in the existence of deeper, spiritual realities?

There’s lesson in the Christopher story: Live as honestly and respectfully as you can and use your gifts to help others. God will appear. God is not found at the conclusion of a philosophical syllogism but as the result of a certain way of living. Moreover, faith is not so much a question of feeling as of selfless service.

There’s a further lesson in the biblical account of the apostle, Thomas, and his doubt about the resurrection of Jesus. Remember his protest: “Unless I can (physically) place my finger in the wounds of his hands and stick my finger into the wound of his side, I will not believe.” Note that Jesus offers no resistance or rebuke in the face of Thomas’ skepticism. Instead, he takes Thomas at his word: “Come and (physically) place your finger in the wounds of my hand and the wound in my side; see for yourself that I am real and not a ghost.”

That’s the open challenge for us: “Come and see for yourselves that God is real and not a ghost!” That challenge, however, is not so much an intellectual one as a moral one, a challenge to be honest and generous. Skepticism and agnosticism, even atheism, are not a problem as long as one is honest, non-rationalizing, non-lying, ready to efface oneself before reality as it appears, and

generous in giving his or her life away in service. If these conditions are met, God, the author and source of all reality, eventually becomes sufficiently real, even to those who need physical proof. The stories of Christopher and Thomas teach us this and assure us that God is neither angered nor threatened by an honest agnosticism.

Faith is never certainty. Neither is it a sure feeling that God exists. Conversely, unbelief is not to be confused with the absence of the felt assurance that God exists. For everyone, there will be dark nights of the soul, silences of God, cold lonely seasons, skeptical times when God’s reality cannot be consciously grasped or recognized. The history of faith, as witnessed by the life of Jesus and the lives of the saints, shows us that God often seems dead and, at those times, the reality of the empirical world can so overpower us that nothing seems real except what we can see and feel right now, not least our own pain.

Whenever this happens, like Christopher and Thomas, we need to become honest agnostics who use our goodness and God-given strengths to help carry others across the burdensome rivers of life. God does not ask us to have a faith that is certain, but a service that is generous and sustained. We have the assurance that should we faithfully help carry others, we will one day find ourselves before the reality of God who will gently say to us: “See for yourself, that I am real, and not a ghost.”

Can we prove that God exists? In theory, no; in life, yes.

You can read, or download, Ron Rolheiser’s weekly columns from his website at: www.ronrolheiser.com

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 28 July, 2021)

- The density requirement has changed to 1 person per 4 sqm. Weddings and funerals are capped at 50 people (depending on SA Gov approved maximum number - call the Parish Office for details).
- Wearing of masks is mandatory for indoor places. Wearing of masks is strongly recommended for Parish Offices.
- Choirs and congregational singing are not permitted. A single distanced singer is permitted.
- Recommendation from Archdiocesan Office that tea/coffee after Mass be suspended for the following 7 days
- Social distancing is mandatory - DO NOT CONGREGATE at entry/exit and outside.
- There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- Every gathering must record contact details - either with the QR code for smart phones, or the handwritten log - both located at the entrance to the Church.
- Hand sanitizer is available at Church entrances.
- Offertory procession will be omitted. Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Collection plates will not be passed around, but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- All surfaces should be cleaned at least daily, with special attention given to frequently touched surfaces.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people should be encouraged not to attend.
- Care should be taken at the dismissal and on leaving the church to minimise social contact.
- The Archdiocese recommends Covid vaccination for all (please check with your GP if you have concerns).
- Obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage. You may wish to access: [Mass for You at Home – The official website of Mass For You At Home, Australia](#) online and on Channel 10 every Sunday at 6 am.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 6:24-35

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ Jesus answered:

‘I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.’

Then they said to him, ‘What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?’ Jesus gave them this answer, ‘This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.’ So they said, ‘What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*’ Jesus answered:

‘I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’

‘Sir,’ they said ‘give us that bread always.’ Jesus answered:

‘I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.

GOT BREAD?

Being hungry is not a virtue. If it were, the poor would all be holy, and the rich would all be evil. But that’s obviously not true. The state of our

hearts can’t be measured by the size of our wallets. But the condition of our hearts CAN be measured by our willingness to share what we have. When we seek to alleviate the distress of those in need, we do two things right. We lift someone locked down by hunger so that he or she might rise to a greater and fuller life. And we also expand our hearts through the practice of generosity so that we might experience “the food that endures for eternal life”. It’s a win-win situation. For as long as we work only for the food that perishes and hoard that for ourselves, we prolong the misery of the world and will not know the joy that belongs to those whose hearts are free to give.

When have you been the recipient of someone’s generosity in sharing time, warmth, or food with you? ***How can you share those things with those in need, near or far?***

Take a refresher course in the corporal works of mercy: Feed the hungry. Give drink to the thirsty. Clothe the naked. Shelter the homeless. Visit the sick. Visit the imprisoned. Reflect on ways to participate in these works regularly.

“I am the Bread of Life. The person who aligns with me hungers no more and thirsts no more, ever”.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(August 02 - 08)

- **Mon, 02:** Weekday, Ord Time 18 (Num 11:4-15; Mt 14:13-21)
- **Tues, 03:** St Dominic (Num 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36)
- **Wed, 04:** St John Vianney (Num 13:1-2, 25 - 14:1, 26-29, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28)
- **Thur, 05:** Weekday, Ord Time 18 (Num 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23)
- **Fri, 06:** The Transfiguration of the Lord (Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 or 2 Pet 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10)
- **Sat, 07:** Weekday, Ord Time 18 (Deut 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20)
- **Sun 08:** ST MARY OF THE CROSS (1 Kg 17:8-16; Col 3:12-17; Mt 6:25-34)

PASTORAL CARE

If you need a Priest for anointing of the sick or last rites contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).