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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

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table. She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.' To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33:2-3, 10-15

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in

your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 6:56

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowd:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said.

Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my

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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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, Bill Roestenberg.

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
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)

18/8	Fr Matthew Newman
25/8	Fr Lancy D'Silva

CATHOLIC LADIES GUILD

The next meeting will be held at the Parish House at 9.30am on Monday, August 26.

HELP WANTED!

Volunteers are requested to operate a Sausage Sizzle at Mitre 10 on Friday, 6 September, between 9.30am and 1.30pm. We need volunteers to help cook the barbeque, serve customers and take money. Purchases will be made by cash or by EFTPOS through a "square."

The Inter-Church Committee are holding the sausage sizzle to help fund the religious education of our children in local schools.

Please write your name, phone number and email address on the form at the back of the Church.

BLESSING OF MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Celebrations for milestone wedding anniversaries in the Archdiocese will again be held in local parish communities to recognise couples in their life-long commitment.

If you, or someone you know, is celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60 years), we invite you to let Chris Weatherstone know of the details, so they may be acknowledged at the Anniversaries Mass in September.

ACBC RESEARCH PROJECT ABSENT FROM THE TABLE

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is undertaking a research project aimed at investigating why some Catholics do not participate in regular weekly Sunday Mass (Sunday Mass includes the Saturday Vigil). <https://bit.ly/AbsentFromTheTableSurvey>

The survey closes on Tuesday, 20 August. Parishioners are encouraged to reach out to those they know who could participate in the survey.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our office.
+Patrick O'Regan

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Place an order for your 2025 Columban Calendar soon. Next year's calendar includes the following features:

- New design with more space to fit your notes on the date pad.
- Bible verses for hope and healing each month.
- Free online Art Guide resource - *Visio Divina* available by scanning the QR codes in the calendar or at: www.columban.org.au/artguide

This year they are \$11 each. Please contact Cathy Berden if you would like to place an order.

SCAM EMAILS

There are several scam emails going around again - will they ever give up? The current ones mostly ask for gift cards or bitcoin donations and appear to come from local priests.

Please be aware of these scams and trash anything that looks irregular, before you go ahead and open them.

CATHOLIC EARTH CARE CONVOCATION 2024

Thursday September 12 - Saturday September 14

Join us online to celebrate the Season of Creation in 2024 at our Catholic Earthcare Convocation!

We are called to 'Wonder, Weave and Heal' Earth and the whole of creation. Gather online during Day 1 and 2 to engage in keynote presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences.

Day 3 of the convocation has us gathering together in our diocese to transform our learnings into action. For more information visit:

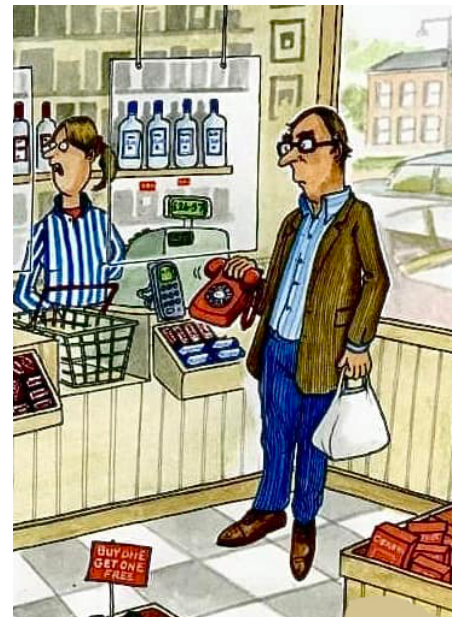
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DATES

31 Aug - Sep 8	Adelaide Show
Sep	Catholic Charities month
27 Sep	Last day School term 3
28 Sep	AFL Grand Final
29 Sep	Migrant and Refugee Sunday
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

ONE LINERS

- *My mechanic told me, "I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder."*
- *Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.*



"Nathan, there's a gentleman here wanting to pay with his phone."



