



Welcome to

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### PARISH NEWSLETTER

Mr Peter Clark (8559 5131, [paclark@muckra.com.au](mailto:paclark@muckra.com.au))  
(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.

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

*Ezekiel 33:7-9*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.’

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 94:1-2, 6-9*

*O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.*

## SECOND READING

*Romans 13:8-10*

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: *You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet*, and so on, are summed up in this single command: *You must love*

*your neighbour as yourself.* Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*2 Cor 5:19*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good news of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 18:15-20*

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

‘I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered

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**PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Sick:** Greg Turner, Roy Gatton, Josh Semler.

**September anniversaries:** Frank Berden, Mary Bowery, 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, Eeileen Morris, Reginald Pahl, Maise Rooney, Vera Shannon, James Smith 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
6/9	N Clark	S Semler	C Berden
13/9	A Clark	P Wales	K Williams
20/9	K Hammat	L Grant	K Williams

**SEPTEMBER PRIEST ROSTER**

*(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)*

06 September Fr Prathap  
13 September 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.

**PARISH MASSES**

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.

**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.

**PASTORAL CARE TEAM**

Some years ago a Parish Pastoral Care Team was put together to reach out to community members who may need assistance. Some of those involved are still active in the Parish, some have moved on. Fr Josy will be here next weekend and would like to meet with those who are still here and others who may also wish to get involved. If you are interested, please talk to Viv or Anita for further details.

September is Catholic Charities month



Making a difference to the lives of South Australians since 1941. Please support the Catholic Charities 2020 Appeal – pick up a brochure from parishes in September or make a donation online at [www.adelaide.catholic.org.au](http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au) or via Catholic Charities Appeal, Reply Paid 912, Adelaide SA 5001. For more information please call Annie O’Neill, Manager Catholic Charities on 08 8210 8157 or visit Catholic Charities pages on the website: [www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/charity-and-giving/catholic-charities/about-catholic-charities-](http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/charity-and-giving/catholic-charities/about-catholic-charities-) Donations of more than \$2 are tax deductible.



**SEASON OF CREATION**

The season starts 1 September, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.



*God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.*

*We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.*

*We pray for our own fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering. May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.*

*We pray for men who are not fathers, but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.*

*We remember fathers, grandfathers and great-grandfathers who are no longer with us, but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.*  
*Amen*

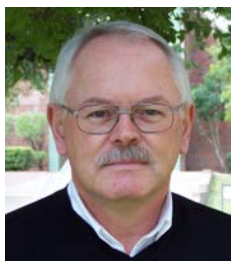
**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Some of the items discussed at the recent PPC included:

- Pastoral care team.
- Special ministry training.
- Confirmation later in the year. Candidates names to be put forward.
- Generous donation from Lefevre Parish to assist following the fires.
- Inter-Church Council – Chaplaincy position available at KICE.
- Thanks to Peter Weatherstone for Church ceiling repairs.

**POINTLESS SIGNS**





## Ron Rolheiser column

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### THE LAST TEMPTATION

The last temptation is the greatest reason:

To do the right deed for the wrong reason.

T.S. Eliot wrote those words to describe how difficult it is to purge our motivation of selfish concerns, to do things for reasons that are not ultimately about ourselves. In Eliot's

*Murder in the Cathedral*, his main character is Thomas Becket, the Archbishop of Canterbury, who is martyred for his faith. From every outward appearance, Becket is a saint, unselfish, motivated by faith and love. But as Eliot teases out in *Murder in the Cathedral*, the outward narrative doesn't tell the deeper story, doesn't show what's more radically at issue. It's not that Thomas Becket wasn't a saint or wasn't honest in his motivation for doing good works; rather there's still a "last temptation" that he needed to overcome on the road to becoming a full saint. Beneath the surface narrative there's always a deeper, more-subtle, invisible, moral battle going on, a "last temptation" that must be overcome. What's that temptation?

It's a temptation that comes disguised as a grace and tempts us in this way: be unselfish, be faithful, do good things, never compromise the truth, be about others, carry your solitude at a high level, be above the mediocrity of the crowd, be that exceptional moral person, accept martyrdom if it is asked of you. But why? For what reason?

There are many motives for why we want to be good, but the one that disguises itself as a grace and is really a negative temptation is this one: be good because of the respect, admiration, and permanent good

name it will win you, for the genuine glory that this brings. This is the temptation faced by a good person. Wanting a good name is not a bad thing, but in the end it's still about ourselves.

