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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.



FIRST READING

Numbers 11:25-29

The Lord came down in the Cloud.
He spoke with Moses, but took some
of the spirit that was on him and put
it on the seventy elders. When the
spirit came on them they prophesied,
but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the
camp; one was called Eldad and the
other Medad. The spirit came down
on them; though they had not gone to
the Tent, their names were enrolled
among the rest. These began to
prophesy in the camp. The young
man ran to tell this to Moses,
'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad
are prophesying in the camp.' Then
said Joshua the son of Nun, who had
served Moses from his youth, 'My
Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses
answered him, 'Are you jealous on
my account? If only the whole
people of the Lord were prophets,
and the Lord gave his Spirit to them
all!'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 18:8, 10, 12-14

*The precepts of the Lord give joy to
the heart.*

SECOND READING

James 5:1-6

An answer for the rich. Start
crying, weep for the miseries that
are coming to you. Your wealth is
all rotting, your clothes are all
eaten up by moths. All your gold
and your silver are corroding away,
and the same corrosion will be
your own sentence, and eat into
your body. It was a burning fire
that you stored up as your treasure
for the last days. Labourers mowed
your fields, and you cheated
them – listen to the wages that you
kept back, calling out; realise that
the cries of the reapers have
reached the ears of the Lord of
hosts. On earth you have had a life
of comfort and luxury; in the time
of slaughter you went on eating to
your heart's content. It was you
who condemned the innocent and
killed them; they offered you no
resistance.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.*

Alleluia!

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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Bill Roestenberg, Nick Hacker, Fr Peter Milburn, Melanie Howson

September anniversaries: Frank Berden, Mary Bowery, Jimmy Browne, Terrence Browne, Gwen Caldicott, Audrey Carslake, Peg Dow, Thomas Drane, Bernadette Florance, Christopher Glynn, Loretta Hartley, Catherine Hughes, Patrick Hughes, Pearl Malycha, Elvie Meaney, Dean Larcombe, Julia Martienses, Eileen Morris, Reginald Pahl, Maise Rooney, Vera Shannon, James Smith and all the faithful departed

Recently deceased: Brenton Semler

ROSTERS

Comm	Reader	Cleaning
26/9 M Slagter	W Bennett	K Brinkley
3/10 J Fernandez	P Clark	A Clark

COVID Marshal

26/9 J Fernandez 3/10 M Slagter

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

26/9 Fr Prathap
 3/10 Fr Josy 10/10 Fr Nader
 17/10 Fr Dev 24/10 Fr Prathap
 31/10 Archbishop O'Regan / Fr Josy

PRAYER FOR HEALING

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

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Please read the most up-to-date information on page 4 of this bulletin.



Masks are mandatory indoors, including while singing

VISIT OF ARCHBISHOP

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

TRADING TABLE

The KI Inter-Church Committee is holding a trading table to support the local School Chaplaincy programme on

29 September at Century 21, Dauncey Street. They would very much appreciate donations of plants, food, knitwear, craft products etc for sale on that day.

CHARITY IS AT THE HEART OF LIVING CATHOLIC

Please support the Catholic Charities 2021 Appeal – pick up a brochure from Churches in September or make a donation online at www.adelaide.catholic.org.au or via Catholic Charities Appeal, Reply Paid 912, Adelaide SA 5001. For the first time, you can also give via the Archdiocesan Find a Mass App. Catholic Charities has been added to the giving section, enabling people to make donations using a debit or credit card. Donations of more than \$2 are tax deductible.

150 DAYS OF ACTION

... for refugees and people seeking asylum

The Vinnies Refugee and Asylum Seeker Service has joined an Australia wide coalition to engage people and advocate to change our country's attitude and policies towards those seeking protection in Australia.

What can you do to help?

- Let your family and friends know "refugees are people just like us". Together we can build a society that respects and values refugees and asylum seekers.
- Become a supporter of a charity/parish/conference by donating: donations@svdpsa.org.au (indicate for the Vinnies Refugee & Asylum Seeker Service) or by giving much-needed items like blankets and nappies at any of the Vinnies shops marked for the Vinnies Refugee & Asylum Seeker Service.

