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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.

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

1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:9-14

*Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.*

SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from

Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,

I trust in his word. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.'

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**PLEASE KEEP THESE
PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Sick: Greg Turner, Roy Gatton

July anniversaries: Mary Banner, Joyce Bowbridge, Jimmy Browne, Steven Browne, Terence Browne, David Buick, Irene Darcy, Don Christie, John Commerford, David Cooper, Allan Forst, Paul Glynn Jr, Henry Hughes, Annemie Huys, Mary Kildea, Hazel Keitel, Daniel Lydon, Dot May, John Mertens, Rebecca Murch, Lorna Murphy, Winifred O'Daly, Margaret Rich, Joseph Ryan, Simon Slagter, Chris Slattery, Kathy Slotegraaf, Florence Tabor, Bracken Walker, Bill Willson, Owen Willson 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.

AUGUST ROSTER

	Reader	Prayers	Cleaning
9/8	P Clark	K Hammat	K Brinkley
16/8	A Gibbs	S Semler	A Clark
23/8	P Wales	M Glynn	A Clark
30/8	P Bennett	C Pahl	C Berden

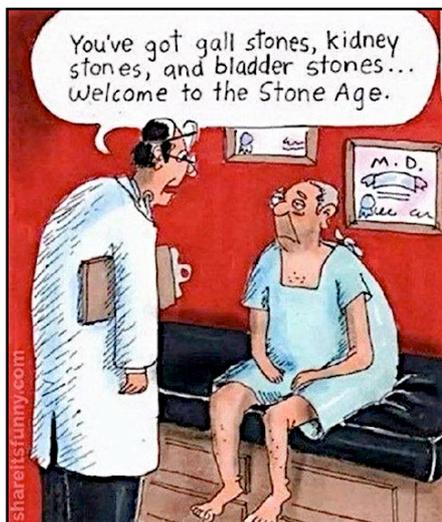
AUGUST PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

9 August	Fr Prathap
16 August	Fr Dev
23 August	Fr Josy
30 August	Fr Dev

**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

KINGSCOTE

Sunday, 2nd August

Fr Prathap will be with us this Sunday for Mass 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.

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.

SOUTHERN DEADLY YARNS

Neporendi Aboriginal Forum Inc. and Onkaparinga Libraries presents Southern Deadly Yarns – a series of virtual author events highlighting the incredible work of First Nations authors.

Join us as we examine topics including truth telling, recognition, and a what makes a good yarn!

Our first Southern Deadly Yarn is with Bruce Pascoe, award winning Bunurong, Tasmanian, and Yuin author. His book “Dark Emu” deconstructs colonial myths that have been used to justify the dispossession of Aboriginal Country, culture and kin. Bruce is a strong story teller and advocate for revealing the concealed truth in contemporary recounts of Aboriginal history, and for re-examining Australia's past to help shape a better future.

Webinar via Zoom on Monday 24 August at 6.30pm ACST.

Book at: <https://SDYbrucepascoe.eventbrite.com.au>

A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Peter was a fisherman. He was long accustomed to the sea and its moods, and surely this was not the first stormy night he had spent on the water. Peter knew how to compensate for wind and waves in choppy weather. He also knew there was a point beyond which negotiation with a tempest was impossible. But Peter had no experience at all with a ghost, or a man, walking on the waves. Like the others in the boat, he was afraid. But

unlike the others, he was willing to negotiate with this new situation. Peter decided to take a walk on the wild side.

A fisherman who stays with his boat knows how to ride a wave. But with wind at his back and water under his feet, all Peter had for support was the solid view of Jesus. As his consciousness of the peril grew, his confidence in the Lord shrank. Many of us too have lost our faith in time of crisis. Our trust in God is steady within the boat, and up for grabs when life is less predictable. Peter scores points for risking a walk on the wild side, which the rest of the disciples were unwilling to do. An untested faith is worse than the ‘little faith’ Peter showed. God can always plant a mustard seed.

