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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

Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,
and flesh from my flesh!

This is to be called woman,
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father
and mother and joins himself to his
wife, and they become one body.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 127

*May the Lord bless us all the days of
our lives.*

SECOND READING

Hebrews 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a
short while made lower than the
angels and is now crowned with
glory and splendour because he
submitted to death; by God's grace
he had to experience death for all
mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great
many of his sons into glory, it was
appropriate that God, for whom
everything exists and through whom
everything exists, should make
perfect, through suffering, the leader
who would take them to their
salvation. For the one who
sanctifies, and the ones who are
sanctified, are of the same stock; that
is why he openly calls them
brothers.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Jn 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another,

God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus
and asked, 'Is it against the law for a
man to divorce his wife?'

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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Bill Roestenberg, Nick Hacker, Fr Peter Milburn, Melanie Howson, Sr Carmel Clarke

October anniversaries: Murray Brook, Leo Clark, William Commerford, Trish Dennes, Clifford Dow, Barry Dunn, Leo Dunn, Katarina Faist, James Gibbs, Mary Alice Gibbs, Rosie Grace, Harry Hughes, Thomas Hughes, Kath Hutton, Licci Longzaer, Philis Lorimer, John Lowry, Winifred Lydon, Mary Morrissey, Noel Perkins, Harry Rich, Alf Rombout, Betty Walsh, Bernard Williams, Ethel Willson, Joan Wilson and all the faithful departed.

Recently deceased: Brenton Semler

ROSTERS

Comm	Reader	Cleaning
3/10 J Fernandez	P Clark	A Clark
10/10 L Grant	P Bennett	A Clark
17/10 A Clark	C Pahl	C Berden
24/10 M Glynn	N Clark	C Berden
31/10 S Semler	A Gibbs	H Mumford

COVID Marshal

3/10 M Slagter 10/10 C Weatherstone
17/10 P Bennett 24/10 A Clark
31/10 W Bennett

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes

if something unforeseen crops up)

3/10 Fr Josy 10/10 Fr Nader
17/10 Fr Dev 24/10 Fr Prathap
31/10 Archbishop O'Regan / Fr Josy

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.

VISIT OF ARCHBISHOP

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will be coming to KI for confirmation on 31 October. There will be five confirmation candidates and we are hoping to have a shared lunch to follow (dependant on Covid restrictions then). More details later.

GET WELL SOON

Sr Carmel Clarke, who worked in our community for a few years around 2000 and now lives at Flora McDonald Lodge, had a fall last week and has

broken her hip. She is in Calvary Adelaide, but given her age (80) and other health problems, she has quite a journey ahead. Please keep her in your prayers.

FAITH ENCOUNTER EVENING

An opportunity to come together to share our faith and hear about opportunities for deepening our relationship with Christ

This evening will be facilitated by three members of the Ministerial Formation Programme, which supports and forms laypeople for service throughout the Adelaide Archdiocese. In this instance the MFP team wish to serve our parish.

Annette Heinemann is the Acting Director of the Ministerial Formation Programme and will briefly explain its scope and work.

Judy Foster is the MFP Spiritual Co-ordinator. She is a Spiritual Director formed in the Ignatian tradition. She will lead us in prayer to start our evening.

Kathy Horan is the MFP Formation Co-ordinator and will discourse about the Adult Rite of Christian Initiation and its relationship to the life of prayer and service.

Annette, Judy and Kathy plan to have a meal at the Ozone afterwards and invite you to join them.

Date: Monday 11 October

Time: 5.30 - 6.45 pm

Venue: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

WORLD MISSION DAY APPEAL

17 October, 2021

In two weeks, Catholic Mission will share with us the powerful story of Churai, a mother who found her way to the Mother and Babies Home, run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, during a desperate time in her life.



The Good Shepherd Sisters' mission is to promote the dignity and human rights of all, especially women and children; but they can only do that with support from people like you. Please come with an open and generous heart.

FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIFTH PLENARY COUNCIL

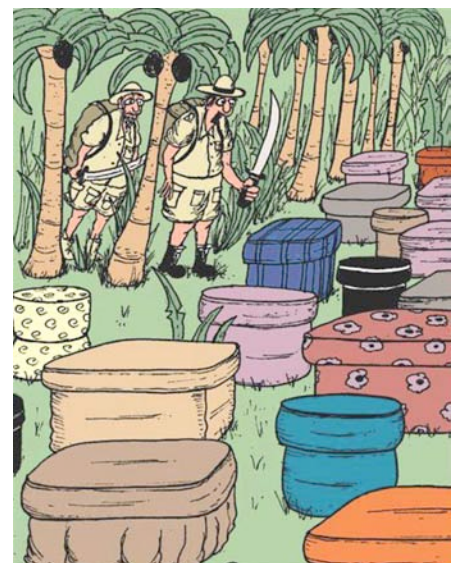
The First General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia opens with Mass at 1.30pm (Adelaide time) from St Mary's Cathedral, Perth, on Sunday, October 3. The historic event will develop concrete proposals to create a more missionary, Christ-centred Church in Australia. Watch the livestreamed Mass and access other information on the Plenary Council website at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au. A guide to the general assembly is available in this month's issue of The Southern Cross.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

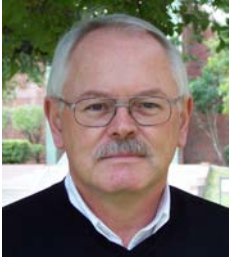
The Archdiocese of Adelaide is establishing a new Diocesan Pastoral Council whose work will include furthering the discernment and implementation of recommendations from the Diocesan Assembly and the decrees of the Plenary Council. We are seeking a diverse, skilled membership who can demonstrate leadership and commitment to the Gospel.

Expressions of interest for membership to the Diocesan Pastoral Council need to include a brief written description of why you feel called to be a member of the council and what experience, gifts and skills you can offer. Two referees, one of which is their parish priest, must also be included.

Expressions of interest may be addressed to Archbishop Patrick O'Regan c/o Sarah Moffatt (email: smoffatt@adelaide.catholic.org.au; Mail: 39 Wakefield St, Adelaide, SA 5000). **Deadline: November 1, 2021.**

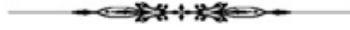


"Great Scott, Ingrey, it's the Ottoman Empire!"



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



WHAT ULTIMATELY LIES AT THE CENTRE OF OUR ATTENTION?

In Walker Percy's 1971 novel, *Love Among the Ruins*, his central character is a psychiatrist named Tom More. More is a Roman Catholic who is no longer practicing his faith, albeit he still believes. This is how he describes his situation: "I believe in God and the whole business but I love women best, music and science next, whiskey next, God fourth, and my fellowman hardly at all. ... Nevertheless, I still believe."

Ironically, perhaps it was persons like him, sinners who still believed, who were the ones most drawn to Jesus in the gospels.

Reading More's list of what he loves and in what order, I'm reminded of a conference I once attended on the theme of Secularity and the Gospel. One of the keynote speakers, a renowned social worker, made a comment to this effect: *I work on the streets with the poor and I do it because I'm a Christian. But I can work on the streets for years and never mention Christ's name because I believe that God is mature enough that he doesn't demand to be the centre of our conscious attention all the time.*

As you can guess, her statement sparked some debate. It should. Does God demand to be the centre of our conscious attention all the time? Is it okay habitually to be focused elsewhere? If, affectively, we in fact love a lot of other persons and things before God, is this a betrayal of our faith?

There are no simple answers to these questions because they demand a very delicate balance between the demands of the First Commandment and an overall theology of God. As the First Commandment teaches,

God is primary, always. This may never be ignored; but we also know that God is wise and trustworthy. Hence, we may safely deduce that God did not make us one way and then demand that we live in an entirely different way: that is, God did not make us with powerful proclivities that instinctually and habitually focus us on the things of this world and then demand that we give him the centre of attention all the time. That would be a bad parent.

Good parents love their children, try to give them sufficient guidance, and then set them free to focus on their own lives. They don't demand to be the centre of their children's lives; they only ask that their children remain faithful to the family's ethos and values, even as they still want them to come home regularly and not forget about their family.

