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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

Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As
the rain and the snow
come down from the
heavens and do not
return without watering
the earth, making it
yield and giving growth
to provide seed for the
sower and bread for the
eating, so the word that
goes from my mouth
does not return to me
empty, without carrying
out my will and
succeeding in what it
was sent to do.'



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 64:10-14

*The seed that falls on good ground
will yield a fruitful harvest.*

SECOND READING

Romans 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life
can never be compared to the glory,
as yet unrevealed, which is waiting
for us. The whole creation is eagerly
waiting for God to reveal his sons. It
was not for any fault on the part of
creation that it was made unable to
attain its purpose, it was made so by
God; but creation still retains the
hope of being freed, like us, from its
slavery to decadence, to enjoy the
same freedom and glory as the
children of God. From the beginning
till now the entire creation, as we
know, has been groaning in one great
act of giving birth; and not only
creation, but all of us who possess
the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too
groan inwardly as we wait for our
bodies to be set free.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The seed is the word of God, Christ
is the sower; all who come to him
will live forever.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the
lakeside, but such crowds gathered
round him that he got into a boat and
sat there. The people all stood on the
beach, and he told them many things
in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out
to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell
on the edge of the path, and the birds
came and ate them up. Others fell on
patches of rock where they found
little soil and sprang up straight
away, because there was no depth of
earth; but as soon as the sun came up
they were scorched and, not having
any roots, they withered away.
Others fell among thorns, and the
thorns grew up and choked them.
Others fell on rich soil and produced
their crop, some a hundredfold,
some sixty, some thirty. Listen,
anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him
and asked, 'Why do you talk to them
in parables?' 'Because' he replied,
'the mysteries of the kingdom of
heaven are revealed to you, but they
are not revealed to them. For anyone
who has will be given more, and he
will have more than enough;
but from anyone who has not, even
what he has will be taken away.

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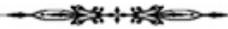
PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Greg Turner, Toni Langridge, Damian Baynes, Charles Gorman, Dalton Baynes, Roy Gatton, Josh Semler

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 Jameison, 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 and all the faithful departed

Recently deceased: Paul Redden

May all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ through our actions and His healing presence.



COLLECTIONS DIRECT PAYMENTS

If you would like to organise your Church donations via bank transfer there are a couple of ways you can go about this.

1. If you bank online, you can set up periodic, direct payments yourself. Again, you will need to do this twice - once for the first collection and again for second.

Acc: Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish
BSB: 085-005
Acc No: 918 111 484
Ref: Your surname, initials and *First* or *General*

2. Periodic regular payments may also be organised with your bank. Take the account details (above) with you and bank staff can set it up for you.

NB: *First* collection is for the support of our Priests and *General* (second at our Masses) is for the support of our Parish. If you need more information or help, please contact Helen Mumford or Peter Clark.



KINGSCOTE

Sunday, July 12

Fr Roderick will be with us this Sunday for Mass at Kingscote at 9.30am.

Priest Roster

12th July Fr Roderick
19th July Fr Josy
26th July Mons Ian Dempsey
2nd August Mons Ian Dempsey

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 to stay home
- Avoid physical greetings: hugs, kisses and handshakes.

The Archdiocese recommends that those who are at higher risk from Covid-19 should be encouraged to stay home, but also reassures everyone that the obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity has still not been re-invoked at this stage.

NATIONAL APPEAL FOR SEAFARERS

The Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) ministry concerns itself totally with the welfare and pastoral care of seafarers who crew these ships and is dependent on donations both financial and in kind. This annual appeal encourages the Catholic community to acknowledge seafarers as the essential workers they are and to respond by giving back something to them in gratitude for all the sacrifices they endure to make our lives more comfortable. To donate, please visit: www.aos-australia.org

GALILEE TREES



Pictured above: Charles and Steph, two British backpackers, planting some of the Galilee plants at Parndana this week

SEEKING APPLICATIONS for THRESHOLD: EARTH

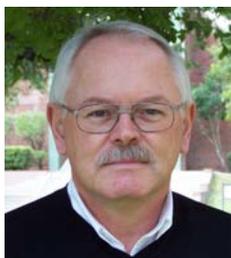
Planning and Advisory Committee

The Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults in the Archdiocese of Adelaide is seeking members for a planning and advisory committee for Threshold: Earth - 2020 Season of Creation Youth Vigil (Saturday September 19).

Threshold: Earth is a gathering for young people to celebrate the Season of Creation, explore Catholic teaching connected to care for the environment, and challenge our local church and society toward greater action for the protection of the planet.

For more information and to apply online, visit <http://www.cathoyouthadelaide.org.au/calendar/2020/9/19/threshold-earth>





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



DEEPER THINGS UNDER THE SURFACE

Imagine this. You are the dutiful daughter or son and your mother is widowed and living in an assisted living facility. You happen to be living close by while your sister is living across the country, thousands of miles away. So the weight falls on you to be the one to help take care of your mother. You dutifully visit her each day. Every afternoon, on route home from work, you stop and spend an hour with her as she has her early dinner. And you do this faithfully, five times a week, year after year.