Next Sunday - 3rd October

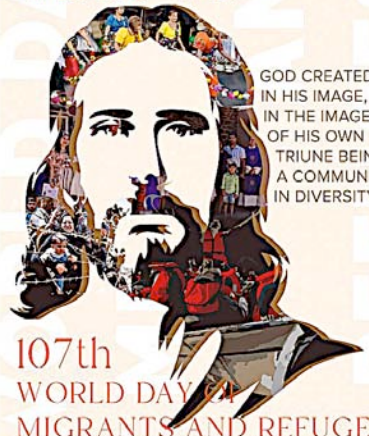
Daylight saving time starts at 2 am



Clocks should be turned forward one hour

Or forget on purpose and have a great excuse to miss church!

TOWARDS AN EVER WIDER "WE"



GOD CREATED US IN HIS IMAGE, IN THE IMAGE OF HIS OWN TRIUNE BEING, A COMMUNION IN DIVERSITY.

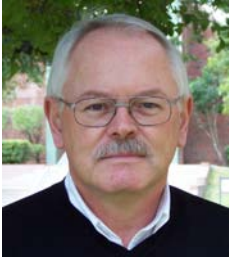
107th WORLD DAY FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

SUNDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2021

- Contact your local State MP and ask for increased commitment for emergency housing for asylum seekers facing homelessness.
 - Put your name to the online petition to your Federal MP requesting urgent changes:
 - income support for all people seeking asylum in Australia;
 - end temporary visas and create a pathway to permanent residency;
 - access to family reunions for all refugees and people seeking asylum in Australia's care
- https://me.getup.org.au/petitions/launch-of-150-days-of-action-for-people-seeking-refuge-in-our-land?share=7c7b63a8-21a0-434e-92c2-4075e7f6e7e7&source=email-share-button&utm_medium=&utm_source=email

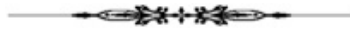


"In the old days, your Grandma and I watched TV with rabbit ears."



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



WHEN WE DOUBT THE POWER OF PRAYER

We need to pray even when that seems the most lifeless thing to do.

That's a counsel from Michael J. Buckley with which we need to challenge ourselves daily. In the face of real life, prayer can often seem like the most lifeless thing to do. What difference does prayer make?

I will pray for you! Please keep me in prayer! Know that you have my prayers! We use those expressions all the time. I suspect not a day goes by that most of us do not promise to pray for someone. However, do we really believe our prayers make a difference? Do we really believe that our prayers can stop a pandemic, ease tensions within our communities, erase centuries-long misunderstandings among various religious denominations, cure someone dying of a terminal disease, bring our children back to church, or help someone forgive us? What can prayer do in the face of our own helplessness in a situation?

Jesus said there are certain demons that can only be cast out by prayer and fasting. I suspect that we find that easier to believe literally, in terms of an evil spirit being cast out of a person, than we believe that our prayer can cast out the more earthly demons of hatred, injustice, misunderstanding, division, war, racism, nationalism, bigotry, and bodily and mental illness. These are the real demons that beset our lives and even though we ask for God's help in prayer, we don't often do it with a lot of confidence that our prayers will make a difference. How can they?

The long history of Judaism and Christianity has taught us that God is not in the easy habit of positively interfering in nature and human life, at least not in ways that we can see.

Miracles do happen, perhaps by the millions in ways that we cannot perceive. But, if we cannot see miracles, how are they real?

Reality has different modalities. There is the empirical and there is the mystical. Both are real, though both are not equally observable as an action of God in history. If a dead body rises from its grave (the Resurrection) or if a race of people walks dry shod through the Red Sea (the Exodus) that is clearly an intervention of God in our world, but if some world leader has a change of heart and is suddenly more sympathetic to the poor, how do we know what prompted that? Likewise, for everything else for which we pray. What inspired the insight that led to the discovery of a vaccine for the pandemic? Pure chance? A touch from above? You can ask that same question vis-à-vis most anything else we pray about, from the world situation to our personal health. What is the source of an inspiration, a restoration to health, a melting of a bitterness, a change of heart, a correct decision, or a chance meeting with someone that becomes a grace for the rest of your life? Pure chance, simple luck, or a conspiracy of accidents? Or does God's grace and guidance positively touch you because of prayer, someone else's or your own?