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

LOVING YOUR OWN CHURCH AND YOUR NEIGHBOR'S CHURCH AS WELL

I teach Spirituality at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas. Fifteen years ago, we began offering a PhD in Spirituality. In the fifteen years since we have had doctoral students from many different Christian denominations – Mainline Protestants, Evangelicals, Episcopalians/Anglicans, and Roman Catholics. During those fifteen years we have not had a single conversion of someone from one denomination to another. Rather, every student has left here with a deeper commitment to his or her own denomination and a deeper understanding of every other Christian denomination. We take a healthy pride in that. That's one of the aims of our program.

Since the Protestant Reformation, Christians have lived through five hundred years of misunderstanding and mutual suspicion. Each of us tended to work from the assumption that we belonged to the one true (or at least the purest) expression of Christianity and we looked for conversions, namely, having someone leave his or her denomination and join ours. Happily, things are changing, even while the old claims of being the one true expression of Christianity and the old defensiveness regarding denominational boundaries are still being clung to by many. A new vision is taking hold and we are beginning to see each other in a different light.

We are beginning to realize that the path to unity does not lie in saying, 'You are wrong, and we are right', even as we remain conscious of the issues that separate us. Rather we are looking at what we share in common as Christians and human beings and are seeing that what we share in common dwarfs what separates us.

What do we share in common that dwarfs any dogma, ecclesiology, authority structure, or historical misunderstanding that separates us?

We share this in common: *one beginning, one nature, one earth, one sky, one law of gravity, one fragility,*

one earthly mortality, one desire, one aim, one destiny, one road, one God, one Jesus, one Christ, one Holy Spirit. And that brings with it both an invitation and an imperative: *love your own church and love your neighbor's church as well.*

But, one might protest, what about all that's wrong in my neighbor's church? Admittedly that's an issue. However, admittedly, there are also things wrong in our own church, no matter our denomination. Moreover, as the renowned scholar of religion Huston Smith, affirms, we are to judge another religion or another Christian denomination not by its aberrations or its worst expressions, but by its best expressions, by its saints.

If this is true, then all of us can look to other churches, their saints, and their particular riches to enrich our own discipleship in Christ. In an insightful new book *To Love Your Neighbor's Church as Your Own*, Peter Halldorf, a Swedish/Evangelical/Orthodox Christian, asks the question: "What does it mean to love my neighbor's church as well as my own? Can a Pentecostal see a Roman Catholic as someone who may enrich his or her own faith experience? Can the Roman Catholic see a Pentecostal in this same light?"

If we are honest, we need to admit that we have much to learn from each other. Thus, we should no longer distance ourselves from each other and more and more begin to speak of "convergence" rather than "converting". The Spirit is inviting us to come together in respect and in a shared humility, without attitudes of suspicion or triumphalism. In that place, mistrust can be overcome. How can we come together in that way? Already a generation ago, the renowned theologian, Avery Dulles suggested that the path to ecumenism is not by way of conversion. Unity among Christian churches is not going to happen by all the various denominations converting and joining one existing Christian denomination. That, Dulles submits, is not just unrealistic, it is not the ideal because no one Christian denomination possesses the full truth. Rather we are

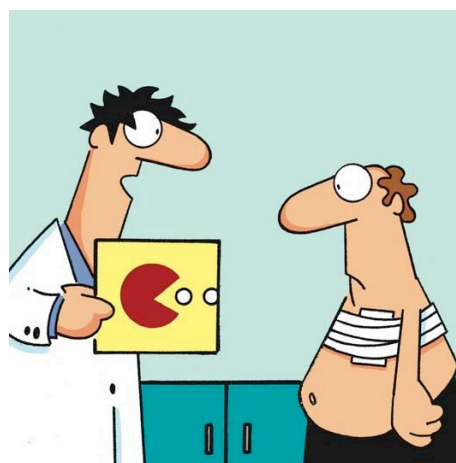
all still journeying, hopefully in all sincerity of heart, toward the full truth, toward a fuller discipleship, and toward giving a fuller expression to the Body of Christ on this earth. All of us are still journeying toward that.

Hence, the path to ecumenism, to oneness as a Christian church, to oneness at a Eucharistic table, lies in each of us, each denomination, converting more from within, in growing more faithful within our own discipleship, in giving a truer expression to the Body of Christ, so that as each of us grows more faithful to Christ we will find ourselves progressively coming together, converging, growing more and more together into one family.

