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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**

*Amos 8:4-7*

Listen to this, you who trample on the  
needy and try to suppress the poor  
people of the country, you who say,  
'When will New Moon be over so  
that we can sell our corn, and sabbath,  
so that we can market our wheat?

Then by lowering the bushel, raising  
the shekel, by swindling and tampering  
with the scales, we can buy up the  
poor for money, and the needy for a  
pair of sandals, and get a price even  
for the sweeping of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of  
Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single  
thing you have done.'

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Ps 112:1-2, 4-8*

*Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor.*

## **SECOND READING**

*1 Timothy 2:1-8*

My advice is that, first of all, there  
should be prayers offered for  
everyone – petitions, intercessions  
and thanksgiving – and especially for  
kings and others in authority, so that  
we may be able to live religious and  
reverent lives in peace and quiet. To  
do this is right, and will please God  
our saviour: he wants everyone to be

saved and reach full knowledge of the  
truth. For there is only one God, and  
there is only one mediator between  
God and humankind, himself a man,  
Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself  
as a ransom for them all. He is the  
evidence of this, sent at the appointed  
time, and I have been named a herald  
and apostle of it and – I am telling the  
truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith  
and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to  
lift their hands up reverently in prayer,  
with no anger or argument.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*2 Cor 8:9*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Jesus Christ was rich but he  
became poor, to make you rich  
out of his poverty. Alleluia!*

## **GOSPEL**

*Luke 16:1-13*

Jesus said to his disciples, 'There was  
a rich man and he had a steward who  
was denounced to him for being  
wasteful with his property. He called  
for the man and said, "What is this I  
hear about you? Draw me up an  
account of your stewardship because  
you are not to be my steward any  
longer."' *(Continued page 4)*



# Bulletin Board

## PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Sue Semmler, Stephanie Langridge, Joelle Davidson and Carmel Northcott

**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

*Please pray for all the faithful departed and all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends.*

## PARISH ROSTERS

	Comm	Reader	Cleaning
18/9	K Hammat	M Slagter	K Brinkley
25/9	M Glynn	W Bennett	A Clark

## PRIEST ROSTER

*(Often this roster changes*

*if something unforeseen crops up)*

18/9	Fr Leon Czechowicz
25/9	Fr Pratap Katta
2/10	Fr Dean Marin VG
9/10	Fr Ian Dempsey
16/10	Fr My or Fr Matthew
23/10	Fr My or Fr Matthew
30/10	Fr Anthoni Adimai
6/11	Fr John Shanahan

## WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

For those of you who wish to make your weekly contributions to the first and second collections by direct debit, these are the banking details for each.

1st Collection:  
BSB 085 005  
A/c No 585353994  
Reference: K Island or 765

2nd Collection:  
BSB 085 005  
A/c No 918111484  
Reference: Your name

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Priests and Parish facilities.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The Catholic Charities Appeal will take place throughout the month of September. Catholic Charities is your umbrella organisation that supports the following agencies in SA.

- Hutt Street Centre
- Aboriginal Catholic Ministry
- Our Lady of La Vang
- St Patrick's Special School
- Centacare Catholic Family Services

These frontline agencies support some of the most vulnerable in the community at a time when many people are doing it tough. Brochures with reply paid envelopes are available. All donations of more than \$2 are tax deductible.

For more information visit Catholic Charities pages on the Archdiocesan website: [www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/charity-and-giving/catholic-charities/about-catholic-charities-](http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/charity-and-giving/catholic-charities/about-catholic-charities-)

## SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

Today our church is celebrating Safeguarding Sunday.

There is a small gift for the children, of a magnet. On the magnet is a quote from Pope Francis: *'Dear young people, make your voices heard! If they do not listen to you, shout even louder, make noise; you have every right to have your say on what concerns your future.'*

Coinciding with Safeguarding Sunday the Child Protection Unit will launch the 'Your Voice, Your Say' project where all children (under 18 years) will be given the opportunity to provide feedback on important matters which affect them.

## EQUAL PAY FOR WORK OF EQUAL VALUE

**International Equal Pay Day**, celebrated on **18 September**, represents the longstanding efforts towards the achievement of equal pay for work of equal value. It further builds on the United Nations' commitment to human rights and against all forms of discrimination, including discrimination against women and girls.

