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

With the introduction of Level 3
restrictions (1 person per 2sq.m) we
are permitted up to 78 people in our
Church, so there will be no need to
book in ahead.



FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-3

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are
thirsty; though you have no money,
come! Buy corn without money, and
eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not
bread, your wages on what fails to
satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you
will have good things to eat and rich
food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to
me; listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting
covenant out of the favours promised
to David.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:8-9, 15-18

*The hand of the Lord feeds us, he
answers all our needs.*

SECOND READING

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Nothing can come between us and the
love of Christ, even if we are troubled
or worried, or being persecuted, or
lacking food or clothes, or being
threatened or even attacked. These are
the trials through which we triumph,
by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death
nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing

that exists, nothing still to come, not
any power, or height or depth, nor any
created thing, can ever come between
us and the love of God made visible in
Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus received the news of John
the Baptist's death he withdrew by
boat to a lonely place where they
could be by themselves. But the
people heard of this and, leaving the
towns, went after him on foot. So as
he stepped ashore he saw a large
crowd; and he took pity on them and
healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples
went to him and said, 'This is a lonely
place, and the time has slipped by; so
send the people away, and they can go
to the villages to buy themselves some
food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need
for them to go: give them something
to eat yourselves.' (Continued page 4)

**PLEASE KEEP THESE
PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Sick: Greg Turner, Roy Gatton

July 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.

May all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ through our actions and His healing presence.

AUGUST ROSTER

	Reader	Prayers	Cleaning
2/8	K Wales	J Fernandez	K Brinkley
9/8	P Clark	K Hammat	K Brinkley
16/8	A Gibbs	S Semler	A Clark
23/8	P Wales	M Glynn	A Clark
30/8	P Bennett	C Pahl	C Berden

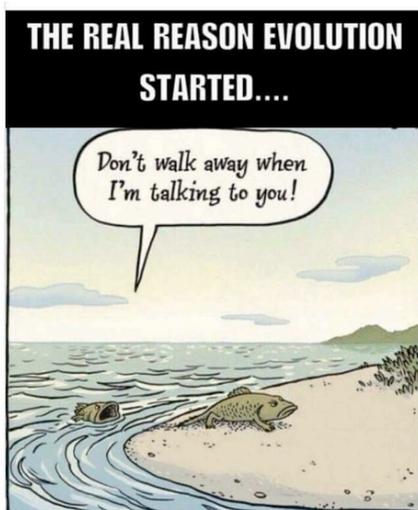
AUGUST PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

2 August	Mons Dempsey
9 August	Fr Prathap
16 August	Fr Dev
23 August	Fr Josy
30 August	Fr Dev

**COLLECTIONS
DIRECT PAYMENTS**

If you would like to organise your Church donations via scheduled bank or Archdiocesan transfers and need some help, please contact Helen Mumford or Peter Clark.



PARISH MASSES

KINGSCOTE

Sunday, 2nd August

Mons Ian Dempsey will be with us this Sunday for Mass at Kingscote at 9.30am.

With the introduction of Level 3 restrictions (1 person per 2sq.m) we are permitted up to 78 people in our Church, so there will be no need to book in ahead.

However, we are still required to:

- Sign-in on entering the Church
 - Continue using hand sanitiser
 - Continue regularly wiping surfaces and cleaning our Church
 - Encourage those who are unwell or vulnerable to stay home
- Avoid physical greetings: hugs, kisses and handshakes.

**NATIONAL VOCATIONS
AWARENESS WEEK 2020**

2-9 August

This is a week for the entire Church to consider, support and pray for those searching for their vocations in life. We might think about and pray for the young people in our community and in our families this week especially. In prayer, ask the Lord to enlighten them and give them the grace and courage to respond to His call. The Lord calls each of us to a particular vocation (marriage, consecrated life, priesthood or a single life of service).

NEW DIRECT GIVING APP

The Adelaide Archdiocese's "Find a Mass" App has been upgraded to allow people to contribute to the first and second collections via a credit or debit card. Users can make a one-off donation or set up recurring donations to their parish and community (second collection) and for the support of the clergy (first collection) as well as to special collections held throughout the year. A short YouTube video has also been produced to demonstrate how the app works. (<https://youtu.be/DvnbCbDUgOE>) For inquiries: cathcomm@adelaide.catholic.org.au

**LIVE STREAMING AND
TV BROADCASTING**

The Archdiocese will continue to live stream Sunday Mass at 11.00am. This

Mass can be viewed live and on demand on the home page of www.adelaide.catholic.org.au

SHARE THE FOOD

I don't know how she did it. My mum did all the cooking. Her mother, Nona, never cooked. Her younger sister, Zia Maria, showed up just in time to put on an apron attempting to steal some of the compliments. Everyone knew better. With a family of only sons, mum could rely on precious little help from us other than setting the table and staying out of her way. And all this before the invention of microwave ovens, non-stick pans, and big freezers. Eight courses or more from kitchen to table - all her doing.