Kenneth Cragg once suggested something similar vis-à-vis the question of interfaith among world religions. After working as a Christian missionary among the Muslims, he suggested that *it will take all religions of the world to give full expression to the whole Christ.*

It's time to move beyond five hundred years of misunderstanding and embrace each other again as fellow pilgrims, struggling together on a common journey.

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



Your new pacemaker includes a Pac-Man game that gobbles up the cholesterol in your arteries!"

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.

1st Collection:
BSB 085 005
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Reference: K Island or 765

2nd Collection:
BSB 085 005
A/c No 918111484
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Thank you for your ongoing support of our priests and parish facilities.

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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Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

EXPLORING THE WORD

In the continuation of the discourse, Jesus' claim that he is the living bread come from heaven is brought to a new height. Not only has he surpassed the manna given by God in the desert, he now claims that it is his flesh and blood which gives life. For the Jews this is an abomination. The very strict dietary laws of Judaism precluded the eating of flesh with blood in it. Jesus' hearers again remain at the physical understanding of his words. They imagine some form of cannibalism and are outraged. 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' But Jesus is not deterred. He insists that he makes God known because he comes from God. Eating the flesh and drinking the blood of the Son of Man will bring those who believe to eternal life – not the physical life of this world but to life with the Father forever.

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blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

GETTING IT

The people in this week's gospel who just "don't get it" when Jesus tells them his flesh is the living bread from heaven remind me of a time we scared the daylights out of my much younger sister. She was just about 3 years old when she and her older sister were having trouble getting to sleep. They were in the same room and kept giggling and laughing long past their bedtime. Our parents were tired and the end of the day and getting exasperated. One of them whispered something and once again the giggling erupted uncontrollably.

In desperation, I yelled out, "It looks like we're going to have to separate you two." At that, my younger sister started wailing in terror. Mum and Dad went in to console her, but she cried all the more saying, "Don't separate me, don't separate me!" Earlier that day she'd been watching Mum separate a whole chicken into pieces for the barbecue grill and the image obviously stayed with her. She thought that's what we were threatening to do to her and her sister.

We sat with her and soothed her. We reassured her mummy and daddy might get mad but they would never do anything like that to hurt her. Comforted, the two little girls drifted off to sleep, and we learned a lesson about the trouble of taking things literally.

DINNER AT WISDOM'S TABLE

Jesus continued, "I am the Bread – living Bread! – who came down out of heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live – and forever! The Bread that I present to the world so that it can eat and live is myself, this flesh-and-blood self."

Do a quick calculation of how many times you've received communion. If you're a cradle Catholic, and have been taking communion since the age of

seven, that is, technically speaking, a LOT of communion. The numbers don't really matter, of course, but the habitual reception of communion does. What do we GET, exactly, when we get Eucharist?

The Church teaches that the bread and wine are Christ's Body and Blood. Transubstantiation is the million-dollar word for the event, but it's mostly helpful for theologians. Long before the invention of that word, table fellowship was shared among Christians. They understood that eating and drinking in memory of Jesus made them bearers of his life. They knew that sharing his supper also meant they shared his saving mission in the world. They believed that taking part in this meal was a commitment, a covenant in flesh and blood. This was serious business. To claim Jesus in this way meant that they might die for him.

Most of us in the receiving line at communion time will not be asked to die for Christ. But every one of us IS being asked to live for Christ. Are we in the right line, or aren't we?

Bread is the food of life. Food is essential for our bodies to function. But food and drink also give pleasure and satisfaction. When people come together to celebrate, food and drink are part of the celebration. As food and drink are to the human person so Jesus is to those who believe in him.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(August 19 - 26)

- **Monday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22)
- **Tuesday, 20:** St Bernard (Ezek 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30)
- **Wednesday, 21:** St Pius X (Ezek 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16)
- **Thursday, 22:** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Ezek 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14)
- **Friday, 23:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40)
- **Saturday, 24:** St Bartholomew (Rev 21:9-14; Jn 1:45-51)
- **Sunday 25:** 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 prior to medical treatment, or if you are ill (not necessarily life-threatening) or for last rites please contact: (08) 8210 8155 or in an emergency 0417 080 955