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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

Isaiah 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming, the retribution
of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be
opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for
joy;

for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:7-10

Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING

James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine
faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified
Lord, with the making of
distinctions between classes of
people. Now suppose a man comes
into your synagogue, beautifully
dressed and with a gold ring on,
and at the same time a poor man
comes in, in shabby clothes, and
you take notice of the well-dressed
man, and say, 'Come this way to
the best seats'; then you tell the

poor man, 'Stand over there' or
'You can sit on the floor by my
foot-rest.' Can't you see that you
have used two different standards
in your mind, and turned
yourselves into judges, and corrupt
judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was
those who are poor according to
the world that God chose, to be
rich in faith and to be the heirs to
the kingdom which he promised to
those who love him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Jesus preached the Good News of
the kingdom and healed all who
were sick.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre,
Jesus went by way of Sidon towards
the Sea of Galilee, right through the
Decapolis region. And they brought
him a deaf man who had an
impediment in his speech; and they
asked him to lay his hand on him.
He took him aside in private, away
from the crowd, put his fingers into
the man's ears and touched his
tongue with spittle. (Continued page 4)



PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Bill Roestenberg

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, Vera Shannon, James Smith and all the faithful departed

Recently deceased: Sabu Sebastian

ROSTERS

	Comm	Reader	Cleaning
5/9	J Fernandez	A Gibbs	A Bevan
12/9	M Glynn	P Bennett	A Bevan
19/9	M Glynn	A Giggs	K Brinkley
26/9	M Slagter	W Bennett	K Brinkley
3/10	J Fernandez	P Clark	A Clark

COVID Marshal

5/9	P Bennett	12/9	A Clark
19/9	W Bennett	26/9	J Fernandez
3/10	M Slagter		

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

5/9	Fr Prathap	12/9	Fr Josy
19/9	Fr Dev	26/9	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.

VISIT OF ARCHBISHOP

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

TRADING TABLE

The KI Inter-Church Committee is holding a trading table to support the local School Chaplaincy programme on 29 September at Century 21, Dauncey Street. They would very much appreciate donations of plants, food, knitwear, craft products etc for sale on that day.

September is Catholic Charities month

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Putting Compassion Into Action

CHARITY IS AT THE HEART OF LIVING CATHOLIC

Catholic Charities is your umbrella organisation that supports the following agencies working with the most vulnerable in South Australia.

Catholic Charities supports:

- Hutt St Centre
- SA Catholic Deaf Association
- Aboriginal Catholic Ministry
- Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's Special Schools
- Centacare Catholic Family Services

Make a donation today by post:

Catholic Charities Appeal

Reply Paid 912

GPO Box Adelaide SA 5001 or

online at www.adelaide.catholic.org.au

Envelopes will also be available in the Church foyer during September.

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

National Child Protection Week (5-11 September) is an annual event starting on the first Sunday of September. This year's theme 'Every child, in every community, needs a fair go' aims to spread the message that to treat all of Australia's children fairly, we need to make sure every family and community has what kids need to thrive and be healthy.

Visit <https://www.napcan.org.au/get-involved-2021/> to find out more about the campaign and how you can get involved including signing up for the newsletter, adding your logo, downloading posters, and joining in events and activities.

A feature of this year's campaign will be the week-long webinar series which has been carefully designed to explore the theme: 'Every child, in every community, needs a fair go'. The webinars will feature more than 20 expert presenters from a range of organisations across Australia including ARACY, B4 Early Years Coalition, Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project, Children and Young People with Disability Australia (CYDA), Children's Commissioners, Connected Beginnings, Everybody's Home Campaign, Flinders

University, FrameWorks Institute US, NAPCAN, Top End Dreaming, SNAICC – National Voice for Our Children, St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School, Talk Revolution, Women's and Girls' Emergency Centre (WAGEC) and Yerin Eleanor Duncan Aboriginal Health Services. For the full program and to register go to: <https://www.napcan.org.au/ncpw-webinars-2021/>

