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(All items for the newsletter must be
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WEEKEND MASSES

This weekend Mass will be held at
Kingscote at 9.30am.

Due to current COVID-19
restrictions (1 person per 4 sqm) we
are only permitted up to 39 people in
our Church.



FIRST READING

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-9

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God.

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PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

January anniversaries

Eunice Airton, Eileen Bateman, Dorothy Brook, Monica Buick, May Cairney, Dominic Cash, Marlene Cummins, Jim Dodgson, Lucy Edwards, Colin Fahey, Margaret Flemming, Ralph Florance, Catherine Glynn, Alec Goodwin, Edward Hughes, Ida Jackson, Christina James, Jack Kindellan, Ettie McDonald, Irene Northcott, Ottaviano Orsi, Marj Phillips, Una Reynolds, George Rowen, Ann Smith, Sheila Tabor, Lorraine Laher Storfer, Mary Weatherstone.

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
17/1	J Fernandez	K Wales	K Brinkley
24/1	K Hammat	P Clark	K Brinkley
31/1	S Semler	A Gibbs	A Clark

COVID Marshal

17/1	M Slagter
24/1	J Fernandez
31/1	C Weatherstone

JANUARY PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

17 January	Communion Service
24 January	Fr Dev
31 January	Dcn Andrew Kirkbride

AUSTRALIA DAY 2021



On Australia Day we celebrate all the things we love about Australia: land, sense of fair go, lifestyle, democracy,

the freedoms we enjoy but particularly our people.

Australia Day is about acknowledging and celebrating the contribution that every Australian makes to our contemporary and dynamic nation. From our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people - who have been here for more than 65,000 years - to those who have lived here for generations, to those who have come from all corners of the globe to call our country home.

The marking of 26 January is an important date in Australia's history and has changed over time: starting as a celebration for emancipated convicts and evolving into what is now a celebration of Australia that reflects the nation's diverse people. Australia Day continues to be hugely popular, with 3 in 4 Australians believing it has a bigger meaning beyond being just a day off.

More than half of all Australians participate in Australia Day attending events organised by State Governments, local councils, community groups or getting together with family and friends. In addition, over 16,000 new Australians become citizens on Australia Day.

www.australiaday.org.au

DEATH OF ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS PHILIP WILSON

Archbishop Philip Wilson, who served as Bishop of Wollongong and Archbishop of Adelaide during 45 years of priestly ministry, has died in Adelaide at the age of 70.

Born in the Hunter region of New South Wales, a young Philip Wilson studied at St Columba's College, Springwood and St Patrick's College Manly before being ordained a priest of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

He was ordained Bishop of Wollongong in 1996 and in 2001, was appointed Archbishop of Adelaide, a post he held until his resignation in 2018. He served as President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference for two terms, from 2006 to 2010.

His funeral arrangements are still being finalised but it is expected the Vigil and Funeral Mass will be held February 3. The Funeral Mass will be live streamed on YouTube and Archdiocesan web www.adelaide.catholic.org.au.

Please pray for the repose of his soul.

REFLECTION FOR TODAY

Many opportunities arise each day that afford us no second chance. To take advantage of them, one must seize the moment. Sad to say, many times people just fail to respond, and lose out on the opportunity. How many buying opportunities, travel opportunities, even work opportunities are lost because people fail to respond promptly? Connections are never made and meetings never take place because people fail to take action.

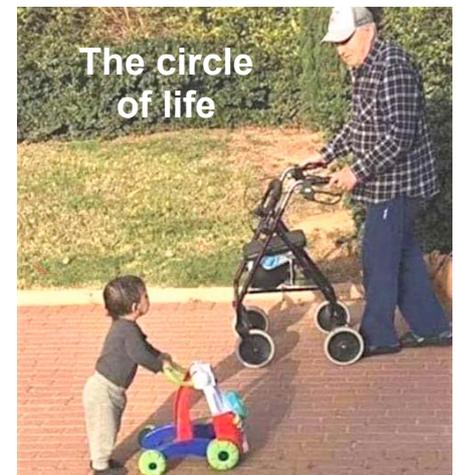
Often, these people look back with regret and disappointment at what might have been.

Our God places an array of opportunities before his people; opportunities to choose life. God not only gave us life, he redeemed our lives and showed us the path to everlasting life. He also keeps calling us to choose the path of life. So many opportunities have been laid before God's people throughout the ages to respond to him. God sent numerous prophets. He gave his laws and teachings. He continues to work great signs and wonders before us. He offers us forgiveness of sins and blesses us with his choicest blessings. Some seize these moments and choose the path of life, while others turn further away from the Lord.

As we look at the various opportunities God places before us each day, the words of today's second reading remind us that the time is running out ... the world in its present form is passing away. We are to seize every opportunity to repent, every opportunity to follow Christ and every opportunity to choose the path of life.

Fr Tomasz Zalewsk

- *I just paid for a 12 month gym membership. My bank called to see if my credit card was stolen.*





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.

GRIEVING DEATH

Most of us are familiar with the story of *Zorba the Greek*, either through Nikos Kazantzakis' famous book or through the movie. Well, Zorba was not a fictional character. He was a real person, Alexis Zorba, who had such a larger-than-life personality and energy that when he died, Kazantzakis found his death very difficult to accept, incredulous that such energy, verve, and color were mortal.

