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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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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

(KI contact - 0408 367 009)

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

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

Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19

The Lord is a judge who is no
respector of personages. He shows no
respect of personages to the detriment
of a poor man, he listens to the plea of
the injured party. He does not ignore
the orphan's supplication, nor the
widow's as she pours out her story.
The man who with his whole heart
serves God will be accepted, his
petitions will carry to the clouds. The
humble man's prayer pierces the
clouds, until it arrives he is
inconsolable, nor will he desist until
the Most High takes notice of him,
acquits the virtuous and delivers
judgement. And the Lord will not be
slow, nor will he be dilatory on their
behalf.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 32:2-3, 17-19, 23

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

My life is already being poured away
as a libation, and the time has come
for me to be gone. I have fought the
good fight to the end; I have run the
race to the finish; I have kept the
faith; all there is to come now is the
crown of righteousness reserved for
me, which the Lord, the righteous
judge, will give to me on that Day;

and not only to me but to all those
who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my
defence, there was not a single
witness to support me. Every one of
them deserted me – may they not be
held accountable for it. But the Lord
stood by me and gave me power, so
that through me the whole message
might be proclaimed for all the pagans
to hear; and so I was rescued from the
lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me
from all evil attempts on me, and
bring me safely to his heavenly
kingdom. To him be glory for ever
and ever. Amen.

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

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to
some people who prided themselves
on being virtuous and despised
everyone else: "Two men went up to
the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the
other a tax collector. The Pharisee
stood there and said this prayer to
himself, "I thank you, God, that I am
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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Annette Roestenburg, Stephanie Langridge, Joelle Davidson and Carmel Northcott

October anniversaries: Murray Brook, Leo Clark, William Commerford, Trish Dennes, Clifford Dow, Barry Dunn, Leo Dunn, Katarina Faist, James Gibbs, Mary Alice Gibbs, Rosie Grace, Harry Hughes, Thomas Hughes, Kath Hutton, Licci Longzaer, Philis Lorimer, John Lowry, Winifred Lydon, Mary Morrissey, Noel Perkins, Harry Rich, Alf Rombout, Betty Walsh, Bernard Williams, Ethel Willson, Joan Wilson. *Please pray for all the faithful departed and all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends.*

PARISH ROSTERS

	Comm	Reader	Cleaning
23/10	M Glynn	L Grant	A Bevan
30/10	A Clark	K Hammat	A Bevan

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

23/10 Fr Anthoni Adminai
30/10 TBA
6/11 Fr John Shanahan

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GUILD

There will be Catholic Women's Guild Meeting in the Parish House on Monday Oct 24 at 9.30am or after Mass, if Fr Anthoni is with us.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a Special Collection this weekend (22/23 October) for the World Mission Appeal. If you prefer to donate online please go to: catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia or scan the QR code on the envelope available from the Church Foyer.

Subsistence farming is the way of life for the vast majority of families in Ethiopia, but challenges such as persistent drought ruin crops, and cause basic food prices to rise,

becoming more and more unreachable for those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

We invite you to partner with the community and Church in Ethiopia through Catholic Mission today to be part of their critical work in Emdibir, and many other life-giving mission programs in around the world.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

For Christmas this year you will have the opportunity to support Louise Place in Adelaide.

Louise Place - Centrecare

Young mothers need opportunities for nurturing – both for themselves and their children. Louise Place is funded by the SA Housing Authority to provide supported accommodation options to pregnant and parenting young women and their children experiencing homelessness, or at risk of becoming homeless.

In November, I will have more information regarding mothers and children who are at Louise Place, including cards with the ages of children. Your generous donations of items suitable for Christmas gifts, would be very much appreciated.

Ideas for presents include gingerbread house kits (or other baking kits they can complete with friends or their children), baby toiletries and baby wipes, gift cards for Kmart, chocolates, lollies and Christmas tree or house decorations.

Thanks in anticipation of your kindness. *Helen Mumford*

CUPPA AFTER MASS

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

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

LEAVING A BEQUEST

Have you ever considered making a bequest to the Church? You can help to carry on our many and varied good works such as hospital and prison chaplaincy, social justice and community welfare programs, vocations, life issues and care for our priests. Or you may want to contribute to your local parish. For more info contact the bequest office (8210 8223, bequestoffice@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

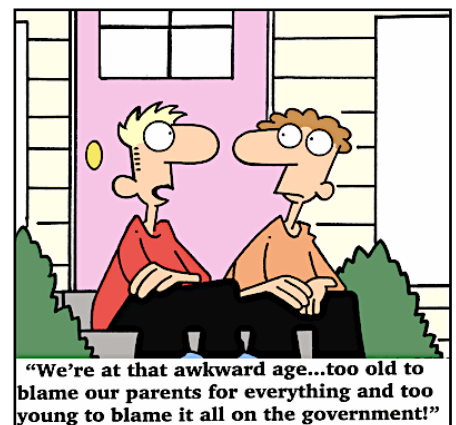
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - PARTNER WITH BIRTHLINE

Birthline Pregnancy Support is in urgent need of volunteers who have basic computer skills for data entry. We also need volunteers to help sort and allocate baby goods. If interested, please contact Grace (0413 380 833) or birthline@birthline.org.au.

