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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

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

With the introduction of Level 3  
restrictions (1 person per 2sq.m) we  
are permitted up to 78 people in our  
Church, so there will be no need to  
book in ahead.



## FIRST READING

*Jeremiah 20:7-9*

You have seduced me, Lord, and I  
have let myself be seduced; you  
have overpowered me: you were the  
stronger. I am a daily laughing-  
stock, everybody's butt. Each time I  
speak the word, I have to howl and  
proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for  
me insult, derision, all day long. I  
used to say, 'I will not think about  
him, I will not speak in his name any  
more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire  
burning in my heart, imprisoned in  
my bones. The effort to restrain it  
weared me, I could not bear it.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 62:2-6, 8-9*

*My soul is thirsting for you,  
O Lord my God.*

## SECOND READING

*Romans 12:1-2*

Think of God's mercy, my brothers,  
and worship him, I beg you, in a way  
that is worthy of thinking beings, by  
offering your living bodies as a holy  
sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do  
not model yourselves on the  
behaviour of the world around you,  
but let your behaviour change,  
modelled by your new mind. This is

the only way to discover the will of  
God and know what is good, what it  
is that God wants, what is the perfect  
thing to do.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Eph 1:17, 18*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ enlighten the eyes of our  
heart, that we might see how great is  
the hope to which we are called.  
Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 16:21-27*

Jesus began to make it clear to his  
disciples that he was destined to go  
to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at  
the hands of the elders and chief  
priests and scribes, to be put to death  
and to be raised up on the third day.  
Then, taking him aside, Peter started  
to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven  
preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this  
must not happen to you.' But he  
turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind  
me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my  
path, because the way you think is  
not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If  
anyone wants to be a follower of  
mine, let him renounce himself and  
take up his cross and follow me. For  
anyone who wants to save his life  
will lose it;

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**PLEASE KEEP THESE  
PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Sick:** Greg Turner, Roy Gatton, Josh Semler.

**August anniversaries:** Mary Banner, Joyce Bowbridge, Jimmy Browne, Steven Browne, Terence Browne, David Buick, Irene Darcy, Don Christie, John Commerford, David Cooper, Allan Forst, Paul Glynn Jr, Henry Hughes, Annemie Huys, Mary Kildea, Hazel Keitel, Daniel Lydon, Dot May, John Mertens, Rebecca Murch, Lorna Murphy, Winifred O'Daly, Margaret Rich, Joseph Ryan, Simon Slagter, Chris Slattery, Kathy Slotegraaf, Florence Tabor, Bracken Walker, Bill Willson, Owen Willson 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.*

**ROSTERS**

Reader	Prayers	Cleaning
30/8 P Bennett	C Pahl	C Berden
6/9 N Clark	S Semler	C Berden
13/9 A Clark	P Wales	K Williams
20/9 K Hammat	L Grant	K Williams

**PRIEST ROSTER**

*(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)*

30 August Fr Philip Marshall

**COLLECTIONS  
DIRECT PAYMENTS**

If you would like to organise your Church donations via scheduled bank or Archdiocesan transfers and need some help, please contact Helen Mumford or Peter Clark.



*Turns out it was a marble in the ashtray!*

**PARISH MASSES**

*Sunday 30 August*

Fr Philip Marshall will be with us at Kingscote this Sunday for Mass at 9.30am.

With the introduction of Level 3 restrictions (1 person per 2sq.m) we are permitted up to 78 people in our Church, so there will be no need to book in ahead.

However, we are still required to:

- Sign-in on entering the Church
  - Continue using hand sanitiser
  - Continue regularly wiping surfaces and cleaning our Church
  - Encourage those who are unwell or vulnerable to stay home
- Avoid physical greetings: hugs, kisses and handshakes.

**COVID MARSHALS**

All Mass centres must have an appropriately-trained COVID Marshal in attendance during services, ceremonies and events.

The COVID Marshal counts the number of people on site to ensure the Church capacity limit is not exceeded, ensures that parishioners sign on as they enter the Church and that hand sanitiser is readily available. They will also be reminding people to maintain 1.5 metres physical distance.

We need at least two or three more volunteers to do the training and take on the role. Please see Peter Clark if you can help out.

