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(All items for the newsletter must be
received no later than Tuesday
evening.)

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

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 144:10-11, 15-18

*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, and as many as five thousand men sat down.

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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Sue Semler, Brianna Chudley, Peter Weatherstone, John Slagter, Annette Roestenburg, Michelle Glynn, Elijah Laundry.

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, Damian Howard, 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.

Please pray for all the faithful departed and may all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ.

PARISH ROSTERS

| | Reader | Prayers | Cleaning |
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| 28/7 | P Bennett | K Hammat | A Bevan |
| 04/8 | L Grant | A Clark | A Bevin |
| 11/8 | M Slagter | L Grant | A Bevin |
| 18/8 | P Bennett | M Glynn | C Brinkley |
| 25/8 | A Clark | K Hammat | C Brinkley |

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

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| 28/7 | Fr Lancy D'silva |
| 04/8 | Fr Jacek Wojcik |
| 11/8 | Fr Jacek Wojcik |

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

The IV World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated this weekend (Sunday, 28 July). The theme chosen by the Holy Father - "Do not cast me off in my old age" (Ps 71:9) - is meant to call attention to the fact that, sadly, loneliness is the bitter lot in life of many elderly persons, so often the victims of the throw-away culture.

In this year of preparation for the Jubilee, which the Holy Father wishes to be devoted to prayer, the theme of the World Day is taken from Psalm 71, the plea of an elderly person who reflects on the story of his friendship with God.

By cherishing the charisms of grandparents and the elderly, and the contribution they make to the life of the Church, the World Day seeks to support the efforts of every ecclesial community to forge bonds between the generations and to combat loneliness, in the awareness that - as Scripture states - "It is not good for man to be alone" (Gen 2:18).

ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF REFLECTION

Catholic Women's League invites you to their Archdiocesan Day of Reflection on Tuesday, August 6 from 10.30am until 2.30pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral Hall.

Facilitator, Geraldine Hawkes will speak on 'Love and Compassion' through music, art and stories from scriptures and sacred sources.

Day of Reflection is open to ALL women not just members. Please invite other women from your parish to join us.

BYO lunch plus donation towards expenses. For more enquiries contact Sue Williams, CWL Secretary (0466 184 788). RSVP by Tuesday, July 30.

CERTIFICATE OF PASTORAL LITURGY UNIT

August 2024

The Adelaide Archdiocese is hosting a workshop series on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and all are invited to attend. The 'Alive in Christ' series is presented by Dr Jenny O'Brien over five Thursday evenings starting on August 8 in the Cathedral Hall, 39 Wakefield Street, Adelaide, with free parking available. (Also accessible online via Zoom) The cost is \$50 with resources supplied.

Contact Pastoral Services - Community Life & Worship, worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au or phone 8210 8130 to register. For more info: visit ofw-adelaide.org.au/cpl

PARISH SUPPORT FOR REFUGEE FAMILIES

Catholic Mission is inviting parishes to take action and open their hearts and arms to sponsor refugee families to help them settle into their new life in Australia.

The Community Refugee Integration and Settlement Pilot (CRISP) is designed for community members to build social networks to welcome a family group who has been granted a

humanitarian visa but is still waiting to arrive in Australia. Resources are available to assist in this process. For more information on the program or how your community can get involved contact Anne Nesbitt at anne.nesbitt@catholicmission.org.au

SYNOD INSTRUMENTUM LABORIS (Working Document)

Please be advised the Synod of Bishop's Working Document has been released. It can be accessed via the following link: [The Instrumentum Laboris \(synod.va\)](http://TheInstrumentumLaboris(synod.va))

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

August 4 - 11

Over the next two weekends throughout the Church in Australia we celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week. In the first week, we acknowledge the unique call or vocation that God has for each of us through our Baptisms. In the second week, we acknowledge the unique calls to the Consecrated Life of Sisters and Brothers, to the Diaconate and to the Priesthood.