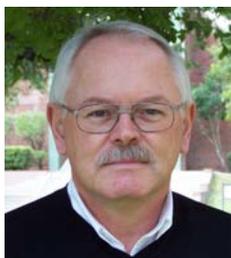
Hours later with the meal over, Mum and the other women did the dishes while the men talked and we kids played in the yard or up in our bedrooms. When time came for folks to leave, each was given a bag carefully filled amazingly with leftovers from each of the courses, enough for a number of meals over the coming days. And there would still be enough in our fridge to get us through the rest of the week as well, which was a good thing because Mum was exhausted to the bone.

The years passed. Nona died, then my father and aunt. My brothers married. At some point my sisters-in-law would help mum by bringing some of the courses. She didn't mind, even when the meals switched to their homes. Mum was happy the tradition would continue. Jesus fed the multitude leaving 12 baskets left over (one for each of the apostles to share), teaching them to continue what he had begun. No one should go hungry.

Let us continue the sharing today.
GPBS eNews

EVER WONDER

- *Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?*
- *Why we don't ever see the headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?*
- *Why is 'abbreviated' such a long word?*
- *Why is it that Doctors call what they do 'practice'?*



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



ON NOT LOCKING OUR DOORS

In his book *The Secret*, Rene Fumoleau has a poem entitled *Sins*. Fumoleau, who was a missionary priest with the Dene People in Northern Canada, once asked a group of Elders to name what they considered the worst sin of all. Their answer:

*The ten Dene discussed together,
And after a while Radisca explained
to me:
"We talked it over, and we all agree:
The worst sin people can make is to
lock their door."*

Perhaps at the time this incident took place and in that particular Dene village, you could still safely leave your door unlocked, but that's hardly sound advice for most of us who are safe only when we have double locks and electronic security systems securing our doors. Still these Dene Elders are right because at the end of the day, they're speaking of something deeper than a security bolt on our outside door. What does it really mean to lock your door?

As we know, there are many kinds of doors we lock and unlock to let others in and out. Jean-Paul Sartre, the famed French existentialist, once wrote: *Hell is the other person*. While this may feel very true emotionally on a given day, it is the antithesis of any religious truth, particularly Christian truth. In all the great religions of the world, in the end being with others is heaven; ending up eternally alone is hell.

That's a truth built into our very nature. As human persons we are constitutively social; meaning we're built in such a way that while we're always individual, private, and idiosyncratic at the same time we're always social, communitarian, and interdependent. We're built to be with others and there's no ultimate meaning or fulfillment to be found alone. Indeed, we need each other simply to survive and remain sane. Still more, we need each other for love and meaning because without

these there's no purpose to us. To end up alone is death of the worst kind.

This needs to be highlighted today because both in society and in our churches too many of us are locking a select number of our doors in ways that are both destructive and genuinely unchristian. What's our issue?

Twenty years ago, Robert Putnam looked at the breakdown of community within our culture and named it with a catchy phrase, *Bowling Alone*. For Putnam, our families, neighborhoods, and wider communities are breaking down because of an excessive individualism within the culture. More and more, we're doing things alone, walking within our own idiosyncratic rhythms rather than within community rhythms. Few would dispute this assessment.

However, what we're struggling with today goes further than the individualism Putnam so playfully names. In the excessive individualism Putnam describes, we end up bowling alone but mostly still inside the same bowling alley, separate from each other but not locked out. Our problem goes deeper. Metaphorically, we're locking each other out of our common bowling alley. What's meant here?

Beyond an isolating individualism, we're struggling today in our families, communities, countries, and churches with a demon of a different sort, that is, with doors locked in bitterness. Politically, in many of our countries we're now so polarized that the various sides are unable to even have a respectful, civil conversation with each other. The other is "hell". This is true too inside our families where conversation at the Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner has to carefully avoid all references to what's going on in the country and we can only be at the same table with each other if we keep our political views locked away.

