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(All items for the newsletter must be
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evening.)

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KANGAROO ISLAND
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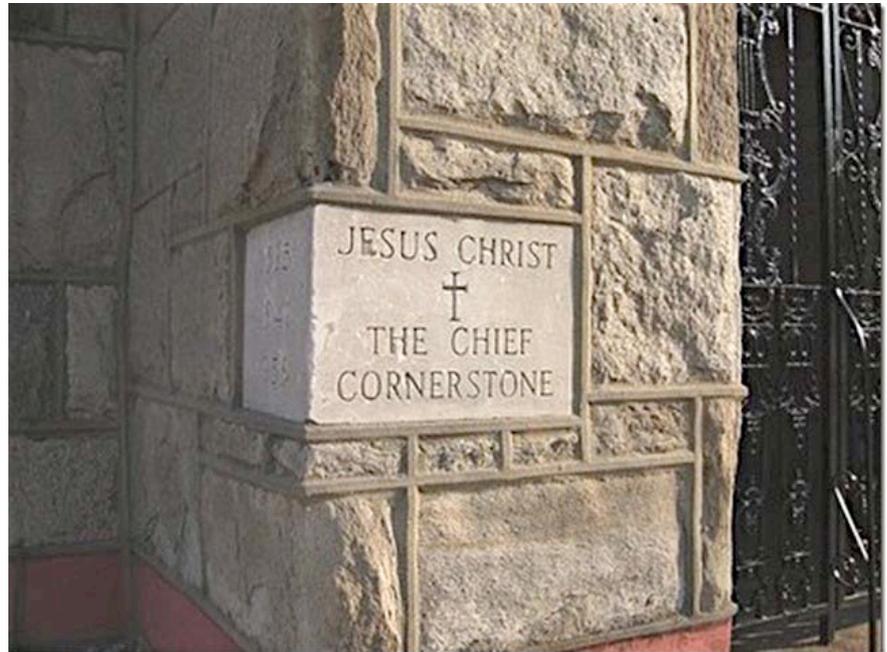
CHILD PROTECTION

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 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of
his love for his vineyard. My friend
had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones
and planted choice vines in it. In the
middle he built a tower, he dug a
press there too. He expected it to
yield grapes, but sour grapes were
all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah, I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me. What
could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done? I expected it to
yield grapes. Why did it yield sour
grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am
going to do to my vineyard: I will
take away its hedge for it to be
grazed on, and knock down its wall
for it to be trampled on. I will lay it
waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown
by the briar and the thorn. I will
command the clouds to rain no rain
on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord
of Hosts is the House of Israel, and
the men of Judah that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found
bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry
of distress.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20

*The vineyard of the Lord is the
House of Israel.*

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if
there is anything you need, pray for
it, asking God for it with prayer and
thanksgiving, and that peace of God,
which is so much greater than we
can understand, will guard your
hearts and your thoughts, in Christ
Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your
minds with everything that is true,
everything that is noble, everything
that is good and pure, everything
that we love and honour, and
everything that can be thought
virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep
doing all the things that you learnt
from me and have been taught by me
and have heard or seen that I do.
Then the God of peace will be with
you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my
Father. Alleluia!*

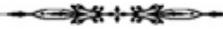
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**PLEASE KEEP THESE
PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Sick: Greg Turner, Roy Gatton, Josh Semler, Roy Gatton, Leo Sexton, Joyce Pearson (*Cathy Howson's mother-in-law*)

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.

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



ROSTERS

	Reader	Prayers	Cleaning
4/10	M Slagter	W Bennett	A Bevan
11/10	J Fernandez	K Wales	K Brinkley
18/10	K Hammat	P Clark	K Brinkley
25/10	S Semler	A Gibbs	A Clark

OCTOBER PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

27 Sept	Fr Dev
4 October	Fr John Vildzius
11 October	Fr George Nader and friends
18 October	Fr Philip Marshall
25 October	Fr Josy



**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.

COVID MARSHALS

From 21 August all Mass centres must have an appropriately-trained COVID Marshal in attendance during services, ceremonies and events. The COVID Marshal counts the number of people on site to ensure the Church capacity limit is not exceeded, ensures that parishioners sign on as they enter the Church and that hand sanitiser is readily available. They will also be reminding people to maintain 1.5 metres physical distance.

CARERS WEEK (11 - 17 October)

During this week we acknowledge and celebrate carers in our community.