DATES

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| 11 Aug | Vocations Appeal |
| 15 Aug | Assumption Virgin Mary |
| 31 Aug - Sep 8 | Adelaide Show |
| Sep | Catholic Charities month |
| 27 Sep | Last day School term 3 |
| 28 Sep | AFL Grand Final |
| 05/06 | Supporting Clergy Appeal |
| 07 Oct | Labour Day holiday |
| 14 Oct | First day School term 4 |
| 20 Oct | World Mission Day Appeal |
| 05 Nov | Melbourne Cup |
| 10 Nov | St Vincent de Paul Appeal |
| 17 Nov | KI Catholic Parish 70 th Anniversary Mass 9.30am |
| 13 Dec | Last day School term |



Do you ever get up in the morning, take a look in the mirror and think, "That can't be right ..."



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

THE ILLUSION OF OUR OWN GOODNESS

One of the great tragedies in all literature is the biblical story of Saul. Saul makes Hamlet look like a Disney character. Hamlet, at least, had good reasons for the disaster that befell him. Saul, given the gifts with which he started, should have fared better, much better.

His story begins with the announcement that in all of Israel none measured up to him in height, strength, goodness, or acclaim. A natural leader, a prince among his peers, his extraordinary character was recognized and proclaimed by the people. The beginning of his story is the stuff of fairy tales. And so, it goes on, for a while.

But, at a point, things begin to sour. That point was the arrival on the scene of David – a younger, more handsome, more gifted, and more acclaimed man. Jealousy sets in and envy slowly turns Saul's soul to poison. Looking at David, he sees only a popularity that eclipses his own, not another man's goodness, nor indeed how that goodness can be a gift to the people. He grows bitter, petty, cold, tries to kill David, and eventually dies by his own hand, an angry man who has fallen far from the goodness of his youth.

What happened here? How does someone who has so much goodness, talent, power, and blessing, grow into an angry, petty man who kills himself out of disappointment? How does this happen?

The late Margaret Laurence, in a brilliant, dark novel, *The Stone Angel*, gives us an interesting description of exactly how this can happen. Her main character, Hagar Shipley, parallels somewhat the biblical Saul.

Hagar's story begins like his: She is young, good, and full of potential. What's to become of such a

beautiful, bright, talented, young woman? Sadly, not much at all. She drifts into everything: adulthood, an unhappy marriage, and into a deep unrecognized disappointment that eventually leaves her slovenly, frigid, bitter, and without energy or ambition. What's as remarkable as it is sad, is that she doesn't recognize any of this as happening to her. In her mind, she remains always the young, good, gracious, popular, attractive young girl she was in high school. She doesn't notice how small her world has become, how few friends are around, how little she admires anything or anyone, or even how physically unkempt she has let herself become.

Her awakening is sudden and cruel. One winter day, shabbily dressed in an old parka, she rings the doorbell of a house to which she is delivering eggs. A young child answers the door, sees Hagar, and Hagar overhears the child tell her mother: "That horrible, old egg-woman is at the door!" The penny drops.

Stunned, she leaves the house and finds her way to a public bathroom where she puts on all the lights and studies her face in a mirror. What looks back is a face she doesn't recognize, someone pathetically at odds with whom she imagines herself to be. She sees in fact the horrible, old egg-woman that the child saw at the door rather than young, gracious, attractive, big-hearted woman she still imagines herself to be. How can this happen? she asks herself. How can we, imperceptible to ourselves, grow into someone we don't even recognize?

To a greater or lesser degree, this happens to us all. It's not easy to age, to absorb the death of much of what we dreamed for ourselves and to watch the young take over and receive the popularity and acclaim that once were ours. Like Saul, we can easily fill with a jealousy and an anger to which we are blind and, like Hagar, do not notice inside

ourselves. Others, of course, do notice.