OUR PARISH IS A CHILD SAFE ORGANISATION

We are a Child Safe Organisation which is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children and young people. We believe all God's children and young people have the right to be healthy and safe and to have their voice heard, respected, and valued - a safe environment for all.

Child Safe Contact Person for this Church is: Helen Mumford - contact number: 0408 367 009.



BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

This week Catholic Mission offers us the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to help prevent malnutrition, especially in babies and young children, and help disadvantaged families provide food for their loved ones.

The Deberety Goat Rearing Centre is a dream of the local Church and community in Emdibir. When established, the Centre aims to provide nutritious goats milk for families in need, like Neela's*, so that babies like Ajani* can be healthy and strong.

Please give generously today to help kickstart this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope provided, going online at catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

*Name altered to protect identity

  Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia





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

CELEBRATING FIFTY YEARS OF ORDINATION

Fifty years ago, on an overcast, cold, fall day in the gymnasium of the local public high school, I was ordained to the priesthood. Beyond the grey sky, another thing marked the event. This was a tender season for my family and me. Both our parents had died (and died young) within a year and a half just prior to this and we were still somewhat fragile of heart. In that setting, I was ordained a priest.

Within the few words allowed in a short column, what do I most want to say as I mark the fiftieth anniversary of that day? I will borrow from the novelist Morris West, who begins his autobiography this way: *When you reach the age of seventy-five, there should only be three phrases left in your vocabulary, thank you, thank you, and thank you!* I just turned seventy-five and reflecting on fifty years of priesthood, many thoughts and feelings come to mind; life, after all, has its seasons. However, the feeling that overrides all others is that of gratitude, thank you, thank you, and thank you! Thank you to God, to grace, to the church, to my family, to the Oblates, to the many friends who have loved and supported me, to the wonderful schools I have taught in, and to the thousands of people I have encountered in those fifty years of ministry.

My initial call to the priesthood and the Oblate congregation was not the stuff of romance. I didn't enter religious life and the seminary because I was attracted to it. The opposite. This was not what I wanted. But, I felt called, strongly and clearly, and at the tender age of seventeen made the decision to enter religious life. Today, people may well raise questions about the wisdom and freedom of such a decision at age seventeen, but looking back all these years later, I

can honestly say that this is the clearest, purest, and most unselfish decision that I have yet made in my life. I have no regrets. I wouldn't have chosen this life except for a strong call that I initially tried to resist; and, knowing myself as I do, it is by far the most life-giving choice that I possibly could have made. I say this because, knowing myself and knowing my wounds, I know too that I would not have been nearly as generative (nor as happy) in any other state in life. I nurse some deep wounds, not moral ones, but wounds of the heart, and those very wounds have been, thanks to the grace of God, a source of fruitfulness in my ministry.

Moreover, I have been blessed in the ministries that have been assigned to me. As a seminarian, I dreamed of being a parish priest, but that was never to be. Immediately after ordination, I was sent to do graduate studies in theology and then taught theology at various seminaries and theology schools for most of these fifty years, save for twelve years that I served as a provincial superior of my local Oblate community and on the Oblate General Council in Rome. I loved teaching! I was meant to be a religious teacher and religious writer and so my ministry, all of it, has been very satisfying. My hope is that it has been generative for others.

In addition, I have been blessed by the Oblate communities within which I lived. My ministry usually had me living in larger Oblate communities and through these fifty years, I estimate that I have lived in community with well over three hundred different men. That's a rich experience. Moreover, I have always lived in healthy, robust, caring, supportive, and intellectually

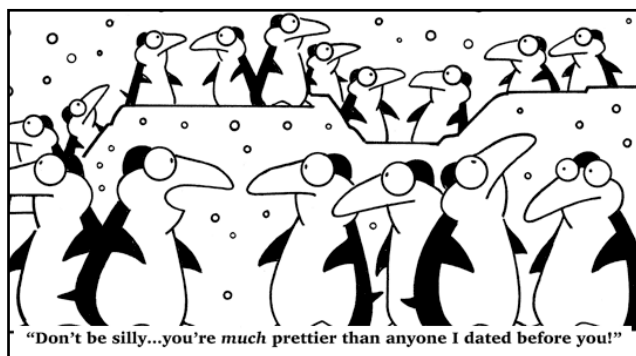
challenging communities that gave me the spiritual and human family I needed. There were tensions at times, but those tensions were never not life giving. Religious community is unique, *sui generis*. It isn't family in the emotional or psychosexual sense, but family that is rooted in something deeper than biology and attraction – faith.

