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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

Jeremiah 23:1-6

‘Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

‘See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22

*The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.*

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:13-18

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

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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.

Recently Deceased: Damien Howard

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
18/7 J Fernandez	P Clark	K Brinkley
25/7 S Semler	P Bennett	A Clark

COVID Marshal

18/7 C Weatherstone
25/7 P Bennett

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

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: 9.00am - 9.30am.

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

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

The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency for the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports, products that sustain our population and economy. To assist this ministry, please leave your donation in the Special Collections basket as you exit the Church send your donation to: bit.ly/seasunday2021

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

- 19 Jul First day School Term 3
- 25 Jul World Day Grandparents and the Elderly
- 8 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

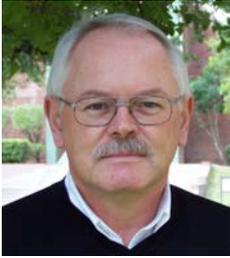
FIRST WORLD DAY GRANDPARENTS & ELDERLY Sunday, 25th July

On January 31, [Pope Francis announced](#) a new celebration in honour of all grandparents and the elderly, who are so important to our communities and our Church. This new World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated every year on the fourth Sunday of July.

The decision to hold a World Day for Grandparents and Older People has come at a time marked by a pandemic and by the suffering of our older generations in recent months in every part of the world.

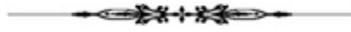
This World Day is an opportunity to reaffirm that the Church can never remain distant from those who carry a cross. The theme chosen by the Holy Father, "I am with you always", expresses clearly that, during the pandemic and in the better times that will hopefully follow, every ecclesial community wishes to be with the elderly always.

- *My wife is really mad at the fact that I have no sense of direction. So I packed up my stuff and right!*
- *How do you make 7 even? Take away the s.*



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.



WHY STAY IN THE CHURCH?

Several weeks ago after giving a lecture at a religious conference, the first question from the audience was this one: How can you continue to stay in a church that played such a pivotal part in setting up and maintaining residential schools for the indigenous people of Canada? How can you stay in a church that did that?

The question is legitimate and important. Both in its history and in its present, the church has enough sin to legitimize the question. The list of sins done in the name of the church is long: the Inquisition, its support for slavery, its role in colonialism, its link to racism, its role in thwarting women's rights, and its endless historical and present compromises with white supremacy, big money, and political power. Its critics are sometimes excessive and unbalanced, but, for the most part, the church is guilty as charged.

However, this guilt isn't unique to the church. The same charges might be leveled against any of the countries in which we live. How can we stay in a country that has a history of racism, slavery, colonialism, genocide of some of its indigenous peoples, radical inequality between its rich and its poor, one that is callous to desperate refugees on its borders, and one within which millions of people hate each other? Isn't it being rather selective morally to say that I am ashamed to be a Catholic (or a Christian) when the nations we live in share the same history and the same sins?

Still, since the church is supposed to be leaven for a society and not just a mirror of it, the question is valid. Why stay in the church? There are good apologetic answers on this, but, at the end of the day, for each of us,

the answer has to be a personal one. Why do I stay in the church?

First, because the church is my mother tongue. It gave me the faith, taught me about God, gave me God's word, taught me to pray, gave me the sacraments, showed me what virtue looks like, and put me in contact with some living saints. Moreover, despite all its shortcomings, it was for me authentic enough, altruistic enough, and pure enough to have the moral authority to ask me to entrust my soul to it, a trust I've not given any other communal entity. I'm very comfortable worshipping with other religions and sharing soul with non-believers, but in the church in which I was raised, I recognize home, my mother tongue.

Second, the church's history is not univocal. I recognize its sins and openly acknowledge them, but that's far from its full reality. The church is also the church of martyrs, of saints, of infinite generosity, and of millions of women and men with big, noble hearts who are my moral exemplars. I stand in the darkness of its sins; but I also stand in the light of its grace, of all the good things it has done in history.

Finally, and most important, I stay in the church because the church is all we've got! There's no other place to go. I identify with the ambivalent feeling that rushed through Peter when, just after hearing Jesus say something which had everyone else walk away from him, Peter was asked, "do you want to walk away too?" and he (speaking for all the disciples) replied: "We'd like to, but we have no place else to go. Besides we recognize that, despite everything, you still have the words of everlasting life."

In essence, Peter is saying, "Jesus, we don't get you, and what we get

we often don't like. But we know we're better off not getting it with you than going any place else. Dark moments notwithstanding, you're all we've got!"

The church is all we've got! Where else can we go? Behind the expression, *I am spiritual, but not religious* (however sincerely uttered) lies either an invincible failure or a culpable reluctance to deal with the necessity of religious community, to deal with what Dorothy Day called "the asceticism of church life". To say, *I cannot or will not deal with an impure religious community* is an escape, a self-serving exit, which at the end of the day is not very helpful, not least for the person saying it. Why? Because for compassion to be effective it needs to be collective, given the truth that what we dream alone remains a dream but what we dream with others can become a reality. I cannot see anything outside the church that can save this world.

There is no pure church anywhere for us to join, just as there is no pure country anywhere for us in which to live. This church, for all its checkered history and compromised present, is all we have. We need to own its faults since they are our faults. Its history is our history; its sin, our sin; and its family, our family – the only lasting family we've got.

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

Mark 6:30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

AND JESUS SAID, "CHILL OUT!"

For several years the religious community in which I lived invited our neighbours to join us monthly for an hour of quiet meditation and prayer in our small chapel. The congregation usually included fifteen to fifty young people from our school.

Over pizza after the prayer, the young people would often tell me how much the meditation helped relieve the stress caused by school, sports, friends, and family. I was happy they escaped for an hour with us.

And that's what Jesus wants for his disciples in this week's Gospel. They've just come back from doing his work. They could keep working; there were plenty of people who needed help. But Jesus says, "Come away ... and rest". In other words, take time to chill out. Authentic discipleship requires downtime for prayer, laughs, naps, and talk about life.

Our society seems to get busier and busier. We seem to have more responsibilities and less time to

relax. But life gets more complicated, more painful, less rewarding, and less Christian when it gets too busy.

Overworked people pray less, which means they lose God's guidance. Overworked people lose their patience more quickly, which makes it easy to snap at friends or family and difficult to forgive. Overworked people think less thoroughly and listen less often, which makes it easy to make bad decisions.

So, make sure you get away. Life is about building relationships, not completing tasks. Given the pressure in our society to stay busy, you might even have to schedule downtime. Then take it. God wants it for you.

Take time with friends. Laugh. Hang out. Take naps. Build in ten-minute "rest stops" with God, when you just close your eyes and imagine Jesus wrapping his arms around you. You'll find life more rewarding and Christian living more doable.

In other words, just chill out.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(July 19 - 25)

- **Monday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 16 (Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42)
- **Tuesday, 20:** Weekday, Ord Time 16 (Ex 14:21 - 15:1; Mt 12:46-50)
- **Wednesday, 21:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 16 (Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9)
- **Thursday, 2:** St Mary Magdalene (Song 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18)
- **Friday, 23:** Weekday, Ord Time 16 (Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23)
- **Saturday, 24:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Ex 24:3-8; Mt 13:24-30)
- **Sunday 25:** 17th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (2 Kg 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15)

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).