The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday on 12 September, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday

CRYING OUT

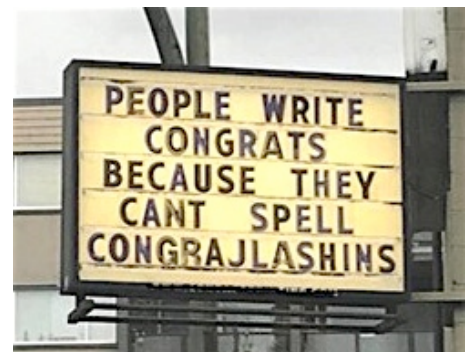
The SA Dialogue of The Roman Catholic and Uniting Churches Please click on link to: "[Crying Out – Exploring the Statement from the Heart and are for the environment](#)" a resource developed over the past 18 months by the SA Dialogue of Roman Catholic and Uniting Church.

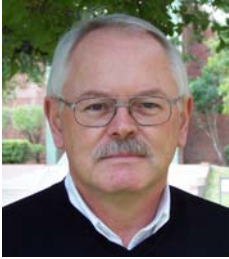
BLESSING OF SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday, September 19

Due to COVID-19, the normal celebration for wedding anniversaries in the Archdiocese will be held in local parish communities to recognise couples in their life-long commitment (25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60 or more years).

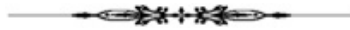
Please let us know if you have a significant anniversary this year, that you would like recognised





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.



DIFFERENT WAYS OF BEING SPIRITUAL BUT NOT RELIGIOUS

Nothing so much approximates the language of God as does silence. Meister Eckhart said that.

Among other things, he is affirming that there is some deep inner work that can only be done in silence, alone, in private.

He's right of course, but there's another side to this. While there is some deep inner work that can only be done in silence, there is also some deep, critical, soul work that can only be done with others, in relationship, in family, in church, and in society. Silence can be a privileged avenue to depth of soul. It can also be dangerous. Ted Kaczynski, the Unabomber, lived in silence, alone, as have many other deeply disturbed individuals. Mental health professionals tell us that we need interaction with other people to keep us sane. Social interaction grounds us, balances us, and anchors our sanity. I look at some of our young people today who are interacting with others (in person and through social media) every hour of their waking lives and worry for their depth, though not for their sanity.

We need each other. Jean-Paul Sartre once famously stated, "hell is the other person". He couldn't be more misguided. In the end, the other is heaven, the salvation for which we are ultimately destined. Utter aloneness is hell. Moreover, this malevolent aloneness can sneak up on you wearing the best altruistic and religious disguises.

Here's an example: I grew up in a very close-knit family in a small rural community where family, neighbor, parish, and being with others meant everything, where everything was shared, and you were rarely alone. I feared being alone,

avoided it, and was only comfortable when I was with others.

Immediately after high school, I joined a religious order, the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, and for the next eight years lived in a large community where, again, most everything was shared and one was seldom alone. As I approached final vows and permanent commitment to religious life and priesthood, what I feared most was the vow of celibacy, the loneliness it would bring. No wife, no children, no family, the isolation of a celibate life.

Things turned out very differently. Celibacy has had its cost, admittedly; and admittedly it is not the normal life God intended for everyone. However, the loneliness I feared (but for brief moments) seldom ensued – the opposite. I found my life overly full of relationships, interaction with others, flat-out busyness, daily pressures, and commitments that took up virtually every waking hour. Rather than feeling lonely, I found myself almost habitually longing for solitude, for quiet, to be alone, and I grew quite comfortable with being alone. Too comfortable in fact.

For most of the years of my priesthood, I have lived in large religious communities and they, like any family, have their demands. However, when I became president of a School of Theology, I was assigned to live in a house designated for the president and for a period of time lived alone. At first, I found it a bit disorienting, never having lived alone before; but after a while it grew on me. I really liked it. No responsibilities at home to anyone but myself.

