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

SPONSORSHIP

KANGAROO ISLAND TRANSFERS (0427 887 575) generously donate transport for our visiting Priests.

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

WEEKEND MASSES

There will no Mass this weekend as there is no Priest available. For information regarding weekend Masses, please phone Peter Clark (8559 5131).



FIRST READING

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 88:2-3, 16-19

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised

we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Peter 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not

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PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Greg Turner, Toni Langridge, Damian Baynes, Charles Gorman, Dalton Baynes, Roy Gatton, Josh Semler

June anniversaries: Bill Berden, Mary Bradley, Peter Bradley, Baby Burden, Henry Carslake, Bob Clare, Charles Darcy, Timothy Hamm, Lorraine Holohan, Brian Kildea, Mildred Lashmar, Anthony Lonzar, Peter Lonzar, Dorothy McMahon, John Reynolds, Vikki Reynolds, Fiona Smith, Ann Wallace, Sr. Pauline Wallace, John Williams, Heather Willmott, Ross Wohling and all the faithful departed.

May all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ through our actions and His healing presence.

COLLECTIONS

DIRECT PAYMENTS

If you would like to organise your Church donations via bank transfer there are a couple of ways you can go about this.

1. If you bank online, you can set up periodic, direct payments yourself. Again, you will need to do this twice - once for the first collection and again for second.

Acc: Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish
 BSB: 085-005
 Acc No: 918 111 484
 Ref: Your surname, initials and *First* or *General*

2. Periodic regular payments may also be organised with your bank. Take the account details (above) with you and bank staff can set it up for you.

NB: *First* collection is for the support of our Priests and *General* (second at our Masses) is for the support of our Parish.

If you need more information or help, please contact Helen Mumford or Peter Clark.



THE FRONT LINE OF SERVICE

Another day and another dollar - well, not really. The young man dressed in the dark and prepared to leave the house to work his next 12-hour shift. He took a last look at his sleeping wife and peeked in on their sleeping toddler daughters. He headed to the car and as he pulled out of the driveway, he wondered what his day would hold. Would there be personal protective equipment to protect him? Would his colleagues be able to come to work or would they be short staffed? Would the test results he had requested be available? Would the man he had sent to ICU have survived the night? How many patients would he see today? Would this be the day he, too, became a victim of this mysterious and vicious virus? Or was he already?

Every time the young doctor stepped into the emergency room, he knew the risks - not only for himself but for his beloved young family. And yet, he entered the room once again. He has been one of many selfless heroes who have served our country in these recent months. These first responders are compassionate, competent, selfless, and courageous and we will never be able to adequately thank them. They have "lost" their familiar lives in order to preserve the lives of others. They have carried the cross, day after day, in a way that will forever change them - and all of us. We trust in the life that will come from their sacrifices, because we are people of faith. Yet we live still in the midst of it all.

GPBS eNews

- *And BOOM!!!! Just like that it appeared that we didn't need Hollywood or sporting professionals just farmers.*
- *Every family has one weird relative. If you don't know who it is, then it's possibly you.*
- *First rule of cleaning while listening to music - the toilet brush is never the microphonenever!*
- *I hate it when I see some old person and then realise we went to secondary school together.*

EASING OF RESTRICTIONS

(From Monday, 29 June)



From Monday 29th June, maximum density requirements with the new 1 person per 2 square metres restriction, will apply at all our Centres.

We are still required to:

- Continue using hand sanitiser
- Continue regularly wiping surfaces and cleaning our Churches
- Encourage those who are or unwell to stay home
- Avoid physical greetings: hugs, kisses and handshakes.

The Archdiocese recommends that those who are at higher risk from Covid-19 should be encouraged to stay home, but also reassures everyone that the obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity has still not been re-invoked at this stage.

