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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 week
ALL MASSES CANCELLED:
COVID-19 STAGE FIVE LOCKDOWN



FIRST READING

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. "Give it to the people to eat," Elisha said. But his servant replied, "How can I serve this to a hundred men?" "Give it to the people to eat," he insisted, "for the Lord says this, 'They will eat and have some left over.'" He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22

*The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.*

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 7:16

*Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among
us; God has visited his people.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee - or of Tiberias - and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick, Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat.' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there,

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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 25/7 S Semler
Reader P Benne
Meaning Clark

COVID Marshal
25/7 P Bennett

PRIEST

(Often the priest changes if something is seen crops up)
25/7 Fr Pr...

PRAYER FOR HEALING

Parish... are invited to a Prayer for Healing and Renewal gathering in our Church on Thursdays: 9.00am - 9.30am.

PRAYER FOR FIRST WORLD DAY - GRANDPARENTS & ELDERLY Sunday, 25th July

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth! I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life.

I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me. Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended. Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age. Amen.

SAINTS JOACHIM and ANNE

*Parents of Mary, grandparents of Jesus
Feast Day 26th July*

The two feasts of the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary have been joined and are celebrated next Monday.

The couple early became models of Christian marriage. St Anne's two great shrines - that of St Anne d'Auray in Brittany, France, and St Anne de Beaupre near Quebec in Canada - are very popular. We know very little about the lives of Mary's parents, but considering the person of Mary and of her child, they must have been two very remarkable people to have been given such a daughter and such a grandchild and to have played so important a part in the work of the Redemption.

Catholic Culture

ADELAIDE DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

*17 & 18 September
Cabra Dominican College*

The Archdiocese of Adelaide will be holding a Diocesan Assembly this September. The 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).

AUSTRALIAN CENSUS 2021

Census night - Tuesday, 10 August

For more information go to: www.census.abs.gov.au

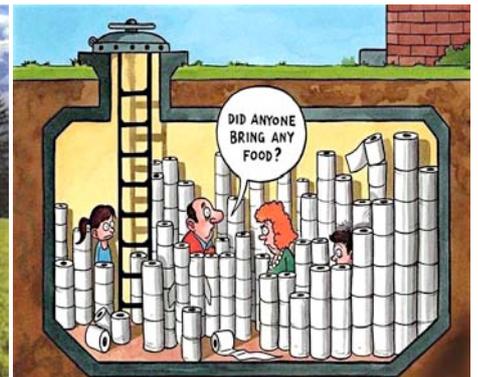
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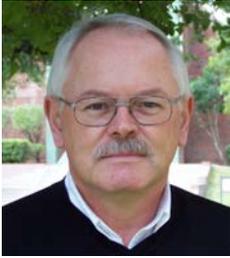
Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will be coming to KI for confirmation on 31 October. More details later.

DATES

- 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
- 31 Oct Confirmation
- 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

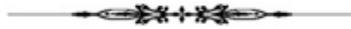
- *Sometimes I wonder if all of this is happening because I didn't forward that message to ten people.*
- *My mind is like an internet browser. At least 19 open tabs, 3 of them are frozen and I have no clue where the music is coming from.*
- *Hard to believe I once had a phone attached to a wall, and when it rang, I picked it up without knowing who was callingand I'm still alive.*





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.



BRUISED AND WOUNDED – UNDERSTANDING SUICIDE

Some things need to be said and said and said again until they don't need to be said anymore. Margaret Atwood wrote that. I quote it here because each year I write a column on suicide and mostly say the same thing each time because certain things need to be said repeatedly about suicide until we have a better understanding of it. What needs to be said again and again?