As you spend this hour each day with your mother, year after year, how many times during the course of a year will you have a truly stimulating and deep conversation with your mother? Once? Twice? Never? What are you talking about each day? Trivial things: the weather, your favorite sports team, what your kids are doing, the latest show on television, her aches and pains, and the mundane details of your own life. Occasionally you might even doze off for a while as she eats her early dinner. In a good year, perhaps once or twice, the conversation will take on some depth and the two of you will share more deeply about something of importance; but, save for that rare occasion, you will simply be filling in the time each day with superficial conversation.

But, and this is the question, are those daily visits with your mother in fact superficial, merely functionary because your conversations aren't deep? Are you simply going through the motions of intimate relationship because of duty? Is anything deep happening?

Well, compare this with your sister who is (conveniently) living across the country and comes home once a

year to visit your mother. When she visits, both she and your mother are wonderfully animated, they embrace enthusiastically, shed some tears upon seeing each other, and seemingly talk about things beyond the weather, their favorite sports teams, and their own tiredness. And you could kill them both! It seems that in this once-a-year meeting they have something that you, who visit daily, do not have. But is this true? Is what is happening between your sister and your mother in fact deeper than what is occurring each day when you visit your mother?

Absolutely not. What they have is, no doubt, more emotional and more affective, but it is, at the end of day, not particularly deep. When your mother dies, you will know your mother better than anyone else knows her and you will be much closer to her than your sister. Why? Because through all those days when you visited her and seemed to talk about nothing beyond the weather, some deeper things were happening under the surface. When your sister visited your mother things were happening on the surface (though emotionally and affectively the surface can look wonderfully more intriguing than what lies beneath it.) That is why honeymoons look better than marriage.

What your sister had with your mother is what novices experience in prayer and what couples experience on a honeymoon. What you had with your mother is what people experience in prayer and relationships when they are faithful over a long period of time. At a certain level of intimacy in all our relationships, including our relationship with God in prayer, the emotions and the affectivity (wonderful as they are) will become less and less important and simple presence, just being together, will

become paramount. Previous to that, the important things were happening on the surface and emotions and affectivity were important; now deep bonding is happening beneath the surface and emotions and affectivity recede in importance. At a certain depth of relationship just being present to each other is what is important.

Too often, both popular psychology and popular spirituality do not really grasp this and consequently confuse the novice for the proficient, the honeymoon for the wedding, and the surface for the depth. In all of our relationships, we cannot make promises as to how we will always feel, but we can make promises to always be faithful, to show up, to be there, even if we are only talking about the weather, our favorite sports team, the latest television program, or our own tiredness. And it is okay occasionally to fall asleep while there because as Therese of Lisieux once said: a little child is equally pleasing to its parents, awake or asleep, probably more asleep! That also holds true for prayer. God does not mind us occasionally napping while at prayer because we are there and that is enough. The great Spanish doctor of the soul John of the Cross tells us that as we travel deeper into any relationship, be it with God in prayer, with each other in intimacy, or with the community at large in service, eventually the surface will be less emotive and less affective and the deeper things will begin to happen under the surface.

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

COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(The following conditions apply from Monday June 29)

- 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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The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

‘But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

‘You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.’

EXPLORING THE WORD

This parable would have had a great appeal to the rural population living on the fertile land around the Sea of Galilee. There, the gentle undulating hills are green and verdant. This is a sharp contrast to the desert

wilderness of the southern part of the province of Judea around Jerusalem.

Jesus explains the meaning of the parable of the sower. The different soils represent different human responses to hearing the word of God. The message is that, despite some failures, the sower's work ultimately succeeds. Not everyone is open to receiving the word and acting on it but there is encouragement for those who allow the word to take root and bear fruit.

DID YOU KNOW?

- A parable is a simple human story with a profound meaning.
- Parables were a familiar way of teaching in the time of Jesus and some images had set meanings. For example, a vineyard, sons or servants represented Israel, while a master, king or father represented God.
- The Sea of Galilee is also known as Lake Gennesaret and as Lake Tiberius. Jesus' base for his preaching ministry in the region was at the town of Capernaum on the northern shores of the lake. Peter had a house in this town.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS (13 - 19 July)

- **Monday, 13:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 15 (Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34 - 11:1)
- **Tuesday, 14:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 15 (Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24)
- **Wednesday, 15:** St Bonaventure (Is 10:5-7, 13-16; Mt 11:25-27)
- **Thursday, 16:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 15 (Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30)
- **Friday, 17:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 15 (Is 38:2-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8)
- **Saturday, 18:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 15 (Micah 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21)
- **Sunday 19:** 16th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43)

PASTORAL CARE

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