WEEKEND MASS

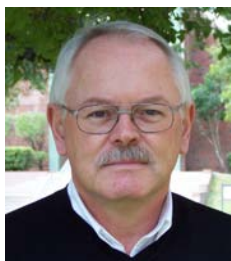
There will be no Masses on KI this weekend (28 June) as there is no Priest available. Fr Prathap is likely to be here next weekend.

GALILEE PLANTS

The plants propagated by the children at Galilee school have arrived and are ready for planting out.

Those people who would like some of these plants can contact Peter Clark (8559 5131) to arrange collection.

Do you ever wake up, kiss the person sleeping beside you, and feel glad that you are alive? I just did and apparently will not be allowed on this airline again....



Ron Rolheiser column

Ronald Rolheiser, a Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is president of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas. 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 DEEP FAILURE IN CHARITY

Saint Eugene de Mazenod, the founder of the *Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate*, the Religious Congregation to which I belong, left us with these last words as he lay dying: “*Among yourselves, charity, charity, charity*”. I don’t always live that, though I wish I could, especially today.

We are in a bitter time. Everywhere there is anger, condemnation of others, and bitter disagreement; so much so that today we are simply unable to have a reasonable discussion on any sensitive political, moral, or doctrinal issue. We demonize each other to the point where any attempt to actually reason with each other (let alone to reach agreement or compromise) mostly just deepens the hostility. If you doubt this, simply watch the newscasts any evening, read any newspaper, or follow the discussion on most moral and religious questions.

The first thing that is evident is the naked hatred inside our energy and how we tend to justify it on moral and religious grounds. This is our protest: *we’re fighting for truth, decency, justice, God, family, church, right dogma, right practice, for Christ himself, so our anger and hatred are justified*. Anger is justified, but hatred is an infallible sign that we are acting in a manner contrary to truth, decency, justice, God, family, church, right dogma, right practice, and Christ. It would be hard to argue that this kind of energy issues forth from God’s spirit and does not source itself elsewhere.

Looking at Jesus we see that all his energies were directed towards unity. Jesus never preached hatred, as is clear from the Sermon on the Mount, as is illustrated in his great priestly prayer for unity in John’s Gospel, and as is evident in his frequent warnings

to us to be patient with each other, to not judge each other and to forgive each other.

But one might object: what about Jesus’ own (seemingly) bitter judgments? What about him speaking harshly of others? What about him losing his temper and using whips to drive the money-changers out of the temple? Indeed, what about his statement: *I have come to bring fire to this earth?*

These statements are perennially misinterpreted and used falsely to rationalize our lack of genuine Christian love. When Jesus says that he has come to bring fire to this earth and wishes it were already blazing, the fire he is referring to is not the fire of division but the fire of love. Jesus made a vow of love, not of alienation. His message provoked hateful opposition, but he did not self-define as a cultural or ecclesial warrior. He preached and incarnated only love, and that sometimes sparked its antithesis. (It still does.) He sometimes triggered hatred in people, but he never hated in return. Instead, he wept in empathy, understanding that sometimes the message of love and inclusivity triggers hatred inside of those who for whatever reason at that time cannot fully bear the word love. As well, the incident of him driving the money-changers out of the temple, forever falsely cited to justify our anger and judgment of others, has a very different emphasis and meaning. His action as he cleanses the temple of the people who were (legitimately) exchanging Jewish currency for foreign money in order let foreigners buy what they needed to offer sacrifice, has to do with him clearing away an obstacle in the way of universal access to God, not with anger at some particular people.

We frequently ignore the Gospel. Factionalism, tribalism, racism, economic self-interest, historical

difference, historical privilege, and fear perennially cause bitter polarization and trigger a hatred that eats away at the very fabric of community; and that hatred perennially justifies itself by appealing to some high moral or religious ground. But the Gospel never allows for that. It never lets us bracket charity and it refuses us permission to justify our bitterness on moral and religious grounds. It calls us to a love, an empathy and a forgiveness that reach across every divide so as to wish good and do good precisely to those who hate us. And it categorically forbids rationalizing hatred in its name or in the name of truth, justice, or right dogma.