Across all regions, women are paid less than men, with the gender pay gap estimated at around 20 per cent globally. Gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls continue to be held back owing to the persistence of historical and structural unequal power relations between women and men, poverty and inequalities and disadvantages in access to resources and opportunities that limit women's and girls' capabilities. Progress on narrowing

that gap has been slow. While equal pay for men and women has been widely endorsed, applying it in practice has been difficult.

## CUPPA AFTER MASS

Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee after Mass today. Everyone most welcome.

## CAN WE BE TRUSTED?

A red-spined book sat on the shelf of my parents' home while I was growing up. It was titled: *"You Can Trust Communists"*. Believe me, my parents were not subversive characters by any means, so this title tended to startle the casual browser. Should you pick up this book and look at the face on it, however, you would see the subtitle: (*"To Be Communists"*). I admit I never read the book, but the deceptive title reminds me of the parable of the unjust steward. Is Jesus praising the actions of the steward, as the master in the story does? Are we to presume 'the ends justify the means' in Jesus' evaluation? Of course not. Jesus is saying you can trust the unjust steward (to be unjust). And to be good at it. This guy is a pro.

Can you trust Christians, to be Christians? Not always. We don't live up to our name every time. We aren't "professionals" about our faith, skilled and dedicated, fully identified with our vocation. Many of us are hobbyists, at best, playing at Christianity in our spare time, when it doesn't get in the way. Jesus asks for more.

Consider the gifts that God has entrusted to you. How trustworthy are you? Integrity is like losing weight: simple, but easy. Make a list of things in your life that fit together with your commitment to bear the name of Christ. List the things that do not fit, and think of steps you can take to bring your life in line.

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## 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

### OUR REAL DEMONS

What's in an image? An image can imprint itself indelibly into our consciousness so that we cannot not picture a thing except in a certain way. Take, for instance, Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting of the Last Supper. Today if you close your eyes and try to picture the Last Supper, that image will spontaneously come to mind, even though scholars assure us that this is not how Jesus and his disciples would have been seated at that meal. Such is the power of art.

Sadly, this is also true for how we spontaneously picture devils and exorcisms. Movies about demon possession, like *Rosemary's Baby*, have imprinted certain images inside of us so we picture someone possessed by a demon as a person with a wild, contorted, hate-filled face, floating up to the ceiling, spewing out sick mustard colored liquid from his mouth, in a room smelling of poisonous gases. Our picture of an exorcism then is that of a very ascetic-looking priest, dressed in heavy blacks, a stole around his neck, calling out Jesus' name as he sprinkles holy water, with the devil shrieking aloud as he retreats. That's our image of demon possession and exorcism. Such is the power of art!

But, normally that's not at all how demon possession and exorcism look like. Indeed, picturing the devil and an exorcism in that way is more harmful than helpful because demons are more subtle and exorcisms are more demanding than that picture would have us believe.

What do demons inside of us actually look like? Well, an image of a contorted face spewing out poisonous gasses and shrieking out hate can in fact serve us well. As a metaphor, that works. However, in real life that contorted, hate-filled face is too often our own face, and the poison spewing out of us is really the hate-filled language we hurl at each other as we name-call across ideological, political, moral, and religious lines. As well, the exorcism required is not the sprinkling of literal holy water,

but the sprinkling of the Holy Spirit.

What do demons actually look like?

There's a very powerful one named *paranoia* who brings with him a series of other demons: *distrust*, *suspicion*, *self-protection*, and *fear*. When *paranoia* possesses us, we become suspicious and distrustful. Everyone begins to look like a threat, an enemy, and all our natural instincts begin to pressure us towards self-protection, and that begins to contort our faces and we begin to spew out distrust. This may be the hardest demon of all to exorcise because it is so deeply embedded inside us. It's no accident that the word *metanoia* (which summarizes Jesus' challenge to us) is the antithesis of *paranoia*.

Then there is a demon named *pride*, one that keeps us forever conscious of our own specialness, a demon that would have us prefer to be special rather than happy. This demon invariably brings with him a very nasty companion called *envy*, a demon that paralyzes our ability to admire others, bless them, and not be threatened by their successes.

Next, come the demons of *gluttony* and *greed*. Mostly these no longer tempt us towards over-indulging in food or drink and accumulating more and more possessions. Instead, these demons infect us with a greed for experience, with an obsession with drinking in everything, with an obsession to be networking socially twenty-four hours a day. Moreover, they bring with them the demon of *lust*; one that has us making others the object of our erotic desires and in a myriad of other ways has us not fully respecting them.