**PASTORAL CARE TEAM**

Some years ago a Parish Pastoral Care Team was put together to reach out to community members who may need assistance. Some of those involved are still active in the Parish, some have moved on. Fr Josy would like to meet with those who are still here and others who may also wish to get involved. If you are interested please talk to Viv or Anita for further details.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

**2020 APPEAL**

*(September is*

*Catholic Charities month)*

Making a difference to the lives of South Australians since 1941. Please support the Catholic Charities 2020 Appeal – pick up a brochure from parishes in September or make

a donation online at [www.adelaide.catholic.org.au](http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au) or via Catholic Charities Appeal, Reply Paid 912, Adelaide SA 5001.

For more information please call Annie O'Neill, Manager Catholic Charities on 08 8210 8157 or visit Catholic Charities pages on the website:

[www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/charity-and-giving/catholic-charities/about-catholic-charities-](http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/charity-and-giving/catholic-charities/about-catholic-charities-)

Donations of more than \$2 are tax deductible.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

PPC met last Sunday. A report of proceedings will be in next week's bulletin.

**DUPED BY GOD**

Peter must have felt duped by God when Jesus rebuked him. What did he say that was so bad? When Jesus foretold of his future suffering and death, Peter took what he considered an appropriate defensive stand. Not you, Lord! Never!

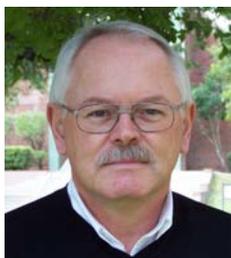
Only moments earlier, he had called Jesus the Messiah, Peter's understanding of that term meant conquering hero, not suffering servant of God's will. Peter liked to imagine victory achieved without a scratch. Victory gained at the cost of ultimate sacrifice was no victory in his mind. If Peter was duped, it was his own preconceptions about God and religion that betrayed him. Gaining the world at the price of the soul was no bargain. But losing everything for the sake of God's victory is the one purchase we all want to consider.

For what are you willing to suffer (ie, love, money, justice, peace, the truth)? How much are you willing to suffer for these things?

Avoid being deceived by worldly values. Spend a week refusing to read noticeboards and magazine advertisements, watching commercials, even noting brand labels. Turn your back on the consumer message and exercise your freedom. *GPBS eNews*



*September is Catholic Charities month*



## 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

### THE INVITATION TO COURAGE

Courage isn't one of my strong points, at least not one particular kind of courage.

Scripture tells us that as John the Baptist grew up he *became strong in spirit*. My growing up was somewhat different. Unlike John the Baptist, as I grew up I *became accommodating in spirit*. This had its reasons. I was born with what Ruth Burrows would describe as a "tortured sensitivity", an over-sensitive personality, and have never been able to develop a tough skin. That's not the stuff of which prophets are made. When you're a child on the playground you better have the raw physical strength to challenge a situation that's unfair or you better let things alone so as not to get hurt. You also better develop razor-sharp skills at avoiding confrontation and in the art of peacemaking. As well, when you aren't gifted with superior physical strength and challenging situations arise on the playground, you quickly learn to walk away from confrontation. On the playground the lamb knows better than to lie down with the lion or to confront the lion, irrespective of the prophet Isaiah's eschatological visions.

And that's not all bad. Growing up as I did didn't make for the tough skin and raw courage it takes to be a prophet, but it did give me an acute radar screen, namely, a sensitivity which at its best is a genuine empathy (though at its worst has me avoiding situations of conflict). Either way, it's hasn't particularly gifted me with the qualities that make for prophetic courage. I want, habitually, not to upset people. I dislike confrontation and want peacefulness at almost any cost, though I do draw some lines in the sand. But I'm no John the Baptist

and it's taken me many years to learn that, admit it, and understand why – and also to understand that my temperament and history are only an explanation and not an excuse for my cowardice at times.

In the end, the virtue of courage is not contingent upon birth, temperament, or mental toughness, though these can be helpful. Courage is a gift from the Holy Spirit and that's why one's temperament and background may only serve as an explanation and not as an excuse for a lack of courage.

I highlight this because our situation today demands courage from us, the courage for prophecy. We desperately need prophets today, but they are in short supply and too many of us are not particularly eager to volunteer for the task. Why not?

A recent issue of *Commonweal* magazine featured an article by Bryan Massingale, a strong prophetic voice on the issue of racism. Massingale submits that the reason we see so little real progress in dealing with racial injustice is the absence of prophetic voices where they are most needed, in this case, among the many good white people who see racial injustice, sympathize with those suffering from it, but don't do anything about it. Massingale, who lectures widely across the country, shares how again and again in his lectures and in his classes people ask him: *But how do I address this without upsetting people?* This question aptly expresses our reticence and, I believe, names both the issue and the challenge.

