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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

Amos 7:12-15

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer, get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah 'I was a shepherd and looked after sycamores; but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:9-14

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

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.

Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ, for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us

in the Beloved, in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight.

He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came.

Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you too have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Bill Roestenberg, Carmel Northcott, Nick Hacker

July anniversaries: Alma Adams, Eadie Adams, Sid Adams, Peg Anderson, Lill Buick, Phil Connell, John Connell, Henry Dravitzki, Leon Fahey, Paul Glynn, Joyce Grant, Mick Grant, Bill Higgins, Monica Hughes, Barry Jamieson, Judith Jeffs, Leigh McDonald, Kym Moses, Cameron Muirhead, Ron Mumford, Alexander Nash, Alice O'Neill, Alice O'Driscoll, Jill Perkins, Charles Reynolds, Nora Ridge, Johnny Tully, John Walsh, Tony Walker, Robyn Williams.

Please pray for all our faithful departed and may all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ through our actions and His healing presence.

ROSTERS

	Comm	Reader	Cleaning
11/7	S Slagter	W Bennett	K Brinkley
18/7	J Fernandez	P Clark	K Brinkley
25/7	S Semler	P Bennett	A Clark

COVID Marshal

11/7 M Slagter
18/7 C Weatherstone
25/7 P Bennett

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

11/7 Fr Josy
18/7 Fr Dev
25/7 Fr Prathap

PRAYER FOR HEALING

Parishioners are invited to a Prayer for Healing and Renewal gathering in our Church on Thursdays at 9.00am - 9.30am.

UPDATE TO COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS IN SA

Last week's sudden restrictions have been lifted and we will return to where we were at the end of June. The list on the back page is up-to-date from 5 July.

RAISE YOUR VOICE 2021 YOUTH CONSULTATIONS

Calling all young people ages 16 to 30! You are [invited](#) to Raise Your Voice, a youth consultation forum. Come and meet other young people in the Archdiocese of Adelaide. Share your experiences, ideas, concerns, and hopes

about being a young person in South Australia and our local faith family. Team members from the Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults will host the sessions in several locations throughout June and July. Feedback from the consultations will be used to guide the agenda for a youth assembly on August 21 and will be included in the consultation for the Diocesan Assembly in September.

Anyone unable to attend the consultations may participate via the Diocesan Assembly online forum at www.adelaidediocesanassembly.org/respond, and tick the appropriate box for their age group.

For more information about the dates and locations of the youth consultations and youth assembly, visit www.cathoyouthadelaide.org.au or contact Peter Bierer in the Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults (8301 6866 or peter.bierer@cesa.catholic.edu.au)



Adelaide Diocesan Assembly 17 & 18 September 2021 Cabra Dominican College

The Archdiocese of Adelaide will be holding a Diocesan Assembly this September. The Diocesan Assembly is a meeting of representatives from parishes, schools, communities and groups to discuss the life of our local church, discern a new vision for the diocese and prepare for the upcoming Plenary Council. Individuals and groups are invited to respond to the pre-assembly consultation question, "What do you think are the most important things to discuss at the Diocesan Assembly?"

For more information on the Diocesan Assembly, and to share your response to the consultation question, visit www.adelaidediocesanassembly.org or contact Sarah Moffatt in the Diocesan Office (8210 8100).

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend there will be a Special Collection for the Apostleship of the Sea Appeal.

OVER 6 MILLION AUSTRALIANS HAVE NOW TAKEN THE NEXT STEP

We're not safe until we're all safe.
Find out when it's your turn and where you can be vaccinated at australia.gov.au

COVID-19 VACCINATION
KEEPING AUSTRALIA COVIDSAFE

More info from:
www.sahealth.sa.gov.au

CENSUS 2021

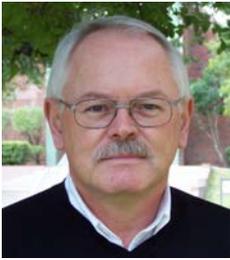
Census night is on Tuesday 10 August. In early August, you will be sent instructions on how to take part. This year you can complete your Census as soon as you receive your instructions, if you know who will be home on Census night. This is different to past years when you had to fill in your form on Census night. You can fill in your form [online](#), on [paper](#) or with help from Census staff.

For more information go to:
www.census.abs.gov.au

DATES

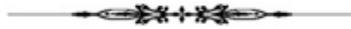
- Jul 18 Apostleship of the Sea
- Jul 19 First day School Term 38
- Aug Feast of St Mary of the Cross
- 15 Aug Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary
- 15 Aug Appeal for Vocations
- Sep 1-30 Catholic Charities Month
- 24 Sep Last day School Term 3
- 4 Oct Labour Day holiday
- 11 Oct First day School Term 4
- 17 Oct World Mission Day Appeal
- 1 Nov All Saints' Day
- 2 Nov All Souls' Day
- 14 Nov Vinnies Christmas Appeal
- 21 Nov Christ the King
- 28 Nov First Sunday of Advent
- 5 Dec Second Sunday of Advent
- 10 Dec Last day School Term 4
- 12 Dec Third Sunday of Advent

A pastor giving a children's sermon on vestments asked, "Why do you think I wear this collar?" One child answered, "Because it kills ticks and fleas for up to 30 days?"



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.



WHAT'S INSIDE THE FACE OF GOD?

O God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.

We pray these words with sincerity. Do we ever really mean them? Can we honestly say that the heartaches that drive us to our knees are a longing to see God? When we're obsessed with an ache that won't let us sleep, can we honestly say we're thirsting for God? At first glance, no. Our existential thirsts tend to be more earthy, more self-focused, and more erotic than would merit the claim that they are a longing for God. Only the rare mystic (or perhaps one of us in a rare moment) can, at a given time, examine her burning desires and say honestly, what I want is God. I'm longing for God.