In my more reflective moments, I'm haunted by this and left with self-doubts. Am I really doing what I am doing for Jesus, for others, for the world, or am I doing it for my own good name and how I can then feel good about that? Am I doing it so that others might lead fuller, less fearful, lives or am I doing it for the respect it garners for me? When I'm teaching is my real motivation to make others fall in love with Jesus or to have them admire me for my insights? When I write books and articles, am I really trying to dispense wisdom or am I trying to show how wise I am? Is this about God or about me?

Perhaps we can never really answer these questions since our motivation is always mixed and it's impossible to sort this out exactly. But still, we owe it to others and to ourselves to scrutinize ourselves over this in prayer, in conscience, in spiritual direction, and in discussion with others. How do we overcome that "last temptation", to do the right things and not make it about ourselves?

The struggle to overcome selfishness and motivate ourselves by a clear, honest altruism can be an impossible battle to win. Classically, the churches have told us there are seven deadly sins (pride, greed, wrath, envy, lust, gluttony, sloth) that are tied to our very nature and with which we will struggle our whole lives. And the problem is that the more we seem to overcome them, the more they manage to simply disguise themselves in more subtle forms in our lives. For example, take

Jesus' counsel to not be proud and take the most prestigious place at table and then be embarrassed by being asked to move to a lower place, but rather humbly taking the lowest seat so as to be invited to move higher. That's sound practical advice, no doubt, but it can also be a recipe for a pride we can really be proud of. Once we have displayed our humility and been publicly recognized for it, then we can feel a truly superior pride in how humble we've been! It's the same for all of the deadly sins. As we succeed in not giving in to crasser temptations, they re-root themselves in subtler forms within us.

Our faults display themselves publicly and crassly when we're immature, but the hard fact is that they generally don't disappear when we are mature. They simply take on more subtle forms. For instance, when I'm immature and wrapped up in my own life and ambitions, I might not give much thought to helping the poor. Then, when I'm older, more mature and more theologically schooled, I will write articles publicly confessing that we all should be doing more for the poor. Well, challenging myself and others to be more attentive to the poor is in fact a good thing ... and while that might not help the poor very much, it will certainly help me to feel better about myself.

How do we ever get beyond this, this last temptation, to do the right thing for the wrong reason?

*You can read, or download, Ron Rolheiser's weekly columns from his website at: [www.ronrolheiser.com](http://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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loosed in heaven.

‘I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.’

### DID YOU KNOW?

- In the ancient world, the testimony of two witnesses was needed for any charge to be upheld in a civil or religious court. We see many examples of this practice in the gospels; for example, John 9:18.
- Formal exclusion from the Church is called excommunication. Today it is rarely used but over history, many people, even saints, have been excommunicated. Galileo was excommunicated during the Renaissance for his views on science—later proved to be correct. This excommunication was rescinded only in recent years. Even Australia's own St Mary MacKillop was once excommunicated!

### SHARING THE TRADITION

There has been an ‘up and down’ history in the Church in the way it has dealt with conflict and the need to balance the exercise of its legitimate authority with the need to announce God's forgiveness to the world. There have been low points like the Inquisition of the Middle Ages and high points like the papal apologies of the Jubilee Year. In recent years, the scandal of sexual abuse by members of the clergy and religious has caused the Church to re-examine appropriate processes for dealing with such wrong doing by its members. Recent statements from Pope Francis have highlighted this.

### EXPLORING THE WORD

The gospel readings for this week and next week come from a section of Matthew which deals with ways the community might regulate its

behaviour. Clearly there were some in the group who were behaving in ways which brought the community into disrepute and were contrary to the teaching of Jesus. The question was one of how the community should confront such issues of human sinfulness and help each other in the spirit of love which Jesus professed. Matthew recalls the words of Jesus to suggest a way forward in this dilemma.

This text comes immediately after the parable of the lost sheep where the shepherd expends all possible effort to find the lost one and bring it back to the fold. For Matthew, the main point of that parable is the joy which the master expresses when the lost one returns.

That point is emphasised in this text when Matthew again suggests that all possible effort must be expended on correcting those in the community who err before taking the final step of exclusion from the group. Even then, all is not lost, and Matthew reminds his community that they should pray together and their prayers will be heard.

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

*(07 - 13 September)*

- **Monday, 07:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11)
- **Tuesday, 08:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Micah 5:1-4; Mat 1:1-16, 18-23)
- **Wednesday, 09:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26)
- **Thursday, 10:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Cor 8:1-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38)
- **Friday, 11:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Cor 9:16-29, 22-27; Lk 6:39-42)
- **Saturday, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49)
- **Sunday 13:** 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Sirach 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35)

### PASTORAL CARE

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