There have been struggles of course, not least with the emotional issues around celibacy and living inside a loneliness which (as Merton once said) God, himself, condemned. *It is not good for someone to be alone!* It is here too where my Oblate religious community has been an anchor. Vowed celibacy can be lived and can be fruitful, though not without community support.

Let me end with a comment that I once heard from a priest who was celebrating his eighty-fifth birthday and his sixtieth anniversary of ordination. Asked how he felt about it all, he said, "It wasn't always easy! There were some bitter, lonely times. Everyone in my ordination class left the priesthood, every one of them, and I was tempted too. But I stayed and, now, looking back after sixty years, *I'm pretty happy with the way my life turned out!*"

That sums up my feelings too after fifty years – I'm pretty happy with the way it has turned out – and deeply, deeply grateful.

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



COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 19/10/22)



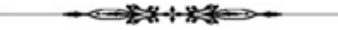
- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please follow the instructions as per SA Health in terms of contact tracing and isolating yourself as per government health protocols. Please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- The density requirement has been updated to full capacity in all churches and also includes funerals and weddings.
- Wearing of face-masks in Church is strongly recommended.
- 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

DID YOU KNOW?

- It is always important to look at who the characters are in the parables of Jesus.
- Pharisees were deeply religious laymen who observed the law very closely and met together regularly for prayer and table fellowship.
- Tax collectors were despised because their job gave them opportunity to cheat and defraud the people and also because they cooperated with the Roman oppressors. Their contact with the gentiles made them ritually unclean. No wonder this tax collector 'stood some distance away'. The Pharisees would have believed he had no right to be in the temple at all.

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not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'



SILENCE YOUR CRITICS

The critic who lives in my brain gives me very little peace. He sits in constant judgment of the people and situations I encounter each day. When I am rested and spiritually restored, I can quiet the drone of commentary, but the more stressed and exhausted I am, the more I find myself with little patience or kindness for anyone who crosses my path: "Could this shop assistant be any slower?" ... "If that guy brags once more about how smart he is, I'm going to slap him" ... "Why doesn't that woman get her finances in order instead of sponging off her friends" ... "I would never let my child act like such a brat". And the list of awful thoughts goes on and on until I finally end up despising myself and the world around me.

Then I go to church and see humanity in all its glory and frailty spread out before me, and I feel ashamed. I know there are self-righteous jerks sitting in the pew next to truly kind and forgiving people, but the problem is no one really knows who is who, so we all end up shaking hands and wishing one another peace.

I wish I didn't need to be called back to the table each week to be reminded of my unworthiness, but I take comfort in knowing that I am not alone in my sinfulness nor my piety, my arrogance nor my humility. And at the end of the day, the best we can do is say, "Peace" to one another and ask our critics to be quiet.

The Commissioning: Go from here with humility. We seek to serve quietly. We seek to question carefully. We seek to meet suffering compassionately. We seek to sustain

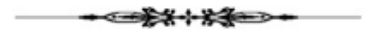
our environment persistently. We seek to encourage gently. We seek to pray unceasingly. We seek to follow the way of Jesus faithfully. God goes with you. God will never leave you.

POCKET PRAYERS

The Jesus Prayer has its origin in this parable. The text of the prayer is simple: "Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me a sinner". Although prayed since the sixth century, the modern technique associated with this prayer - controlled breathing and mantra-like repetitions - probably didn't come into use until the fourteenth century. Like any prayer, the point isn't to perfect the technique but to find the right spirit.

The tax collector in the parable had the right spirit, even if he couldn't imagine the technique that history would form around his prayer. He simply bowed his head, acknowledged his sins, and counted on God's mercy. The Pharisee, who had more style and undoubtedly greater technique, gave himself over to self-celebration, reporting his good deeds in the event God might have missed them. In the process, he missed the heart of prayer, which is humility.

The lesson on prayer is simple. Pray however you want, but be sure of two things: that you DO pray, and that your heart is invested in your prayer.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(24 - 30 October)

- **Monday, 24:** Weekday, Ord Time 30 (Eph 4:32 - 5:8; Lk 13:10-17)
- **Tuesday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 30 (Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21)
- **Wednesday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 30 (Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30)
- **Thursday, 27:** Weekday, Ord Time 30 (Eph 6:10-20; Lk 13:31-35)
- **Friday, 28:** Sts Simon and Jude (Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-19)
- **Saturday, 29:** Weekday, Ord Time 30 (Phil 1:18-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11)
- **Sunday 30:** 31st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Wis 11:22 - 12:2; 2 Thess 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10)

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