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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

Apocalypse 11:19, 12:1-6, 10

The sanctuary of God in heaven
opened and the ark of the covenant
could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven:
a woman, adorned with the sun,
standing on the moon, and with the
twelve stars on her head for a crown.
She was pregnant, and in labour,
crying aloud in the pangs of child-
birth. Then a second sign appeared in
the sky, a huge red dragon which had
seven heads and ten horns, and each of
the seven heads crowned with a
coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the
stars from the sky and dropped them
to the earth, and the dragon stopped in
front of the woman as she was having
the child, so that he could eat it as
soon as it was born from its mother.

The woman brought a male child into
the world, the son who was to rule all
the nations with an iron sceptre, and
the child was taken straight up to God
and to his throne, while the woman
escaped into the desert, where God
had made a place of safety ready.

Then I heard a voice shout from
heaven, 'Victory and power and
empire for ever have been won by our
God, and all authority for his Christ.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 44:10-12, 16

*The queen stands at your right hand,
arrayed in gold.*

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first-fruits of all who have fallen
asleep. Death came through one man
and in the same way the resurrection
of the dead has come through one
man. Just as all men die in Adam, so
all men will be brought to life in
Christ; but all of them in their proper
order: Christ as the first-fruits and
then, after the coming of Christ, those
who belong to him. After that will
come the end, when he hands over the
kingdom to God the Father, having
done away with every sovereignty,
authority and power. For he must be
king until he has put all his enemies
under his feet and the last of the
enemies to be destroyed is death, for
everything is to be put under his feet.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Mary is taken up to heaven,
and the angels of God shout for joy.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-56

Mary set out and went as quickly as
she could to a town in the hill country
of Judah. She went into Zechariah's
house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as
soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's
greeting, the child leapt in her womb
and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy

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PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Bill Roestenberg, Carmel Northcott, Nick Hacker

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.

ROSTERS

	Comm	Reader	Cleaning
15/8	C Pahl	K Hammat	C Berden
22/8	S Semler	W Bennett	H Mumford
29/8	K Hammat	L Grant	H Mumford

COVID Marshal

15/8 J Fernandez 22/8 M Slagter
29/8 C Weatherstone

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

15/8 Fr Josy 22/8 Fr Dev
29/8 Fr Prathap

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

The only change from last week is that the density we are allowed is now 3 people per 4 sqm. Please read the most up-to-date information on page 4 of this bulletin.

MASKS ARE MANDATORY



VISIT OF ARCHBISHOP

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend we will be having a special collection - the **Appeal for Vocations**. Each year the Archdiocese takes a special collection to support Vocations to the Priesthood in the Archdiocese. The money collected serves to defray the costs of student priests for the Archdiocese.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY CONSULTATION

Deadline August 16

Parishioners are reminded that the deadline for sharing a response to the Diocesan Assembly consultation question is Monday 16 August.

Responses must be received by the deadline in order to ensure that they are included in the data analysis.

Responses can be submitted online at www.adelaidediocesanassembly.org/respond. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Moffatt smoffatt@adelaide.catholic.org.au

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR PANDEMIC

Parish communities are encouraged to participate in a National Day of Prayer in this time of pandemic on Sunday, August 22. It is an initiative of a broad range of Christian communities, including the National Council of Churches Australia.

The theme is "Lord have mercy" and it calls people to be especially united in prayer, both individually and, where possible, in our liturgies. Find out more at: <http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/LordHaveMercy/>

"MEET ME IN THE MIDDLE"

Jamberoo Abbey online retreat available 5 September

This retreat is based on Charles Peguy's Little Girl Hope from the book: "The Portal of the Mystery of Hope." Hope is both a virtue and a mystery. It is desirable yet elusive. Many dismiss it, misunderstand it, shrug it off and turn their backs on it, extolling faith and charity instead. Whilst faith and charity are absolutely critical in these times of uncertainty and fear in society, there is now a need for hope as never before since World War II.