When has your faith been tested by stormy events? How did your faith endure?

Walk in faith, even if it means getting out of the safe boat you have been sailing lately. Take a risk: give charitably beyond what is comfortable. Tell the truth even if it costs you. Pray through your doubts.

“Courage, it’s me. Don’t be afraid”.

GPBS eNews

**POPE APPOINTS NEW
BISHOP OF PORT PIRIE**

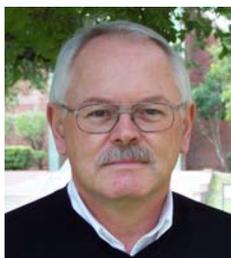
On Saturday, Pope Francis's appointment of Fr Karol Kulczycki, SDS, as the new bishop of the Diocese of Port Pirie was announced.



The Bishop-elect was born in Góra, Poland in 1966. He entered the Society of the Divine Saviour (also known as the Salvatorians) in 1987 and professed solemn vows in 1992. In 1994, he was ordained a priest in Poland and began to serve there in his Congregation's vocational office. He transferred to Australia in 1997 and carried out the roles of chaplain, parochial vicar and pastor.

Bishop-elect Kulczycki served as Provincial Superior for the Salvatorians in Australia from 2010-2018. In 2018 he was called back to Poland where he has been serving as Vice Provincial.

Vatican News



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

LETTING GO OF FALSE FEAR

Recently in a radio interview, I was asked this question: “If you were on your deathbed, what would you want to leave behind as your parting words?” The question momentarily took me aback. What would I want to leave behind as my last words? Not having time for much reflection, I settled on this. I would want to say: *Don't be afraid. Live without fear. Don't be afraid of death. Most of all, don't be afraid of God!*”

I'm a cradle Catholic, born to wonderful parents, catechized by some very dedicated teachers, and I've had the privilege of studying theology in some of the best classrooms in the world. Still it took me fifty years to rid myself of a number of crippling religious fears and to realize that God is the one person of whom you need not be afraid. It's taken me most of my life to believe the words that come from God's mouth over three hundred times in scripture and are the initial words out of the mouth of Jesus whenever he meets someone for the first time after his resurrection: *Do not be afraid!*

It has been a fifty-year journey for me to believe that, to trust it. For most of my life I've lived in a false fear of God, and of many other things. As a young boy, I had a particular fear of lightning storms which in my young mind demonstrated how fierce and threatening God could be. Thunder and lightning were portents which warned us, religiously, to be fearful. I nursed the same fears about death, wondering where souls went after they died, sometimes looking at a dark horizon after the sun had set and wondering whether people who had died were out there somewhere, haunted in that endless darkness, still suffering for what they'd had not

gotten right in life. I knew that God was love, but that love also held a fierce, frightening, exacting justice.

Those fears went partially underground during my teenage years. I made my decision to enter religious life at the age of seventeen and have sometimes wondered whether that decision was made freely and not out of false fear. Looking back on it now however, with fifty years of hindsight, I know that it wasn't fear that compelled me, but a genuine sense of being called, of knowing from the influence of my parents and the Ursuline nuns who catechized me, that one's life is not one's own, that one is called to serve. But religious fear remained unhealthy strong within me.

So, what helped me let go of that? This doesn't happen in a day or year; it is the cumulative effect of fifty years of bits and pieces conspiring together. It started with my parents' deaths when I was twenty-two. After watching both my mother and father die, I was no longer afraid of death. It was the first time I wasn't afraid of a dead body since these bodies were my mother and father of whom I was not afraid. My fears of God eased gradually every time I tried to meet God with my soul naked in prayer and came to realize that your hair doesn't turn white when you are completely exposed before God; instead you become unafraid. My fears lessened too as I ministered to others and learned what divine compassion should be, as I studied and taught theology, as two cancer diagnoses forced me to contemplate for real my own mortality, and as a number of colleagues, family, and friends modeled how one can live more freely.

