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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.

Mrs Helen Mumford

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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

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

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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Sue Semmler, Brianna Chudlee, 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
10/9	M Glynn	W Bennett	A Bevan
17/9	M Slagter	?	C Brinkley
24/9	P Bennett	A Clark	C Brinkley

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

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

CAN YOU HELP?

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

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

Safeguarding Sunday, held 10 September in the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide, provides us with an opportunity to celebrate the presence of children and young people in our parishes and communities, as we continue encouragement and commitment to a safe environment for all. Children who come to Mass on Safeguarding Sunday will be gifted a highlighter

containing the message "highlight your voice", reflecting the importance of ensuring our parishes and communities provide a space for children and young people to participate, belong and be heard.

Safeguarding Sunday forms part of National Child Protection Week (3-9 September 2023) in Australia, a national initiative to engage members of the community in supporting families and protecting children. The national over-arching 2023 theme is continuing to champion last year's message 'Every child, in every community, needs a fair go', with a focus this year on 'Where we start matters', in terms of where we live, the resources available to us, and the opportunities presented to us, which make a significant difference to our life outcomes.

Parishes can use this national theme in ways that are most relevant to them. For instance:

- Supporting parents to access services so that all families have the opportunity to give every child a great start.
- Supporting and promoting child-focused and child-safe initiatives in parishes and communities.
- Supporting any local support services, charities or initiatives that support communities in making sure that every neighbourhood has what it needs to give every child a great start.

The Parish of Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish and the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to build and support safe communities for all people.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023Voices from the Kangaroo Island Catholic Church.



Karen Hammat, Annette Roestenberg and Kaye Florance travelled to Willunga on Friday (1 September) to help celebrate Fr Tom Gleeson's 50th Anniversary of Ordination

SEPTEMBER IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES MONTH

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 & St Patrick's Special Schools.

Make a donation:

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



"Please read ALL directions before assembling your cat"





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

DIVINE PERMISSION FOR HUMAN FATIGUE

Someone once asked Therese of Lisieux if it was wrong to fall asleep while in prayer. Her answer: *Absolutely not. A little child is equally pleasing to her parents, awake or asleep – probably more when asleep!*

That’s more than a warm, cute answer. There’s a wisdom in her reply that’s generally lost to us, namely, that God understands the human condition and gives us sacred permission to be human, even in the face of our most important human and spiritual commitments.

This struck me recently while listening to a homily. The preacher, a sincere and dedicated priest, challenged us with the idea that God must always be first in our lives. So far so good. But then he shared how upset he gets whenever he hears people say things like: “Let’s go to the Saturday evening mass, *to get it over with.*” Or, when a celebrant says: “*We will keep things short today, because the game starts at noon.*” Phrases like that, he suggested, betray a serious weakness in our prayer lives. Do they?

Maybe yes, maybe no. Comments like that can issue out of laziness, spiritual indifference, or misplaced priorities. They might also simply be an expression of normal, understandable human fatigue – a fatigue which God, the author of human nature, gives us permission to feel.

There can be, and often is, a naïveté about the place of high energy and enthusiasm in our lives. For example, imagine a family who, with the best of intentions, decides that to foster family togetherness they agree to make their evening meal, every evening, a full-blown banquet, demanding everyone’s participation and enthusiasm and lasting for ninety minutes. Wish them luck! Some days this would foster togetherness and there would be a certain enthusiasm at the table; but, soon enough, this would be unsustainable in terms of

their energy, and more than one of the family members would be saying silently, *let’s get this over with, or can we cut it a little short tonight because the game is on a 7:00.* Granted, that could betray an attitude of disinterest; but, more likely, it would simply be a valid expression of normal fatigue.

None of us can sustain high energy and enthusiasm forever. Nor are we intended to. Our lives are a marathon, not a sprint. That’s why it is good sometimes to have lengthy banquets and sometimes to simply grab a hotdog and run. God and nature give us permission to sometimes say, *let’s get it over with,* and sometimes to rush things so as to not miss the beginning of the game.

Moreover, beyond taking seriously the normal ebb and flow of our energies, there is still another, even more important angle to this. Enthusiastic energy or lack of them don’t necessarily define meaning. We can do a thing because it means something affectively to us – or we can do something simply because *it means something in itself,* independent of how we feel about it on a given day. Too often, we don’t grasp this. For example, take the response people often give when explaining why they are no longer going to church services, “*it doesn’t mean anything to me.*” What they are blind to in saying this is the fact that being together in a church means something in itself, independent of how it feels affectively on any given day. A church service means something in itself, akin to visiting your aging mother. You do this, not because you are always enthusiastic about it or because it always feels good emotionally. No. You do it because this is your aging mother and that’s what God, nature, and maturity call us to do.