More details and/or to register go to: www.jamberooabbey.org.au/online-retreats

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter invites couples for a virtual marriage encounter weekend to enrich and revitalize your sacrament of service.
What: Virtual weekend via Zoom
When: September 10-12
Time: Commencing at 7pm on Friday September 10 – concluding 4pm Sunday September 12

Contact: Julie & Zyg Staszyc: (0437 388 513), email:

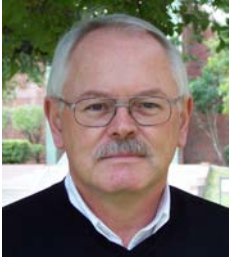
sabookings@wwme.org.au. Visit: <https://www.wwme.org.au> for testimonies and update. Click here for [WWME Weekend Flyer](#).

DATES

- 15 Aug Assumption of 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

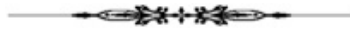
- *Free Marriage Tip: Don't ask your wife when dinner will be ready while she is mowing the lawn.*
- *Who is Pete and why do we keep doing things for his sake?*
- *We can now have household gatherings of up to ten people without issues. (I don't even know ten people without issues).*





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.



COMPLEXITY AND PARADOX

Reading the Letters of Dorothy Day recently, I ran into this line, “doubtless we need a Savonarola as well as a St. Francis.” She was speaking about what spirituality needs in order to be healthy and balanced. That triggered something inside me, something I have never been able to sort out. I have always been comfortable, perhaps too much so, in both circles of piety and circles of iconoclasm. I’m drawn to the warmth of the Sacred Heart even as I am stimulated by Nietzsche, and I see Merton’s raw sense of humor as issuing forth from the same unique place within him as his faith, one leaning on the other.

One of my favorite spiritual writers is the Italian monk and hermit, Carlo Carretto. When you are reading a Carretto book, you are never sure what you will meet next in terms of either piety or its (seeming) opposite. On one page, he might be offering a handmade toy to the Blessed Virgin Mary to give the infant Jesus and a page or two later he will be offering a blistering critique of clericalism or calling on the Pope to shut present-day seminaries because he believes those training for the priesthood should be living with everyday families. Many of us are familiar with his “Ode to the Church” within which both his piety and his iconoclasm are manifest.

*How much I must criticize you, my church and yet how much I love you!
How you have made me suffer much and yet owe much to you.
I should like to see you destroyed and yet I need your presence.
You have given me much scandal and yet you alone have made me understand holiness.
Never in this world have I seen anything more obscurantist, more*

compromised, more false, and yet never in this world have I touched anything more pure, more generous, and more beautiful.

Many times I have felt like slamming the door of my soul in your face – and yet how often I have prayed that I might die in your sure arms!

Not many spiritual writers have this range on their keyboard. As Ernst Kasemann once said, the problem in the church and in the world is that the pious are not liberal and the liberal are not pious. Carretto was both. He could love the church, fiercely, piously, with childlike devotion, even as inside of that very devotion he could critically acknowledge and speak out against her faults. That’s a rare capacity, seen in some saints.

Dorothy Day, not unlike Carretto, was an exceptionally pious woman, a *unanimity-minus-one* defender of chastity in the circles she moved in, and a woman who believed that reverence was a non-negotiable moral virtue. Yet, like Carretto, she could be blistering in her criticism of piety whenever it was blind to injustice, racism, violence, and war. Small wonder her favorite saint was Therese of Lisieux, a pious nun tucked away in an obscure convent in France, writing mystical treatises on how much Jesus loves us.