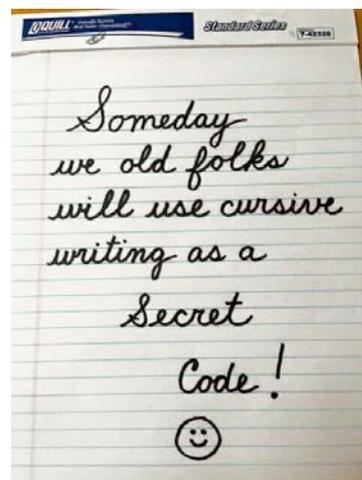
Sadly, this is now mirrored in our churches where different visions of theology, ecclesiology, and morality have led to a polarization of such

intensity that each theological and ecclesial group now stays behind its own solidly locked door. There's no openness to what's other and all real dialogue has been replaced by mutual demonization. This lack of openness is ultimately what the Dene refer to as the worst sin of all, *our locked doors*. Hell then really is the other person. Sartre must be smiling.

It's interesting how evil works. The Gospels give us two separate words for the evil one. Sometimes the evil one is called "the devil" (*Diabolos*) and sometimes the evil one is called "satan" (*Satanas*). Both describe the evil power that works against God, goodness, and love within a community. The "Devil" works by dividing us, one from another, breaking down community through jealousy, pride, and false freedom; whereas "Satan" works in the reverse way. Satan unites us in sick ways so as to have us, as groups, demonize each other, carry out crucifixions, and cling to each other feverishly through sick kinds of hysteria and ideologies that make for scapegoating, racism, sexism, and group-hatred of every kind. Either way, whether it's satan or the devil, we end up behind locked doors where those outside of ourselves are seen as hell.

So it's true, "the worst sin we can make is to lock our doors."

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



COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(The following conditions apply for the time being)

- Attendance for mass is dependent on the 1 in 2 sq.m rule restriction.
- This number also applies for funerals and weddings.
- Except for families and household groups, people should socially distance.
- There should be no physical contact outside one's family or household group.
- There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- Every gathering must record contact details. Logs are located at the entrance to the Church.
- Hand sanitizer is to be available at church entrances.
- Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- No collection plates or hymn books are to be passed around.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- 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.
- Collection plates will not be passed around but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- Offertory procession will be omitted.
- Care should be taking at the dismissal and on leaving the church to minimise social contact.
- The obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage.

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But they answered 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining; twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Jesus' actions in the gospel mirror the actions of the Eucharist. He takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it and gives it to the people.
- The multiplication miracle is recounted in all four gospels.
- John the Baptist was ordered to be killed by Herod Antipas, who ruled, under the Romans, over the northern province of Galilee. Herod Antipas was the son of Herod the Great, who was King at the time of Jesus' birth. Antipas' career was dominated by his relationship with Herodius, whom he married even though she was his niece and married to his half-brother when they met, and even though he was compelled to divorce his own wife in order to marry her. John was publicly very critical of this marriage, so Antipas had him arrested and later executed. It was Antipas who was the 'King Herod' at the time of Jesus' death.
- Jesus probably spent some time as a disciple of John the Baptist.

EXPLORING THE WORD

The death of the Baptist has left Jesus saddened, and he withdraws to be alone with the disciples. But even his personal sorrow is overwhelmed by compassion for the people who had followed him, and he cures their sick. The crowd stays with him, even into the evening.

When the disciples ask Jesus to send them away to eat, Jesus' response is a challenge to the disciples: feed them

yourself. He is training them to take the initiative, to be confident leaders of the community after he has gone. Jesus employs the ritual of the daily Jewish meal in blessing, breaking and giving, but this ritual now points to the actions of the Last Supper. All are fed; all are satisfied. There are overtones of the messianic banquet, a common image in the Hebrew Scriptures describing the reign of God; there is an abundance. The crowd represents all of Israel gathered by Jesus, and the twelve baskets of remainders represent the twelve tribes of Israel gathered by the twelve disciples.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

Overwhelmingly, the image of this text is the abundance of the feast that is offered to us by Jesus. This echoes a traditional image of the coming of the Messiah found in the Jewish Scriptures—the messianic feast.

They all ate as much as they wanted and still there was plenty remaining. In Jesus, we can be thoroughly satisfied. He is the source of all we need.

Another image in this text is the need to withdraw to a quiet place to pray and meditate, to nourish our souls as well as our bodies.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(3 August - 09 August)

- **Mon, 03:** St Dominic (Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:22-36)
- **Tues, 04:** St John Vianney (Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 15:1-2, 10-14)
- **Wed, 05:** Weekday, Ord Time 18 (Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28)
- **Thur, 06:** The Transfiguration of the Lord (Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Mt 17:1-9)
- **Fri, 07:** Weekday, Ord Time 18 (Nahum 2:1, 3, 3:1-3, 6-7; Mt 16:24-28)
- **Sat, 08:** St Mary of the Cross (1Kg 17:8-16; Col 3:12-17; Mt 6:25-34)
- **Sun 09:** 19th Sunday in Ord Time (1Kg 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22 - 33)

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