**CATHOLIC MISSION
2020 APPEAL**

(October is World Mission Month)

The theme of the October Catholic Mission Appeal is inspired by Nehemiah 8:10, "for the joy of the Lord is your strength". This year our appeal focuses on the work of the Church in Cambodia, reaching out to those who have been affected by disability, whilst supporting work in over 1100 dioceses worldwide and 14 parishes within Australia.

Please support Catholic Mission online www.catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia via envelopes, or Text GIVE to 0488 854 436 (include your parish name in the notes). For more information contact Tony Johnston – Diocesan Director Adelaide Archdiocese (0407 168 002).

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE
ENCOUNTER VIRTUAL
WEEKEND**

'A Beautiful Relationship is a journey from me to we.'

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Australia invites couples for Australian Worldwide Marriage Encounter Virtual Weekend – Friday October 9 from 6.30pm to Sunday October 11 3.30pm. For info visit www.wwme.org.au or 0409 183 676).

**PONDERING GRIEF -
REFLECTION EVENT via ZOOM
Saturday 17 October
10.00am-1.00pm (AEST)**

Facilitated by Counsellor/Supervisor/Educator Linda Espie, this event provides the opportunity to reflect on, and honour, our inner life of change and transition. With creative, space and gentle guiding support, this workshop will offer a sacred place for the breadth of human experiencing and spirit to guide individual exploration. Limited to 10 participants. Cost \$30. Bookings and payment via Trybooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/BLUEA> For more information, contact holsc@bigpond.com or 9890 1101.

WOMAN AT THE WELL

Val De Brenni will be facilitating a day of reflection entitled *Woman at the Well* on Saturday, October 10. This is suitable for ALL adults. Registration is essential.

For full details:

www.marymackillopdelaide.org.au/event/woman-at-the-well-reflection-day/

CRIME IS MINDLESS

A person from Grand Forks, North Dakota in the United States robbed the First Community Bank in Fargo. After he left with the money, police were called and upon reviewing the ransom note, they realised it had been written on the robber's bank deposit slip, complete with his name and address.

In other not-so-bright-criminal news: A person walked into a store with a shotgun and demanded all of the money from the cash register. After the cashier put the money in the bag, the man asked for a bottle of Scotch from behind the counter. The cashier refused because he did not believe the young man was old enough to drink. The robber swore he was and handed over his ID to prove it. As soon as the robber left, the cashier was able to give the police the robber's name and address.

A person broke into a home and stole, among other things, season tickets to the football. The police arrested the burglar the following Sunday at the MCG, sitting in the homeowner's seat.

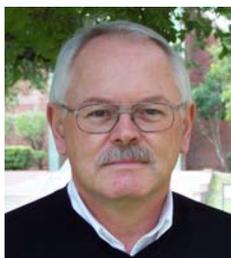
And from this week's gospel: A group of tenants killed the landlord's son believing that the dead man's land and inheritance would go to them.

Moral of all these stories: Crime doesn't pay. Our divine inheritance will not come back hook or by crook, but by good and faithful service to God. *GPBS eNews*

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a special collection this weekend for the Holy Father's Appeal. Offerings made to the Holy Father are used for the works of the Church, for humanitarian work, social development work, and for the Holy Father's charitable works.





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



THE HIDDEN FACE OF EVIL

We tend to be naïve about evil, at least as to what it looks like in everyday life. Our picture of evil has been falsely shaped by images taken from mythology, religious cults, and from books and movies that portray evil as personified in sinister spiritual forces. Demons haunt houses, appear at séances, are summoned up by Ouija boards, contort bodies, and are exorcized by the sprinkling of holy water. Whatever evil does reside inside this concept of demonic forces (and you can believe in them or not) is infinitely eclipsed by the ordinary face of evil which looks out at us from newscasts, is daily manifest in ordinary life, and is manifest too in our own face on a given day.

Mostly we are blind to the hidden evil that foments inside us, tears communities apart, and eats away at God and goodness. The Gospels can help us understand this.

In the Gospels, the evil one has two names because evil works in two ways. Sometimes the Gospels call the evil force “the Devil” and other times they call it “Satan”. What’s the difference? In the end they both refer to the same force (or person) but the different names refer to the different ways in which evil works. *Devil*, in Greek, means to slander and to tear things apart. Ironically, *Satan* means almost the exact opposite. It means to unite things, but in a sick and malevolent way.

