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

CHILD PROTECTION

We are a Child Safe Organisation which is committed to the care, well-being and protection of children and young people.

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WEEKEND MASSES

Kingscote at 9.30am

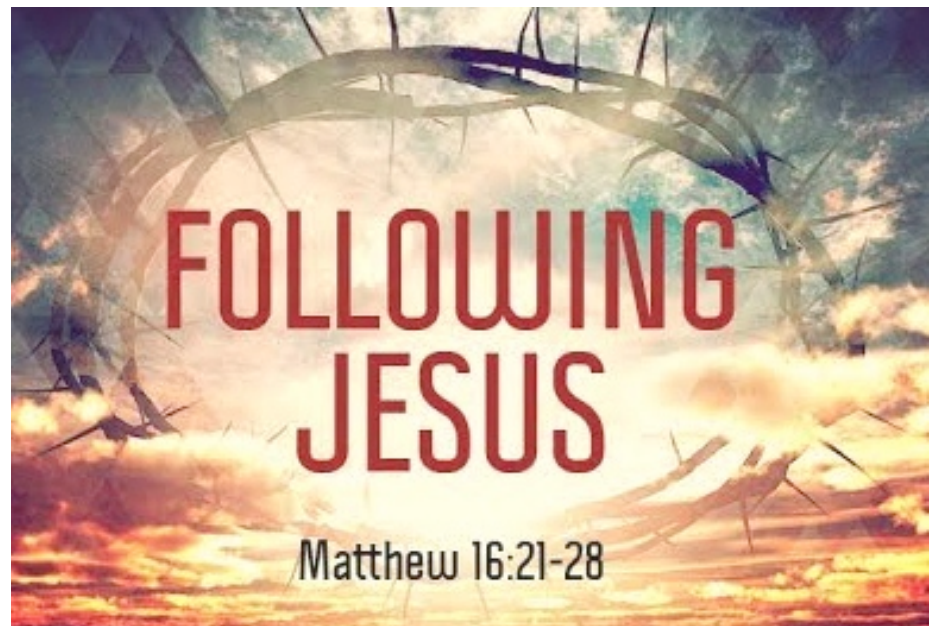
CONFESSION

Kingscote at 9.00am

(prior to Mass)

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Prayers for Healing and Renewal in the Church - Thursdays at 9.00am



FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 62:2-6, 8-9

*My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.*

SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is

the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Eph 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia!

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it;
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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Stephanie Langridge, Carmen Northcott, Joella Davidson, Peter Weatherstone

September anniversaries: Frank Berden, Mary Bowery, Jimmy Browne, Terrence Browne, Gwen Caldicott, Audrey Carslake, Peg Dow, Thomas Drane, Bernadette Florance, Christopher Glynn, Loretta Hartley, Catherine Hughes, Patrick Hughes, Pearl Malycha, Elvie Meaney, Dean Larcombe, Julia Martienses, Eileen Morris, Reginald Pahl, Maise Rooney, Breton Semler, Vera Shannon, James Smith

PARISH ROSTERS

	Comm	Reader	Cleaning
03/9	K Hammat	H Mumford	A Bevan
10/9	M Glynn	W Bennett	A Bevan
17/9	M Slagter	A Gibbs	C Brinkley
24/9	P Bennett	A Clark	C Brinkley

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

27/8	Fr Anthoni Adimai
10/9	Fr Chris Horvat SJ
17/9	TBA
24/9	Fr Anthoni Adimai
1/10	Fr Franco Lacanaria

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

For those of you who wish to make your weekly contributions to the first and second collections by direct debit, these are the banking details for each.

1st Collection:

BSB 085 005 : A/c No 585353994 : Reference: K Island or 765

2nd Collection:

BSB 085 005 : A/c No 918111484 : Reference: Your name

KANGAROO ISLAND PARISH FUNDRAISER

Adelaide Catholic Cathedral Parish invites you to a fundraiser for the Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish to watch the upcoming Hercule Poirot film, "A Haunting in Venice". There will be raffle prizes too.

Tickets \$25 (incl movie, choc top, popcorn and bottle water) on September 24, 2.00pm at Regal Theatre, 275 Kensington Road
Purchase tickets: (08) 8210 8155 or acp@adelaide.catholic.org.au

BLESSING OF MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday September 17

If you, or someone you know, is celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60 years), we invite you to let the Parish Office know of the details so they may be acknowledged at the Anniversaries Mass on that weekend.