On learning of Zorba's death, this was Kazantzakis' reaction: *"I closed my eyes and felt tears rolling slowly, warmly down my cheeks. He's dead, dead, dead. Zorba is gone, gone forever. The laughter is dead, the song cut off, the santir broken, the dance on the seaside pebbles has halted, the insatiable mouth that questioned with such incurable thirst is filled now with clay. ... Such souls should not die. Will earth, water, fire, and chance ever be able to fashion a Zorba again? ... It was as though I believed him to be immortal."*

Sometimes it's hard to believe that a certain person can die because of the life and energy that he or she incarnated. We simply cannot imagine that life-pulse dead, stilled, forever gone from this planet. Certain people seem exempt from death because we cannot imagine such energy, color, generosity, and goodness dying. How can such wonderful energy just die?

I have felt that many times in my life; most recently this past week when two former colleagues, both specially spirited, colorful, witty, and generous men, died. Kazantzakis came to mind, and his struggle to accept Zorba's death, along with the way he tried to deal with that death. He decided he would try to "resurrect" Zorba, bring him back to

life, by taking his story to the world in such a way so as to transform his life into a myth, a dance, and a religion.

Kazantzakis believed this is what Mary Magdala did in the wake of Jesus' death, when she left his tomb and went back to the world. She resurrected Jesus by telling his story, creating a myth, a dance, and a religion. So, in the wake of Zorba's death, Kazantzakis said to himself: *"Let us give him our blood so that he can be brought back to life, let us do what we can to make this extraordinary eater, drinker, workhorse, woman-chaser, and vagabond live a little longer – this dancer and warrior, the broadest soul, surest body, freest cry I ever knew in my life."*

Bless his effort! It made for a great story, a gripping myth, but it never made for a religion or an eternal dance because that's not what Mary Magdala did with Jesus.

Nonetheless, there's still something to be learned here about how to deal with a death that seemingly takes some oxygen out of the planet. We must not let that wonderful energy disappear, but keep it alive. However, as Christians, we do this in a different way.

We read the Mary Magdala story quite differently. Mary went to Jesus' tomb, found it empty, and went away crying; but ... but, before she got to tell anyone any story, she met a resurrected Jesus who shared with her how his energy, color, love, person would now be found, namely, in a radically new modality, inside his spirit. That contains the secret of how we are to give life to our loved ones after they have died.

How do we keep our loved ones and the wonderful energy they brought to the planet alive after they have died?

First, by recognizing that their energy doesn't die with their bodies, that it doesn't depart the planet. Their energy remains, alive, still with us, but now inside us, through the spirit they leave behind (just as Jesus left his spirit behind). Further still, their energy infuses us whenever we enter into their "Galilee", namely, into those places where their spirits thrived and breathed out generative oxygen.

What's meant by that? What's someone's "Galilee"? A person's "Galilee" is that special energy, that special oxygen, which he or she breathes out. For Zorba, it was his fearlessness and zest for life; for my dad, it was his moral stubbornness; for my mom, it was her generosity. In that energy, they breathed out something of God. Whenever we go to those places where their spirits breathed out God's life, we breathe in again their oxygen, their dance, their life.

Like all of you, I have sometimes been stunned, saddened, and incredulous at the death of a certain person. How could that special energy just die? Sometimes that special energy was manifest in physical beauty, human grace, fearlessness, zest, color, moral steadiness, compassion, graciousness, warmth, wit, or humor. It can be hard to accept that beauty and live-giving oxygen can seemingly leave the planet.

In the end, nothing is lost. Sometime, in God's time, at the right time, the stone will roll back and like Mary Magdala walking away from the grave, we will know that we can breathe in that wonderful energy again in "Galilee".

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

COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(Current for 23/24 January)

- Attendance for Mass is capped at 100 people, whilst maintaining 1:4 sqm.
- Funerals are capped at 150 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- Weddings are capped at 150 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- No beverage or food consumption (ie cup of tea after Mass)
- Singing as a congregation is to be avoided.
- 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 - 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 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 time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

SHARING THE TRADITION

The first disciples to be called by Jesus offer us a model of how we are expected to be followers of Christ. A disciple is one who takes another as teacher and model. As disciples, we must not only believe in the teachings of Jesus but allow them to influence how we live our lives. We are called to 'profess our faith, bear witness to it and spread it'

DID YOU KNOW?

- John the Baptist was arrested and ultimately killed by Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, who ruled over the region of Galilee. John had been highly critical of the behaviour of Antipas in marrying Herodias who was his niece and the former wife of his brother.
- The Sea of Galilee is also known as Lake Tiberias and Lake of Gennesaret. It is the largest freshwater lake in Israel, and is approximately 53 km in circumference, 21 km long and 13 km wide.
- Each gospel account of the calling of the disciples is slightly different. Compare this gospel to last week's reading.

- Simon and Andrew, James and John lived in the town of Capernaum on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee. Look at a map of Palestine. Most Bibles include one.

EXPLORING THE WORD

This week we return to the Gospel of Mark which will be the main source of readings through the weeks of Ordinary Time this year. Mark's Gospel was the first of the accounts of Jesus' ministry to be written down. It is widely accepted that it was written about 65–70AD for a community in Rome where Christians were undergoing persecution because of their faith. Because of this setting, Mark often recalls stories which give great hope to people and encourage them to stay firm in their faith in the face of opposition. In this gospel, the disciples do not make excuses or delay. They simply leave everything to follow Jesus. They are immediately drawn to the words and person of Jesus; nothing else is as important as the Kingdom of God and the One who preaches it.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(25 - 31 January)

- **Monday, 25:** The Conversion of St Paul (Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18)
- **Tuesday, 26:** Australia Day (Is 32:15-18; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Mt 5:2-12)
- **Wednesday, 27:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 3 (Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20)
- **Thursday, 28:** St Thomas Aquinas, (Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25)
- **Friday, 29:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 3 (Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34)
- **Saturday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 3 (Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41)
- **Sunday 31:** FOURTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Deut 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28)

The Eucharist . . . is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.

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