As Shakespeare would say, "Ah, there's the rub!" For me, this question touches a sensitive moral nerve. Had I been in one of his classes I would no doubt have been one of those to ask that question: but

how do I challenge racism without upsetting people? Here's my problem: I want to speak out prophetically, but I don't want to upset others; I want to challenge the white privilege which we're so congenitally blind to, but I don't want to alienate the generous, good-hearted people who support our school; I want to speak out more strongly against injustice in my writing, but I don't want multiple newspapers drop my column as a result; I want to be courageous and confront others, but don't want to live with the hatred that ensues; and I want to publicly name injustices and name names, but don't want to alienate myself from those very people. So this leaves me still praying for the courage needed for prophecy.

Several years ago, a visiting professor at our school, an Afro-American man, was sharing with our faculty some of the near daily injustices he experiences simply because of the color of his skin. At one point I asked him: "If I, as a white man, came to you like Nicodemus came to Jesus at night and asked you what I should do, what would you tell me?" His answer: Jesus didn't let Nicodemus off easily just because he confessed his fears. Nicodemus had to do a public act to bring his faith into the light, he had to claim Jesus' dead body. Hence, his challenge to me: you need to do a public act.

He's right; but I'm still praying for the prophetic courage to do that. And aren't we all?

You can read, or download, Ron Rolheiser's weekly columns from his website at: [www.ronrolheiser.com](http://www.ronrolheiser.com)

## COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

*(The following conditions apply for the time being)*

- Attendance for mass is dependent on the 1 in 2 sq.m rule restriction.
- This number also applies for funerals and weddings.
- 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. 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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but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

‘For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.’

### DID YOU KNOW?

- This text marks the beginning of the fourth major section of Matthew's Gospel which follows Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and death.
- The word 'Satan' originally meant adversary or accuser. Later it came to mean personified evil. Here Jesus uses it figuratively of Peter who does not yet understand the meaning of Jesus' mission.
- The name Peter comes from the Latin word for rock. In last week's gospel, Jesus named Peter the rock on which the Church would be built. Today that rock has become a stumbling block in Jesus' path!

### SHARING THE TRADITION

Over the long history of the Church there have been many people who have literally taken up the cross of Christ and given their lives for their faith. They are the martyrs of the Church and have a special place of honour. The first martyrdom recorded in the Scriptures is that of Stephen (Acts 6:8-8:3). Over recent weeks we have explored the stories of some people who are modern day martyrs of the Church. Luckily, however, not all those who take up the cross are called to give their lives, but still many shoulder the burden of faith in the face of adversity. One such person was St Damien of Molokai, a Belgian priest of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, who volunteered to work as a missionary chaplain among the lepers of Hawaii at the leper colony on Molokai. Here he laboured for many years until he contracted the disease and finally died of it in 1889. Others Christians, like

Mother Teresa, have chosen to live out their faith in difficult situations.

### EXPLORING THE WORD

This gospel contains the first of three predictions of his passion and death that Jesus makes along his journey to Jerusalem. Matthew tells the story of that journey across the next four chapters of his gospel.

Peter is highly disturbed by the predictions of Jesus' suffering but is soundly rebuked.

The contrast between this text and the gospel of the previous week is stark! In the immediately prior episode, Peter is praised and rewarded for his sublime affirmation of faith, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God'. In this text, Peter's lack of understanding of what that means and the mission Jesus has causes him to be ridiculed as an obstacle to the divine mission.

While we may have some sympathy for Peter in wanting to spare Jesus the pain and suffering he predicts, what is at issue is Peter's failure to see that the cross is part of the plan and that discipleship will also involve the cross.

Taking up the cross, however, will result in great reward and ultimate vindication when the time of judgment comes.

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

*(31 August - 6 September)*

- **Monday, 31:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30)
- **Tuesday, 1:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Cor 2:10-16; Lk 4:31-37)
- **Wednesday, 2:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44)
- **Thursday, 3:** St Gregory the Great (1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-13)
- **Friday, 4:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39)
- **Saturday, 5:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 22 (1 Cor 4:6-15; Lk 6:1-5)
- **Sunday 6:** 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20)

### PASTORAL CARE

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