CAN YOU HELP?



The Kangaroo Island Wildlife Network are holding a live music Carnival on Sunday, 1 October at The Woolsheds, Cynget River.

We have been invited to manage the Sausage Sizzle for the event, which starts at 1.00pm and goes to 8.00pm. Mitre 10 are providing the shelter, cooking equipment and the food, as usual. All we have to do is cook.

If you would like to help with this great opportunity to raise some funds for the Women's Guild, please call Wendy (0475 894 755) and she will roster you on for a couple of hours.

SEPTEMBER IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES MONTH

Help make a difference to the lives of South Australians

In the month of September, we are promoting the Catholic Charities Appeal which supports the following agencies in South Australia: Hutt St Centre, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Centacare Catholic Family Services, Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's Special Schools.

Make a donation:

- online: www.adelaide.catholic.org.au
- post: Catholic Charities Appeal, Reply Paid 912, GPO Adelaide, SA 5001
- scan the QR code:



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE FATHERS

"THE SOUTHERN CROSS"

The September edition of "The Southern Cross" will be available in parishes this weekend.

This issue includes detailed coverage of the 2023 Social Justice Statement, World Youth Day celebrations in Adelaide and other local events such as the Season of Creation and Catholic Schools Music Festival.

DATES

September	Catholic Charities Month
3 Sep	Fathers' Day
29 Sep	Last day School term 3
1 Oct	Help needed Sausage Sizzle
2 Oct	Labour Day
16 Oct	First day School term 4
22 Oct	World Mission Day
12 Nov	Vinnies Christmas Appeal
15 Dec	Last day School term 425
Dec	Catholic Charities Appeal

Whatever you do, always give 100% unless you're donating blood.





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

GIVING UP ON FEAR

A friend of mine shares this story. He was an only child. When he was in his late twenties, still single, building a successful career and living in the same city as his mother and father, his father died, leaving his mother widowed. His mother, who had centered her life on her family and on her son, was understandably devastated. Much of her world collapsed, she'd lost her husband, but she still had her son.

The next years were not always easy for her son. His mother had lost much of her world, save him, and he felt a heavy responsibility toward her. She lived for his visits. His days off and his vacation times had to be spent with her. Much as he loved his mother, it was a burden that prevented him from having the social life and relational freedom he yearned for, and it prevented him from making some career decisions that he would otherwise have made. He had to take care of his mother, to be there for her. As one can guess, their times together were sometimes a test of loyalty and duty for the son. But he did it faithfully, year after year. There was no one else his mother could lean on.

When his mother's health began to decline, she sold her house and moved into a Seniors' complex. Most times on his day off he would pick up his mother, take her for a drive in the country, and then take her to dinner before dropping her back at her mini apartment. One day on such an outing, driving along a country road in silence, his mother broke the quiet with words that both surprised him and, for the first time in a long time, had his full attention.

She shared words to this effect: *Something huge has happened in my life. I've given up on fear.* All my life I have been afraid of everything – of not

measuring up, of not being good enough, of being boring, of being excluded, of being alone, of ending up alone, of ending up without any money or a place to live, of people talking about me behind my back. I've been afraid of my own shadow. Well, *I've given up on fear.* And why not? I've lost everything – my husband, my place in society, my home, my physical looks, my health, my teeth, and my dignity. I've nothing left to lose anymore, and do you know something? It's good! I'm not afraid of anything anymore. I feel free in a way I have never felt before. I've given up on fear.

For the first time in a long time, he began to listen closely to what his mother was saying. He also sensed something new in her, a new strength and a deeper wisdom from which he wished to drink. The next time he took her for a drive, he said to her: Mom, teach me that. Teach me how not to be afraid.

She lived for two more years and during those years he took her for drives in the country and for lunches and dinners together, and he drew something from her, from that new strength in her, that he had not been able to draw from before. When she eventually died and he lost her earthly presence, he could only describe what she had given him in those final years by using biblical terms: "My mother gave me birth twice, once from below and once from above."