The late Michael J. Buckley, looking at the bitter polarization in our churches, suggests that nothing justifies our current bitterness: “The sad fact stands, however, that it is frequently no great trick to get religious men and women to turn on one another in some terrible form of condemnation. Wars, even personal wars, are terrible realities, and the most horrible of these are often self-righteously religious. For deceived or split off under the guise of good, under the rubrics of orthodoxy or liberality, of community or of personal freedom, even of holiness itself, factions of men and women can slowly disintegrate into pettiness or cynicism or hostility or bitterness. In this way the Christian church becomes divided.”

We need to be careful inside our cultural and religious wars. There is never an excuse for lack of fundamental charity.

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

COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(The following conditions apply from Friday June 19)

- Attendance for mass is permitted for up to 75 attendees (whilst maintaining the 4 square metre rule)
- This number also applies for funerals and weddings.
- Except for families and household groups, people should be at least 1.5 metres apart.
- 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. Logs are located at the entrance to the Church.
- Hand sanitizer is to be available at church entrances.
- Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- No collection plates or hymn books are to be passed around.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- 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.
- Collection plates will not be passed around but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- Offertory procession will be omitted.
- 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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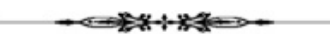
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worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

‘Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

‘Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet’s reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man’s reward.

‘If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.’



EXPLORING THE WORD

To follow Jesus means putting other important relationships second. It means taking up the cross and perhaps facing the same fate that Jesus met – persecution, suffering, death – but remaining faithful leads to eternal life. In ancient times, a person’s agent was seen to be the person themselves and here, Jesus is giving great dignity to the apostolate of following him by saying it derives from the Father himself through Jesus.

In the Scriptures, a prophet is a person who speaks for God. To be a prophet, one must have a very clear understanding of what God wants and the task is to transmit that message to the people. There are many instances of the people rejecting the message of the prophets. Some scholars translate ‘holy man’ as ‘just man’ or someone who does the will of God. To recognise and welcome the truth is to be a disciple. The cost of discipleship may be high but the rewards are great.

SHARING THE TRADITION

For the first three centuries of the Christian era, to be initiated by Baptism into the new, spiritual family of Christ was to risk one’s life. Christianity was a minority religion in a predominantly pagan world. At various stages, persecutions were carried out against Christians. To remain faithful at such times was very difficult and those who chose Christ were strong indeed. After the Emperor

Constantine was converted early in the fourth century, Christianity became the state religion of the Roman Empire. People flocked to be converted, not always for the right reasons. Numbers grew rapidly and the Church spread and blossomed. With the gains in number, however, came the possibility of a loss in quality of conviction. Were people really as committed to following Jesus as those earlier, persecuted Christians had been?

The modern western world is a very secularised place, where God has been replaced in some people’s hearts by other gods – the quest for profit, individualism, consumerism. Pope John Paul II referred to these things as a ‘new idolatry’. Numbers of practicing Catholics are reducing in many Western countries and we may become a minority again. Today many Christians face persecution of a different kind.

DID YOU KNOW?

- At the time Matthew’s Gospel was being written, Jewish families were being literally split by those who were making the decision to move away from traditional Jewish beliefs and follow Christ.
- Even though family relationships are vitally important, ‘the first vocation of a Christian is to follow Christ’.



THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(29 June - 5 July)

- **Monday, 29:** Sts Peter and Paul (Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19)
- **Tuesday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 13 (Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Mt 8:23-27)
- **Wednesday, 01:** Weekday, Ord Time 13 (Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Mt 8:28-34)
- **Thursday, 02:** Weekday, Ord Time 13 (Amos 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8)
- **Friday, 03:** St Thomas (Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29)
- **Saturday, 04:** Weekday, Ord Time 13 (Amos 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17)
- **Sunday 05:** 14th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Zech 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30)

PASTORAL CARE

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