The same holds true for a family meal together. You don’t necessarily go to dinner with your family each night with enthusiasm. You go because this is how families sustain their common life. There will be times when you do come with high energy and appreciate both the preciousness of the moment and the length of the dinner. But there will be other times when, despite a

deeper awareness that being together in this way is important, you will be wanting to *get this over with,* or sneaking glances at your watch and calculating what time the game starts.

So, scripture advises, avoid Job’s friends. For spiritual advice in this area, avoid the spiritual novice, the over-pious, the anthropological naïve, the couple on their honeymoon, the recent convert, and at least half of all liturgists and worship leaders. The true manual on marriage is never written by a couple on their honeymoon and the true manual on prayer is never written by someone who believes that we should be on a high all the time. Find a spiritual mentor who challenges you enough to keep you from selfishness and laziness, even as she or he gives you divine permission to be tired sometimes. A woman or man at prayer is equally pleasing to God, enthusiastic or tired – perhaps even more when tired.

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

FAREWELL TO ANITA GIBBS

Anita is moving to Whyalla to be nearer her family. The Kangaroo Island Catholic community are very sad to say goodbye and wish her well in her new life. Thank you Anita, for being such a wonderful support to us for so many years.

There will be a special morning tea in her honour after Mass this Sunday.



COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 07/09/23)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.

SPECIAL BOOK - CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ON KI

I am in the process of recording voices of our Church parishioners for a book. I am not wanting to write a history book of the Catholic Community on KI. It's about your individual voice, which of course, will include the history.

I will use the voice recorder app on my iPhone and then just relax and let the conversation flow. Then I will type up your story on my computer and get you to read it.

Here are three suggestions for what you might talk about:

- How long have you / were you associated with this church?
- Has the Church changed much over your time?
- Your special memories of people or events.

I want to include as many of your voices as I can.

It's our Church's 70th celebration next year. It would be great to have at least one copy of this book for people to look at. Maybe, we may even have it ready to print and sell. I would love all your voices, as we all have a story to tell.

You can either catch up with me at Church or ring me on 0408 367 009.

*Kind Regards
Helen Mumford*



Help each other through

SEPTEMBER IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES MONTH

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bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered 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.'

SPECIAL AGENT OF GOD (Matthew 18: 15 - 20)

If we are special agents of God, then we serve as agents of grace for one another. I am, in a real sense, at your service, as you are at mine. Together, we invite the kingdom of God into our midst. It's not the sort of commission one can achieve alone.

Of all that we do together to promote God's reign, the hardest may be our gentle mutual correction. Unlike yourself, I'm sure, I dislike being told I'm wrong. When I respond in anger and treat someone unfairly, I want to be justified, not reproved. But some of my friends love me enough to tell me when I'm way off base and need to examine my motives. Sometimes it's enough to hear it from one person. Sometimes, I need to hear it from every direction before I'm ready to change. I value this honesty in my life because I can't always punch my own way out of ignorance. My friends know how dearly I want to hear yes in heaven, so they're willing to say no to me in the here and now.

Have you ever corrected someone you love when they're in error? How do you respond to such correction?

TWO OR MORE

If your sister or brother should commit some wrong against you, go and point out the error, but keep it between the two of you. If she or he listens to you, you have won a loved one back; if not, try again, but take one or two others with you, so that every case may stand on the word of two or three witnesses. (Matthew 18: 15 - 16)

Jesus tells us that there is strength in numbers. Instead of stewing over the wrong someone did to you, you should meet with the person and

discuss the problem. This advice applies to situations at work, at home, at school, or among your neighbours. One is not only a lonely number but a dangerous number because the more you replay perceived wrongs in your head, the easier it is to lose perspective and make matters worse by blowing up at someone.

Many managers (including a few parish/school leaders) seem to have the "if I just ignore it, it will go away" approach to problems. But how many of us have ever seen that approach actually work? Problems are meant to be solved and relationships reconciled. If two people can't do that, the next step is not to retreat but to try to advance with the aid of others (co-workers, family members, friends). If that fails, then it's time to call in the wider community for help: the human resources department, the entire family, the parish council. These are difficult steps, but they are meant to make rare a step that is all too common: complete disassociation from the offending party.

Two or more working together toward reconciliation discourages obstinate, isolating behaviour that leaves no room for anyone, not even God. Join the crowd today.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS (11 - 17 September)

- **Monday, 11:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (Col 1:24-2:3; Lk 6:6-11)
- **Tuesday, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19)
- **Wednesday, 13:** St John Chrysostom (Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26)
- **Thursday, 14:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Num 21:4-9; Jn 3:13-17)
- **Friday, 15:** Our Lady of Sorrows (Heb 5:7-9; Jn 19:25-27)
- **Saturday, 16:** Sts Cornelius and Cyprian (1 Tim 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49)
- **Sunday 17:** 24th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Sirach 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35)

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