So evil works in two ways: **the devilish** works by dividing us from each other, tearing us apart, and having us habitually slander each other so that community is forever being torn apart through jealousy and accusation. **The satanic**, on the other hand, does the opposite, with the same result. The satanic unites us

in a sick way, that is, through the grip of mob-hysteria, social hype, self-serving ideologies, racism, sexism, envy, hatred and in a myriad of other malevolent ways so as to draw us into mob-hatred, gang-rapes, lynchings, and crucifixions. It was satanic forces that engineered Jesus’ crucifixion.

When we look at our world today, from politics to social media to what’s happening inside many of our religious circles, we would have to be blind not to see the powers of the “devil” and of “satan” at work (however you personally define and picture these).

Where do we see the devilish at work? Basically everywhere. Today, most everywhere, you see persons sowing division, attributing false motives to others, calling for them to be distrusted and ostracized. Indeed, this is almost the dominant element we see in our politics and in our social media. The result is the breakdown of community, the stalemate in our politics, the breakdown of civility, the loss of trust in the meaning of truth, the smug belief that our own idiosyncratic narrative functions as truth, and the near universal neglect of elemental charity. Today we are witnessing a dangerous breakdown of trust and civility, coupled with a massive erosion of simple honesty. The devil must be smiling.

Where do we see the satanic at work? Everywhere as well. More and more we are retreating into tribes, gangs, with those others who think like us and have the same self-interests to protect. While this can be a good thing, it’s not good when we unite in ways that are rooted in self-serving ideologies, economic privilege, racism, sexism, false nationalism, envy, and hatred. When this happens, our group ceases being

a community and becomes instead a mob, a sick one, which at the end of the day, whatever its particular idiosyncratic slogan, ends up chanting, as did the crowds on Good Friday, “Crucify him! Crucify him!” It’s significant that in the Gospels almost every time the word “crowd” is used it’s used pejoratively. Commentators tell us that almost without exception every time the word “crowd” appears in the Gospels it could be preceded by the adjective “mindless”. Crowds are mindless; worse still, they generally have a sick bent towards crucifixion. The renowned Czech novelist Milan Kundera highlights this when he shares his strong fear of “the great march”, the sick fever that so generally infects a crowd and, soon enough, has them chanting “Release to us Barabbas! And as for Jesus, crucify him!” This is the face of satan in ordinary life, the actual face of evil.

We need to name this today as we see the ever-intensifying and bitter polarization inside our families, communities, neighborhoods, cities, and countries. Factionalism, anger, bitterness, distrust, accusation, and hatred are intensifying most everywhere, even inside our own families where we are finding it harder and harder to sit down together, be civil with each other, and talk through our political, social, and moral differences. Sadly, even the deadly presence of a pandemic which threatens all of us has worked to divide rather than unite us.

Evil doesn’t ordinarily have the face and feel of the devil in *Rosemary’s Baby*; it has the face and feel of this evening’s newscast.

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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GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

DID YOU KNOW?

- Vineyards required intensive long-term care. The soil was dug and cleared and a wall erected to discourage animals which may graze on the vines. A watch-tower and wine-press completed the installation but ongoing work of pruning, thinning, supporting the vines and sometimes irrigation was needed.
- A wine-press was a large vat where the grapes were trodden. This was

connected to a smaller vat, lower down or dug into a hillside, down which the juice flowed.

Fermentation began in the lower vat and was completed in jars or skins from which the wine was served.

- The keystone at the top of a Roman arch was the stone which held all the others in place.

EXPLORING THE WORD

Today's parable is a thinly disguised allegory of the blindness of those throughout Israel's history who have been appointed leaders of God's people. It is aimed at the priests and scribes who do not carry out the will of God. There have been some who persecuted and even killed those sent by God. In the son 'finally sent', Christians see Jesus, who was also put to death because his message was troublesome and he always urged his hearers to produce the fruit of penance. God not only sent his servants, the prophets, but also his own son. But the leaders of the people did not accept him. The kingdom will be taken from them and given to those who have faith in Jesus. This would have spoken very powerfully to Matthew's community, who were Jewish Christians struggling to move away from their Jewish roots and accept Christ as the Messiah, rejected by his own.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(5 - 11 October)

- **Monday, 5:** Weekday, Ord Time 27 (Gal 1:6-12; Lk 19:25-37)
- **Tuesday, 6:** Weekday, Ord Time 27 (Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42)
- **Wednesday, 7:** Our Lady of the Rosary (Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4)
- **Thursday, 8:** Weekday, Ord Time 27 (Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13)
- **Friday, 9:** Weekday, Ord Time 27 (Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26)
- **Saturday, 10:** Weekday, Ord Time 27 (Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28)
- **Sunday 11:** 28th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14)

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).