These are the actual demons that contort our faces and while none of them might make us

look like the young child in *Rosemary's Baby*, all of them have us spew out distrust and hatred rather than trust and understanding.

How are they exorcized? Well, these are not the kind that normally respond to a sprinkling of holy water. These need to be cast out by the Holy Spirit.

Scripture tells us the Holy Spirit "scrutinizes everything". It tells us as well that the Holy Spirit is not some abstract force that cannot be known by us. St. Paul, in his letter to the Galatians, tells us precisely who and what the Holy Spirit is. He begins with the *via negativa*, telling us what the Holy Spirit is not and what the Holy Spirit should never be confused with, that is, with those demons just named: *paranoia*, *distrust*, *suspicion*, *self-protection*, *fear*, *pride*, *envy*, *greed*, *gluttony*, and *lust*. The Holy Spirit is the antithesis of all of these. To the contrary, the Holy Spirit is the spirit of *charity*, *joy*, *peace*, *patience*, *goodness*, *long-suffering*, *fidelity*, *mildness*, and *chastity*.

Two contraries cannot co-exist inside the same subject and so an actual exorcism works this way. The more we embrace *charity*, *joy*, *peace*, *patience*, *goodness*, *long-suffering*, *fidelity*, *mildness*, and *chastity*, the more we exorcise *paranoia*, *distrust*, *fear*, *pride*, *envy*, *greed*, *gluttony*, and *lust* – and less demonic hatred spews from our mouths.

You can read, or download, Ron Rolheiser's weekly columns from his website at: [www.ronrolheiser.com](http://www.ronrolheiser.com)



## COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 15/09/22)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please follow the instructions as per SA Health in terms of contact tracing and isolating yourself as per government health protocols. Please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- The density requirement has been updated to full capacity in all churches and also includes funerals and weddings.
- Wearing of face-masks in Church is strongly recommended by the Archbishop.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home and not attend services.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- Procession of gifts has resumed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact

### SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

Just like the steward in this story, we are entrusted with God-given talents and we must use them in a way that will yield genuine riches. Increasingly in the modern world, we are also aware that we must be good stewards of God's creation to ensure its riches for future generations.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- One of the dominant themes in Luke's Gospel is the right use of money and the need to beware of becoming distracted by it from the pursuit of God.
- In Jesus' time, wealth was seen as reward for virtue so these words were a great challenge.

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Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

"The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

### WASTE NOT

Every once in a while, I am aware that I spend more money than I should on things that I really do not need. The most recent example, but not the only one, occurred not long ago when in Melbourne for three weeks, waiting for the birth of a second grandchild. I did laundry for my daughter and her family. I took the living room rug to the laundromat to be washed. I wrote letters. I read a 600-page biography of

Patsy Jefferson, daughter of Thomas. And I shopped - for things I did not need.

This was the most recent instance, but when these once-in-a-while urges occur, I buy clothes I do not need. I eat out more because it's easier, and I shop online for books rather than find them at the nearby library. I don't economise when grocery shopping but rather buy every conceivable delectable treat that meets my eye, no matter the price.

When I spend with such abandon, I ignore the little voice within that says I should be more responsible about using my resources. The bills will come, and the money is there, but this persistent voice of conscience asks: "Is this how I am to use the treasure that has been entrusted to my care?" In my heart of hearts, I know that it is not. We've been put on notice by the gospels not to squander what has been entrusted to us.

The Commissioning: Faithful in everything, you call us, O God, to the joy of worship, Sunday by Sunday. Faithful in everything you call us, O God, to friendships which are healthy and sustaining. Faithful in everything, you call us, O God, to use our own resources compassionately and justly. Faithful in everything, you call us, O God, to build up this community, with kindness and the values of Christ.

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### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(19 - 29 September)

- **Monday, 19:** St Pius of Pietrelcina (Ezra 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18)
- **Tuesday, 20:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Ezra 6:7-8, 12, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21)
- **Wednesday, 21:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Ezra 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6)
- **Thursday, 22:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Haggai 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9)
- **Friday, 23:** St Vincent de Paul (Haggai 1:15-2:9; Lk 9:18-22)
- **Saturday, 24:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Zech 2:5-9, 14-15; Lk 9:43-45)
- **Sunday 29:** 26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Amos 6:1, 4-7; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31)

### 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