It's not easy to give up on fear, nor to teach others how to do so. Fear has such a grip on us because for most of our lives we in fact have much to lose. So, it's hard, understandably so, not to live with a lot of fear for most of our lives. Moreover, this is not a question of being mature or immature, spiritual or earthy. Indeed, sometimes the more mature and spiritual we are, the more we appreciate the preciousness

of life, of health, of family, of friendship, of community – all of which have their own fragility and all of which we can lose. There are good reasons to be afraid.

It is no accident that this man's mother was able to move beyond fear only after she had lost most everything in life. God and nature recognize that and have written it into the aging process. The aging process is calibrated to take us to a place where we can give up on fear because as we age and lose more and more of our health, our importance in the world, our physical attractiveness, our loved ones to death, and our dignity, we have less and less to lose – and less and less to be afraid of.

This is one of nature's last gifts to us, and living in a way that others see this new freedom in us can also be one of the last great gifts we leave behind with those we love.

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



COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 31/08/23)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- Procession of gifts has resumed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact

DID YOU KNOW?

- This text marks the beginning of the fourth major section of Matthew's Gospel which follows Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and death.
- The word 'Satan' originally meant adversary or accuser. Later it came to mean personified evil. Here Jesus uses it figuratively of Peter who does not yet understand the meaning of Jesus' mission.
- The name Peter comes from the Latin word for rock. In last week's gospel, Jesus named Peter the rock on which the Church would be built. Today that rock has become a stumbling block in Jesus' path!

KIDS' CORNER

Many of Jesus' followers wanted him to get rid of their harsh, unjust rulers and become their new leader. Some of them wanted him to build a kingdom on earth where they could have a little more power. But Jesus didn't do things the way people expected. He didn't lead battles. He laid down his life for all of us on the Cross. He showed us how much God loves us. And he asks us to love one another, just as he does. That's not what people expected. It's much, much better!

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but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

WE DESERVE BETTER, DON'T WE?

Then Jesus went to town on his disciples. "Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to finding yourself, your true self. What kind of deal is it to get everything you want but lose yourself? What could you ever trade your soul for?" (Matthew 16: 24 - 26)

Who among us hasn't thought: "I've worked so hard, been honest and true, I deserve rest and reward". That only seems fair and reasonable. Good people deserve good lives – it's the presupposition of most cultures – and the essence of the Australian dream.

Like Peter, we find it hard to believe that decent people could end in ignominious failure. Who wants to see themselves or their heroes ridiculed and reviled? Peter's "say it ain't so, Lord," is a very human response to such disheartening news.

But Jesus says not only is it so but to think otherwise is the work of the devil. The minute we begin to believe that we are entitled to a life free from sacrifice, we are not thinking as God does – for our God continually offers God's-self in sacrifice to us. Throughout his years in ministry, Jesus reminds us that true joy and rest come with discipleship – with following God's way of compassion and justice.

So perhaps it's time to take stock of your expectations. If you are hoping for your just rewards, you will be sorely disappointed, no matter how much money you make or fame you achieve. If, on the other hand, you are

preparing for the many difficult days ahead by strengthening your love and commitment to others and to God, then you have already tapped into your heavenly treasure.

DUPED BY GOD

(Matthew 16: 21 - 27)

Peter must have felt duped by God when Jesus rebuked him. What did he say that was so bad? When Jesus foretold of his future suffering and death, Peter took what he considered an appropriate defensive stand. Not you, Lord! Never!

Only moments earlier, he had called Jesus the Messiah. Peter's understanding of that term meant conquering hero, not suffering servant of God's will. Peter liked to imagine victory achieved without a scratch. Victory gained at the cost of ultimate sacrifice was no victory in his mind. If Peter was duped, it was how own preconceptions about God and religion that betrayed him. Gaining the world at the price of the soul was no bargain. But losing everything for the sake of God's victory is the one purchase we all want to consider.

For what are you willing to suffer (love, money, justice, peace, the truth)? How much are you willing to suffer for these things?

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(4 - 10 September)

- **Monday, 4:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Thess 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30)
- **Tuesday, 5:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Thess 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37)
- **Wednesday, 6:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44)
- **Thursday, 7:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11)
- **Friday, 8:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Micah 5:1-4; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23)
- **Saturday, 9:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 22 (Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5)
- **Sunday 10:** 23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20)

PASTORAL CARE

If you need a priest for anointing prior to medical treatment, or if you are ill (not necessarily life-threatening) or for last rites please contact: (08) 8210 8155 or in an emergency 0417 080 955