Intellectually, a number of persons particularly helped me: John Shea helped me realize that God is not a

law to be obeyed, but an infinitely empathic energy that wants us to be happy; Robert Moore helped me to believe that God is still looking on us with delight; Charles Taylor helped me to understand that God wants us to flourish; the bitter anti-religious criticism of atheists like Frederick Nietzsche helped me see where my own concept of God and religion needed a massive purification; and an older brother, a missionary priest, kept unsettling my theology with irreverent questions like, what kind of God would want us to be frightened of him? A lot of bits and pieces conspired together.

What's the importance of last words? They can mean a lot or a little. My dad's last words to us were “be careful”, but he was referring to our drive home from the hospital in snow and ice. Last words aren't always intended to leave a message; they can be focused on saying goodbye or simply be inaudible sighs of pain and exhaustion; but sometimes they can be your legacy.

Given the opportunity to leave family and friends a few last words, I think that after I first tried to say a proper goodbye, I'd say this: ***Don't be afraid. Don't be afraid of living or of dying. Especially don't be afraid of God.***

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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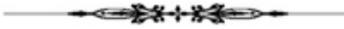
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It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'



EXPLORING THE WORD

A little noticed phrase in this text adds significantly to the way we understand this story. Jesus told the disciples to cross to the other side of the lake. In doing this they were heading away from the Jewish region and into gentile territory. The boat is a symbol of the Church and as such, we can detect in this text a reflection of the situation of Matthew's community who have been forced out of the synagogue and away from traditional Judaism. More and more, it is gentiles who are coming to belief in Jesus. This is causing fear and concern for some in the community.

Matthew gives a prominent place to Peter whose actions do not make sense except as a combination of impulsive love and faith weakened by doubt. While his full attention is on Jesus, Peter is fine, but as soon as he allows what is going on around him to distract him from Jesus, he begins to sink.

This text offers a parable of the Church besieged and being tossed about. Peter's response is to be bold and step out into the unknown, yet he is vulnerable. The great comfort is in the risen Lord stretching out his hand to restore morale. This manifestation of the power of Christ is greeted by that great acclamation of faith: Truly you are the Son of God.

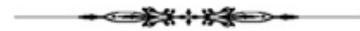
SHARING THE TRADITION

The special role which Peter played in the core group of twelve disciples is well accepted. He is listed first among them, is often their spokesperson and he is clearly prominent in the original

Jerusalem community. Tradition holds that Peter went to Rome and led the Christian community there. The Church accepts that the Bishop of Rome, the Pope, is the successor of Peter. What is important is the way Peter is portrayed: as a fisherman, fishing for souls (Lk 5:10); as the shepherd of the sheep of Christ (Jn 21:15-17); as an elder who addresses elders (1 Pt 5:1); as a receiver of special revelation (Acts 1:9-16); as one who can correct doctrinal misunderstanding (2 Pt 3:15-16); and as the rock on which the Church is built (Mt 16:18). Pope Francis is the 266th successor of Peter.

DID YOU KNOW?

- For the Hebrew people, the waters of the sea are a symbol of the chaos from which creation sprang. Never having been a seafaring people, they were fearful of the watery deep.
- Even today, storms can blow up on the Sea of Galilee very quickly and make it dangerous for boats out on the lake.
- In art, the Church is often represented as a boat. A boat carries its passengers through threatening waters but is not exempt from the turbulence of storms. The Church can bear us through the storms of life but it does not exempt us from the stresses and struggles.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(10 - 16 August)

- **Monday, 10:** St Lawrence (2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26)
- **Tuesday, 11:** St Clare (Ezek 2:8-3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14)
- **Wednesday, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Ezek 9:1-7, 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20)
- **Thursday, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Ezek 12:1-12; Mt 18:21-19:1)
- **Friday, 14:** St Maximilian Mary Kolbe (Ezek 16:1-15, 60, 63; Mt 19:3-12)
- **Saturday, 15:** The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Apoc 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; 1Cor 15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56)
- **Sunday 16:** 20th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28)

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).