But, for most of us, as this is happening, we remain still good and generous people, except that we are more caustic, cynical, and judgmental than we once were. We remain good people, but whine too much, feel too sorry for ourselves, and curse more than bless those who have replaced us in youth, popularity, and status.

Hence, one of the pre-eminent human and spiritual tasks in the second-half of life is precisely to recognize this jealousy, this ugliness, inside ourselves and to come back again to the love and freshness of our youth, to revirginize, to come to a *second naivete*, and to begin again to give others, especially the young, the gaze of admiration.

At the beginning of the Book of Revelations, the author, speaking in God's voice, has this advice for us, at least for those of us who are beyond the bloom of youth: "I've seen how hard you work. I recognize your generosity and all the good work you do. But I have this against you – *you have less love in you now than when you were young!* Go back and look from where you have fallen!"

We might want to hear those words from scripture before we overhear them from some young girl telling her mother that a bitter, ugly, old person is at the door..

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



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.

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A/c No 585353994

Reference: K Island or 765

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BSB 085 005

A/c No 918111484

Reference: Your name

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CHILD PROTECTION

We are a Child Safe Organisation which is committed to the care, well-being and protection of children and young people.

We believe that 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.

Mrs Helen Mumford
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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.

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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.

MANGIA! "EAT UP!"

(John 6: 8-9, 12-13)

A guy I know grew up believing his grandma was with Jesus when he fed the 5,000. He came to that belief because whenever that particular gospel would be read, everyone in the family whispered, "Grandma musta' been there!" And they would laugh.

They all knew that no matter how many people arrived for dinnertime – even unexpectedly – everyone ate and there was always plenty left over. "My family was never rich," my acquaintance said, "especially when my mum was growing up, but they never felt poor, either."

Some people have a sense of abundance, that there's plenty of life to go around and they love to share what they have. Others are Scrooges who hoard everything, worrying that there can never be enough to satisfy. The apostles were skinflints when Jesus asked them to start offering what little they could muster. But then food started showing up, and everyone had plenty.

Some people in the church have those same attitudes about God's grace. They believe that grace is so rare that we have to hoard it and dole it out piecemeal only to the most deserving. But others take their cue from Jesus, who fed the 5,000-plus on a moment's notice: they realise that in God there is no skimping. The God who created the countless stars in the sky and who pours life into all Creation is no miser. Open your heart; there's plenty for all.

NOTHING WILL BE WASTED

One of the disciples – it was Andrew, brother to Simon Peter – said, "There's a little boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But that's a drop in a bucket for a crowd like this." ... When the people had eaten their fill, Jesus said to his disciples, "Gather the leftovers so nothing is wasted." They went to work and filled twelve large baskets with leftovers from the five barley loaves.

It's not a fair comparison, I grant you: but Elisha fed a hundred people with twenty loaves, and Jesus fed 5,000 with five loaves. If you do the math, it explains why people were even more anxious to follow Jesus. Plus, there are the inexplicable twelve baskets left over at the end of the meal that Jesus orchestrated. No wonder they wanted to carry him off and make him king.

But Jesus didn't come to regulate the economy of Israel or to provide welfare-to-work programs. He didn't come to set up a medical clinic or to treat mental illness. Though Jesus does feed some of the hungry and heal some of the sick, by no means did he put an end to suffering in his time or for all time. He left that challenge up to his followers. Jesus simply presents himself as the source of divine abundance and invites us to come to the table and eat. This table's been serving meals for two thousand years, billions have been fed, and there's no end in sight to the feast.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(July 29 - August 04)

- **Monday, 29:** Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus (1 Jn 4:7-16; Jn 11:19-27)
- **Tuesday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43)
- **Wednesday, 31:** St Ignatius of Loyola (Jer 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13:44-46)
- **Thursday, 01:** St Alphonsus Liguori (Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53)
- **Friday, 02:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58)
- **Saturday, 03:** St Dominic (Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12)
- **Sunday 04:** 18th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35)

PASTORAL CARE

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