Moreover, that patron saint Therese was herself a wonderful example of a piety that can look saccharine and yet have a disarming capacity for critical insight. Therese of Lisieux is the same person who, while posturing in her writings as a little girl, someone of no consequence, *the Little Flower*, can pivot radically and suddenly become the wise, aged Sophia, dishing out hard spiritual counsel: “*Be careful not to seek yourself in love, you will end up with a broken heart that way. I felt it*

more valuable to speak to God rather than to speak about Him, for there is so much self-love intermingled with spiritual conversations. There are no miracles, no raptures, no ecstasies – only service.” Therese had a keyboard that could play very diverse melodies.

The late Irish biblical scholar Jerome Murphy-O’Connor used say (partially tongue in cheek) that consistency is the product of small minds. What he was highlighting of course was that great minds aren’t simple, that they know the importance of nuance, that they don’t work in terms of black and white, that they can hold things in tension without prematurely resolving that, and that they can shock you equally in their capacity for reverence and for iconoclasm.

Jesus fits that description. He scandalized his contemporaries and continues to scandalize us with what seem like inconsistencies, but are really the capacity of a great mind and heart to hold truth in paradox, in tension. Small wonder there are so many Christian denominations today. We, his followers, cannot hold the whole truth together as he did and so we live out pieces of it rather than the whole Gospel. The same might be said for other great figures in history, like St. Augustine, who is cited alternately as the root for both orthodoxy and heresy in theology.

There are indeed real contradictions and genuine inconsistencies; but there is also the paradox seen in great minds, minds who know exactly when to honor an icon and when to smash it.

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

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 12 August, 2021)

- The density requirement has changed to 3 people per 4 sqm. Weddings and funerals are capped at 50 people (provided density requirements are met).
- Wearing of masks is mandatory for indoor places. Wearing of masks is strongly recommended for Parish Offices.
- Choirs and congregational singing are not permitted. A single distanced singer is permitted.
- 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, but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- 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.
- Care should be taken at the dismissal and on leaving the church to minimise social contact.
- 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, Australia](#) online and on Channel 10 every Sunday at 6 am.

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Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy - according to the promise he made to our ancestors - of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

I KISS YOUR MOTHER

"Ljubi Maiku!" is a delightful Bosnian expression "I kiss your mother!" (Ljubi maiku!) Bosnian fathers use to praise their children. It means "I kiss your mother because you are such a wonderful child!" or, in other words, "My compliments to your mother!" It's similar to the praise Jesus received by those awed by his ministry: "Blessed is the womb that carried you!"

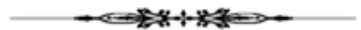
Mothers often receive praise for the accomplishments of their children; their children's successes and places in society reflects well on their parenting skills. But many mothers - and fathers, too - make the mistake of seeing their self-worth entirely in terms of how well their children do. This holds true particularly in societies where women have little say except when it comes to caring for

their children. If a son or daughter succeeds, the mother has proved herself valuable to society and worthy of respect. If her children fail, then she, too, is looked upon as a failure.

If Mary, the mother of Jesus, saw her self-worth solely tied into the accomplishments of her son, she would have a mighty large ego - the man saved the world, after all. But Mary had a much deeper and more inspiring understanding of her purpose.

So, we set aside time this week to commemorate Mary's life on earth and in heaven. In the process we find ourselves wondering how available we've been for God's work in the past year. Have we called on Christ when we needed him and pointed others the way to Jesus, just as Mary did at the wedding of Cana when she asked for Jesus' assistance and said to the servants: "Do whatever he tells you?"

Perhaps we don't quite measure up to Mary. But Mary deserves a kiss, nevertheless, for she not only played a role in shaping our lives as Christians, but she was such a worthy Christian herself. *GPBS eNews*



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(August 16 - 22)

- **Mon, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Judges 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22)
- **Tues, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Judges 6:11-24; Mt 19:23-30)
- **Wed, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Judges 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16)
- **Thur, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Judges 11:29-39; Mt 22:1-14)
- **Fri, 20:** St Bernard (Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40)
- **Sat, 21:** St Pius X (Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12)
- **Sun 22:** 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69)



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).