- First, that suicide is a disease, something that in most cases takes a person out of life against his or her will, the emotional equivalent of cancer, a stroke, or a heart attack.
- Second, that we, the loved ones who remain, should not spend undue time and energy second-guessing as to how we might have failed that person, what we should have noticed, and what we might still have done to prevent the suicide. Suicide is an illness and, as with a purely physical disease, we can love someone and still not be able to save him or her from death. God also loved this person and shared our helplessness in trying to help him or her.
- We need a better understanding of mental health. The fact is that not everyone has the internal circuits to allow them the sustained capacity for steadiness and buoyancy. One's mental health is parallel to one's physical health, fragile, and not fully within one's control. Moreover just as diabetes, arthritis, cancer, stroke, heart attacks, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, and multiple sclerosis, can cause debilitation and death; so too can mental diseases wreak havoc, also causing every kind of debilitation and sometimes death by suicide.
- The potential role that biochemistry plays in suicide needs more exploration. If some suicidal depressions are treatable by drugs, clearly then some suicides are caused by biochemical deficiencies, as are many other diseases that kill us.
- Almost invariably, the person who dies by suicide is a very sensitive human being. Suicide is rarely done in arrogance, as an act of contempt. There are of course examples of persons who are too proud to endure normal human contingency and kill themselves out of arrogance, but that's a very different kind of suicide, not the kind that most of us have seen in a loved one. Generally, our experience with the loved ones that we have lost to suicide was that these persons were anything but arrogant. Rather, they were too bruised to touch and were wounded in some deep way that we could not comprehend or help heal. Indeed, often times when sufficient time has passed after their deaths, in retrospect, we get some sense of their wound and their suicide then no longer seems as surprising. There's a clear distinction between being too bruised to continue to touch life and being too proud to continue to take one's place within it. Only the latter makes a moral statement, insults the flowers, and challenges the mercy of God.
- Suicide is often the desperate plea of a soul in pain. *The soul can make claims that go against the body and suicide is often that.*
- We need to forgive ourselves if we feel angry with our loved ones who end their lives in this way. Don't feel guilty about feeling angry; that's a natural, understandable response when a loved one dies by suicide.
- We need to work at redeeming the memory of our loved ones who die by suicide. The manner of their death may not become a prism through which we now see their lives, as if this manner of death colors everything about them. Don't take down photos of them and speak of them and their deaths in hushed terms any more than if they had died by cancer or a heart attack. It's hard to lose loved ones to suicide, but we should not also lose the truth and warmth of their mystery and their memory.
- Finally, we shouldn't worry about how God meets our loved one on the other side. God's love, unlike ours, can go through locked doors, descend into hell, and breathe out peace where we cannot. Most people who die by suicide awake on the other side to find Christ standing inside their locked doors, inside the center of their chaos, gently saying, "Peace be with you!" God's understanding and compassion infinitely surpass our own. Our lost loved ones are in safer hands than ours. If we, limited as we are, can already reach through this tragedy with some understanding and love, we can rest secure that, given the width and depth of God's love, the one who dies through suicide meets, on the other side, a compassion that's deeper than our own and an understanding that surpasses ours.

Julian of Norwich says, *in the end all will be well, and all will be well, and every manner of being will be well.* I shall be, even after suicide. God can, and does, go through locked doors and, once there, breathes out peace inside a tortured, huddled heart.

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

COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(Current from 20 July, 2021)

COVID-19 LOCK DOWN

With the Premier announcing a hard lock down from 6.00pm on Tuesday night (20 July), churches will be closed as of that time. There will be no live-streaming of masses permitted, due to the restriction on all work except essential services.

This means parishes must also close their offices and no ceremonies are to take place including any masses, weddings, funerals and confirmations until further notice.

It is envisaged, at this stage, that the lockdown will be for a period of seven days.

Most importantly, please take care of yourself and members of your family.

You may wish to access:

[Mass for You at Home – The official website of Mass For You At Home, Australia](#) online and on Channel 10 every Sunday at 6 am.

CORONAVIRUS POEM

*When this is over,
May we never again take for granted
A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversations with neighbors
A crowded theatre
Friday night out
The taste of Communion
A routine checkup
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself.*

*When this ends,
May we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be,
We hoped to be,
and may we stay
that way – better
for each other
because of the worst.*

Laura Kelly Fanucci

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and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted: So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Sea of Galilee is also known as the Sea of Tiberias and as Lake Gennesaret, both of which were sizeable towns on the Lake's western shore.
- The Philip of this episode is mentioned in all four apostolic lists (Mt 10:3, Mk 3:18, Lk 6:14, Acts 1:13). He came from Bethsaida on the northern shores of the lake and is referred to most often in John's Gospel.
- Two hundred denarii is a large sum of money. A denarius was a Roman silver coin and one denarius represented a worker's daily wage.
- 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' One of the great symbols of the coming of the Messiah often used in the Hebrew Scriptures was the abundant feast. Here Jesus provides abundantly, thus he is presented as 'the prophet who is to come'.
- The twelve hampers' full that were gathered up could well represent the twelve tribes of Israel. Jesus gathers all the people to himself.
- God fed the Israelites in the desert with manna from heaven.

EXPLORING THE WORD

For the next five weeks we will follow the story of the multiplication miracle and the long discourse which follows it in John's Gospel.

The 'bread of life' discourse provides important teaching on the Eucharist. It is significant that the setting is shortly before the Passover which was the Jewish feast recalling the escape of the people from slavery in Egypt and their being fed by God with bread (manna) from heaven in the desert. One of the expected signs of the coming of the Messiah was another, even greater, feeding with manna. The people have been attracted to Jesus because of his cures of the sick and now they come looking for more.

Jesus provides more than enough; there is an abundance. The actions of Jesus in this text remind us of the Eucharist. He takes, gives thanks and gives out the bread. But the crowd misunderstands his gift. They seek a Messiah who will liberate them from Roman oppression or who will provide their material needs. Jesus is not interested in being that kind of 'king'.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(July 26 - August 01)

- **Monday, 26:** Sts Joachim and Anne (Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35)
- **Tuesday, 27:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Ex 33:7-11, 34:5-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43)
- **Wednesday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46)
- **Thursday, 29:** St Martha (1 Jn 4:7-16; Jn 11:19-27)
- **Friday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Lev 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37; Mt 13:54-58)
- **Saturday, 31:** St Ignatius of Loyola (Lev 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12)
- **Sunday 01:** 18th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35)

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).