Central to our faith as Christians, is the belief that we are all part of one mystical body, the Body of Christ. This is not a metaphor. This body is a living organism, just as real as a physical body. Inside of a physical body, as we know, all parts influence each other, for good and for bad. Healthy enzymes help the whole body to retain its health and unhealthy viruses work at sickening the whole body. If this is true, and it is, then there is no such thing as a truly private action. Everything we

do, even in our thoughts, influences others and thus our thoughts and actions are either health-giving enzymes or harmful viruses affecting others. Our prayers are health-giving enzymes affecting the whole body, particularly the persons and events to which we direct them. This is a doctrine of faith, not wishful thinking.

Earlier in her life, Dorothy Day was cynical about Therese of Lisieux (*The Little Flower*) believing that her isolation in a tiny convent and her mystical "little way" (which professed that our smallest actions affect the events of the whole world) was pious naiveté. Later, as Dorothy gave herself over to symbolic actions for justice and peace that in effect seemed to change very little in real life, she adopted Therese as her patron saint. What Dorothy had come to realize through her experience was that her small and seemingly pragmatically useless actions for justice and peace, were not useless at all. Small though they were, they helped open up some space, tiny at first, which slowly grew into something larger and more influential. By slipping some tiny enzymes into the body of the world, Dorothy Day eventually helped create a little more health in the world.

Prayer is a sneaky, hidden antibiotic – needed precisely when it seems most useless.

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

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 21 September, 2021)

- Places of Worship are restricted to 3 people per 4 square metres with social distancing of 1.5 metres. The number of people at a Private Activity has increased from 50 people to 150 people, provided density requirements are met. If more than 50 people are present, there must be an independent COVID Marshal. QR codes and/or handwritten logs are essential.
- Wearing of masks is mandatory. Wearing of masks in parish offices is strongly recommended.
- Attendees at indoor religious services may sing during worship and members of choirs or chorus groups may perform or rehearse indoors, if they wear masks while doing so.
- Recommendation from Archdiocesan Office that tea/coffee after Mass be suspended.
- Social distancing is mandatory - DO NOT CONGREGATE at entry/exit and outside.
- 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 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.
- 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.
- The Archdiocese recommends Covid vaccination for all (please check with your GP if you have concerns).
- Obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage. You may wish to access: [Mass for You at Home – The official website of Mass For You At Home](#),

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GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

John said to Jesus, ‘Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.’

But Jesus said, ‘You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.’

‘If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.’

‘But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.’

UNAUTHORISED GOODNESS

Like the good citizens around Moses, the disciples around Jesus are jealous for the copyright to goodness. Anyone who teaches the ignorant, heals the sick, or feeds the poor without joining their Master’s guild has got to be from the devil. Obviously it escapes the disciples that this is precisely the charge that’s been levelled at Jesus by the religious leaders of the Temple. Righteousness is private property. Unauthorised goodness is strictly forbidden.

It may be natural to feel a twinge when, say, the Hare Krishnas open a soup kitchen in our parish, beating up the good witness. We feel embarrassed that it’s come to this. But right is right, not matter what the source is. The proper response is to praise God, grow in humility, and persevere in our own attempt to support the cause of righteousness.

Where might you become a source of “unauthorised goodness” for others?

Be on the alert for agreement and common values between you and those who seem most alien: the younger/older generation, people of another race, tongue, religion or political persuasion. The stranger may be a friend.

“If you give one of these simple, childlike believers a hard time, bullying or taking advantage of their simple trust, you’ll soon wish you hadn’t”.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(September 27 - October 3)

- **Monday, 27:** St Vincent de Paul (Zech 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50)
- **Tuesday, 28:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 26 (Zech 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56)
- **Wednesday, 29:** Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael (Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51)
- **Thursday, 30:** St Jerome (Neh 8:1-12; Lk 10:1-12)
- **Friday, 01:** St Thérèse of the Child Jesus (Baruch 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16)
- **Saturday, 02:** The Holy Guardian Angels (Ex 23:20-23); Mt 18:1-5, 10)
- **Sunday 03:** 27th SUNDAY in ORD TIME (Gen 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16)

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).