This dynamic is a little more complex within a marriage. Spouses with a mature love for each other no longer demand that they be the centre of each other's conscious attention all the time. Most of the time, this is not a problem. The problem arises more when one partner is no longer the affective centre for the other, when at the level of emotional attraction and focus someone else has displaced him or her. This can be emotionally painful and yet, within the context of mature love, should not threaten the marriage. Our emotions are like wild animals, roaming where they will, but they are not the real indicator of love and fidelity. I know a man, a writer, who has been lovingly and scrupulously faithful to his wife through more than forty years who, by his own admission, has a crush on a different person every other day. This hasn't threatened his marriage. Admittedly though, but for a strong spirituality and morality, it could.

The same principles hold true for our relationship with God. First, God gave us a nature that is affectively wild and promiscuous. God expects us to be responsible as to how we act inside that nature; but, given how we are made, the First Commandment may not be interpreted in such a way that we should feel guilty whenever God is not consciously or affectively number one in our lives.

Next, as a good parent, God doesn't demand to be the centre of our conscious attention all the time. God is not upset when our habitual focus is on our own lives, so long as we remain faithful and do not culpably neglect giving God that focus when it is called for.

As well, God is a good spouse who knows that sometimes, given our innate promiscuity, our affections will momentarily be infatuated by a different centre. Like a good spouse, what God asks is fidelity.

Finally, more deeply, there is still the question of what ultimately we are infatuated with and longing for when our focus is on other things rather than on God. Even in that, it is God we seek.

There are times when we are called to make God the conscious centre of our attention; love and faith demand this. However, there will be times when, affectively and consciously, God will take fourth place in our lives – and God is mature and understanding enough to live with that.

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

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 21 September, 2021)

- Places of Worship are restricted to 3 people per 4 square metres with social distancing of 1.5 metres. The number of people at a Private Activity has increased from 50 people to 150 people, provided density requirements are met. If more than 50 people are present, there must be an independent COVID Marshal. QR codes and/or handwritten logs are essential.
- Wearing of masks is mandatory. Wearing of masks in parish offices is strongly recommended.
- Attendees at indoor religious services may sing during worship and members of choirs or chorus groups may perform or rehearse indoors, if they wear masks while doing so.
- Recommendation from Archdiocesan Office that tea/coffee after Mass be suspended.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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](#),

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They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you.'

But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

LONGING AND BELONGING

There are all kinds of ways to divide up the people of the world. We can divide them in half by gender or into a handful of races and colours. Or we can divide them into countries, ethnic groups, or languages. We can divide them by class, sexual orientation, political party, or aesthetic sensibility if we prefer. We can slice up the world according to economics: rich and poor works well in most places. There are the happy and the unhappy; this generation or that; saints or sinners. Or we can just use the simple compartments "us"

and "them," and add whoever we want to each box.

We can, and do, divide the world's people into lots of little categories, each of which contains an implicit judgment on who they are. Jesus represents the opposite impulse. He doesn't dismiss children as irrelevant. He doesn't champion a man's rights over a woman's in marriage. He doesn't put religious people in one corner, and sinners in another. Jesus presents love as the binding force which holds everyone together, rich and poor, men and women, slave and free. Can we change our way of thinking, from dividing to uniting?

Who are the "us" and "them" in your community, and how can you resist this attitude?

Practice interrupting your life for the children in your midst. Treat the opposite sex with patience and openness. Prepare a place in your life for those who are different from you.

"Unless you accept God's kingdom in the simplicity of a child, you'll never get in".

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(October 04 - 10)

- **Monday, 04:** St Francis of Assisi (Jonah 1:1 - 2:1, 11; Lk 10:25-37)
- **Tuesday, 05:** Weekday, Ord Time 27 (Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42)
- **Wednesday, 06:** Weekday, Ord Time 27 (Jonah 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4)
- **Thursday, 07:** Our Lady of the Rosary (Malachi 3:13-20; Lk 11:5-13)
- **Friday, 08:** Weekday, Ord Time 27 (Joel 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26)
- **Saturday, 09:** Weekday, Ord Time 27 (Joel 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28)
- **Sunday 10:** 28th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30)

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).