However, there's another side to this. We need to make a distinction between what we *explicitly* desire and what we *implicitly* desire within that same desire. Allow me an earthy example as an illustration. Imagine a man on a given night feeling restless and seeking out sex with a prostitute. Is he longing to see the face of God? Is he longing for union inside the body of Christ? Explicitly, no. That's the furthest thing from his mind, at least from his conscious mind. However, there's something else inside his awareness at that same time (which he in fact knows but of which he is not explicitly aware). His desire, which on this evening has constellated so strong sexually, is in its true intent a desire to see the face of God and to be in union with others inside the body of Christ. Implicit in what he is hungering for is what St. Augustine expresses in his famous axiom: *You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts*

are restless until they rest in you. He is longing to see the face of God.

In teasing out this distinction between what is *explicitly intended* in an act and what is *implicitly contained* in that same act, we should not conflate this with our notions of *conscious* and *unconscious*. These latter terms are psychological categories, valid and important in their own right, whereas *explicit* and *implicit* are philosophical terms, slightly different in meaning, with a particular insight into what is actually contained in any act. Again, perhaps an example can be helpful. Imagine yourself making a simple, elementary judgment. You look at a wall and say, *this wall is white*. That's what you are aware of explicitly at that moment. However, for you to make that judgment (*This wall is white*) you also at the same time have to know, know implicitly, really, and as surely as you know that the wall is white, some other things. First, that the wall is not green or any other color; and, further, that you cannot say that the wall is not white without denying the truth of what you are seeing. These latter dimensions are something you in fact know, but of which you are not consciously aware.

Now, apply this to the man whose desire drives him to have sex with a prostitute. We see that what is on his mind *explicitly* at that moment is not any desire to see the face of God or to be in union inside the body of Christ. Far from it. However, as he is engaging in this act, he implicitly knows that this is not what he is really searching for and that he cannot pretend that it is. This implicit knowing of these other dimensions is not just a function of conscience, but a function of knowing itself.

There are multiple implications from this, beyond not feeling false guilt for the fact that, most times, we find ourselves congenitally incapable of making God the real focus, main object, and the *All* of our desires. Mostly we don't see our obsessions and heartaches as having God as their real object. I suspect that this is because we do not conceive of God as containing the powerful allure, attractiveness, beauty, color, and sexuality that can so obsess us in this world. I wonder if anyone (outside of a mystic) has ever obsessed about seeing the face of God because he or she sensed that in God there was even a richer beauty, attractiveness, and sexual allure than can be found here on earth. Do we ever imagine God as infinitely more interesting and alluring than any sexual partner on earth?

Sadly, the God of religions is hard to long for! That God, while philosophically perfect and alluring, is existentially devoid of the real beauty and eros that obsesses us on earth.

Therese of Lisieux, young doctor of the soul that she was, offers us this warning: *Be careful not to seek yourself in love because you will end up with a broken heart that way.* Thankfully, an implicit knowledge of what we are actually longing for can help save us from that.

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

COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(Current from 5 July, 2021)

- The total number of people in Church must not exceed 3 people per 4 square metres. Social distancing principles apply. Every person should attempt to stay at least 1.5 metres from others. However, this does not apply to people who live together, who are friends or family members, or people who regularly associate with each other.
- For places of worship, masks must be worn when capacity exceeds 75% of normal occupancy. If capacity is at or below 75%, no masks are required.
- Singing as a congregation may recommence, provided masks are worn.
- Consumption of beverages (eg cuppa following Mass) and food may be resumed, provided Covid restrictions are strictly implemented. (Please ring the Parish Office for more details.)
- 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 to be 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).
- The obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Eph 1:17-18

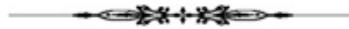
Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 6:7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, ‘Do not take a spare tunic.’ And he said to them, ‘If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.’ So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.



NOTHING BUT A WALKING STICK



Jesus sent out his disciples without a degree in theology, without a certificate from a diocesan training program, and without a catechism. Two-by-two,

they walked along with no more than a pair of sandals and a walking stick, both crucial to keep them on the journey. With so little, they still summoned the authority to cast out demons, heal the sick, and preach repentance.

This amazes me, having the degree,

pedigree, and reference books by the score to keep me in the arena of orthodoxy. Yet I'm not certain that demons are at all intimidated by these things. Though institutions may grant credibility, only God can provide the authority for ministry. And God grants it to slackers like Peter, not much of a fisherman but possessed of interesting impulses; to James and John, much admired by their mother, at least; and even to Judas, more loyal to himself than to the Lord. It seems God favours those who are willing to stay on the road and travel light. The walking stick is the best credential of all.

What do you carry, in your heart and on your back, that limits your ability to serve?

Time to lighten the load! Identify one element in your life - a relationship, attitude, behaviour - that chronically keeps you from progressing on the spiritual journey. Take steps to reconcile, heal, and move forward.

Don't think you need a lot of extra equipment for this. You are the equipment. No special appeal for funds. Keep it simple.

GPBS eNews



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(July 12 - 18)

- **Monday, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34 - 11:1)
- **Tuesday, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Ex 2:1-15; Mt 11:20-24)
- **Wednesday, 14:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27)
- **Thursday, 15:** St Bonaventure (Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30)
- **Friday, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Ex 11:10 - 12:14; Mt 12:1-8)
- **Saturday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21)
- **Sunday 18:** 16th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34)

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).