Soon enough though, I perceived its dangers. After one year I ended the arrangement. One of the dangers of living alone and one of the dangers of celibacy, even if you are living

faithfully, is that you don't have others to call you out daily and put every kind of demand on you. You get to call your own shots and can avoid much of what Dorothy Day called "the asceticism of living inside a family". When you live alone, you can too easily plan and live life on your own terms, cherry-picking those parts of family and community that benefit you and avoiding the difficult parts.

There are certain things that begin as virtues then easily turn into a vice. Busyness is an example. You sacrifice being with your family in order to support them by your work and that keeps you from many of its activities. Initially, this is a sacrifice – eventually, it's an escape, an inbuilt dispensation from having to deal with certain issues inside family life. Vowed celibacy and priesthood court that same danger.

We all know the expression, *I am spiritual but not religious* (which we apply to people who are open to dealing with God but not open to dealing with church). However, we struggle with this in more ways than we might think. At least I do. As a vowed, celibate priest, I can be spiritual but not religious in that, for the highest of reasons, I can avoid much of the daily asceticism demanded of someone living in a family. However, this is a danger for all of us, celibate or married. When, for every kind of good reason we can cherry-pick those parts of family and community we like and avoid those parts we find difficult, we are spiritual but not religious.

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 August, 2021)

- The density requirement has changed to 3 people per 4 sqm. Weddings and funerals are capped at 50 people (provided density requirements are met).
- Wearing of masks is mandatory for indoor places. Wearing of masks is strongly recommended for Parish Offices.
- Congregational singing may resume, provided those singing wear a mask that covers both mouth and nose.
- 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, 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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Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, ‘Ephphatha’, that is, ‘Be opened.’ And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. ‘He has done all things well,’ they said ‘he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.’

OFF-TRACK HEALING

Jesus cured the deaf man with the speech impediment in this week’s gospel by poking him in the ear and spitting in his mouth. Oddly enough that was the common method of treatment among the healers of Jesus’ time. So, what made Jesus different? Why was he thrilling the masses like no other healer before or since? I chalk it up to one simple gesture: Jesus took the deaf man “off by himself away from the crowd”. You see, Jesus wasn’t looking for glory or recognition in his ministry. What he wanted was whole and well people. He knew the best way to accomplish that was to keep himself and the sick person focussed on the healing and undistracted by the crowd. And by protecting his patient from the embarrassment of peering eyes, Jesus showed a profound respect for the deaf man, which no doubt played a part in the cure.

Think of the times you’ve been pulled aside by a parent, friend, boss, or mentor and been called to task or given some advice. How much better did you hear the words being spoken during those times than when someone tried to set you straight in front of roomful of people?

Next time you feel someone is turning a deaf ear on you, follow Jesus’ lead and use respect, not shame, to remedy the situation.

The Commissioning:
Go from here as those who will widen their horizons. We will not be bound by habitual thoughts and actions. We will listen for different voices. We will reflect on new approaches. We will try opening our

hearts to other things. We will rejoice in unexpected experiences of justice. We will accept fresh leading of the Spirit. The God of Love will be your companion. We have nothing to fear.

GPBS eNews

DID YOU KNOW?

- Tyre and Sidon are cities on the Mediterranean coast in the far north of Israel, now southern Lebanon. They were the leading cities of the Phoenicians. This was not Jewish territory. Jesus has entered the realm of the Gentiles.
- The Decapolis was a federation of ten cities with a largely Greek culture. Most were in the area of the eastern side of the Jordan River to the south of the Sea of Galilee.

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(September 06 - 12)

- **Monday, 06:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (Col 1:24 - 2:3; Lk 6:6-11)
- **Tuesday, 07:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19)
- **Wednesday, 08:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Micah 5:1-4; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23)
- **Thursday, 09:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38)
- **Friday, 10:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Tim 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42)
- **Saturday, 11:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Tim 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49)
- **Sunday 12:** 24th SUNDAY in ORD TIME (Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35)



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).