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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

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

The godless say to themselves:

‘Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

‘Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God’s son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 53:3-6, 8

The Lord upholds my life.

SECOND READING

James 3:16-4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and

wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn’t it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven’t got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don’t have what you want is because you don’t pray for it; when you do pray and don’t get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Thess 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia! (Continued page 4)



Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Bill Roestenberg, Nick Hacker, Fr Peter Milburn, Melissa 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

ROSTERS

| | Comm | Reader | Cleaning |
|------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| 19/9 | M Glynn | A Giggs | K Brinkley |
| 26/9 | M Slagter | W Bennett | K Brinkley |
| 3/10 | J Fernandez | P Clark | A Clark |

COVID Marshal

19/9 W Bennett 26/9 J Fernandez
3/10 M Slagter

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)
19/9 Fr Dev 26/9 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

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.

PARISH EMAIL

We have a new email address. We can now be contacted at:
cphkingscote@iinet.net.au

September is Catholic Charities month

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Putting Compassion Into Action

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.

MULTICULTURAL MASS Celebrating 107th World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Sunday September 26 at 2.30pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Adelaide. The Mass will be live-streamed as there is reduced capacity in the Cathedral due to Covid.

POST DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY GATHERING (Live stream On YouTube)

On Thursday September 23, Diocesan Assembly participants will gather at the Capri Theatre, Goodwood, for the final session of the Diocesan Assembly, which in essence wraps up the gathering and makes clear the pathway forward. You are invited to join online via the following live stream link – https://youtu.be/_otk07w-S10

SHOPPING FOR THE PLANET

Ann Henry has prepared a resource to raise consciousness in order to shop for the planet. The action is an initiative of the Council for Integral Ecology. Click here to download them <https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/news-and-events/season-of-creation> For more information contact, Archdiocesan Events (8210 8220).

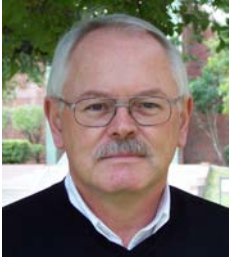
150 DAYS OF ACTION ... for refugees and people seeking asylum

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?

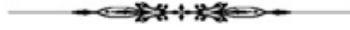
- Let your family and friends know "refugees are people just like us". Together we can build a society that respects and values refugees and asylum seekers.
- Become a supporter of a charity/parish/conference by donating: donations@svdpsa.org.au (indicate for the Vinnies Refugee & Asylum Seeker Service) or by giving much-needed items like blankets and nappies at any of the Vinnies shops marked for the Vinnies Refugee & Asylum Seeker Service.
- 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 carehttps://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
- *At the beginning of the Pandemic I asked the lady in Woolies, "Where are the nuts?" She said, "In the toilet paper aisle."*





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.



SEPTEMBER 11TH – TWENTY YEARS LATER

Twenty years ago today, struggling to digest the events of September 11th, I wrote this column. Two decades later, my reaction is the same. Here's the column.

Iris Murdoch once said that the whole world can change in fifteen seconds. She was talking about falling in love. Hatred can do the same thing: On September 11th (2001), the world changed. Two huge passenger planes, hijacked by terrorists, crashed into, and collapsed the twin towers of the World Trade Centre in New York, killing thousands of people, as television cameras recorded the event live, showing horrific, graphic scenes over and over again. Shortly afterwards, a third hijacked plane slammed into the Pentagon, even as a fourth crashed in an open field. Inside of what is supposed to be the most secure place on earth, thousands of innocent people were killed within the space of an hour.

Stunned, muted, we nonetheless tried to speak to the situation. Many of the voices we heard were hard, angry, calling for retaliation and vengeance. Most voices though were gentle, looking only for a safe, intimate place to cry, for someone to hang onto. One Internet media site simply had a blank screen, a silent gesture that spoke eloquently. What, after all, can be said?

The opening lines from the Book of Lamentations offer this haunting description: How deserted she sits, the city once thronged with people! Once the greatest of nations, she is now like a widow.

Later, this same book tells us that there are times when all you can do is to put your face to the dust and wait. Rainer Marie Rilke would

agree. Here's his advice for times like these: O you lovers that are so gentle, step occasionally into the breath of the sufferers not meant for you. ... Do not be afraid to suffer, give the heaviness back to the weight of the earth; mountains are heavy, seas are heavy.

The earth knows our pain. Sometimes silence is best.

Yet a few things need to be said even in the raw immediacy of this thing. What?

First, that each life lost was unique, sacred, precious, irreplaceable. None of these persons had ever died before and none of them should have his or her name lost in the anonymity of dying with so many others. Their lives and deaths must be honored individually. This is true too for the suffering of their families and loved ones.

Second, clear voices must call us, especially our governments, towards restraint. Many see this as an attack on civilization itself. They are right. Accordingly, our task is to respond in a civilized way, holding fast always to our belief that violence is wrong, whether it be theirs or ours. The air we breathe out is the air we eventually inhale. Violence begets violence. Terrorism will not be stopped by bitter vengeance. Catharsis doesn't bring about closure. We shouldn't be naive about that. Nor, indeed, should we be naive in reverse. These terrorist acts with their utter disregard for life, offer a very clear picture of the world these people would create were they ever given scope and license to do so. They must be stopped and brought to justice. They pose a threat to the world; but in bringing them to justice we must never stoop to their means and, like them, be driven by a

hatred that blinds one to justice and the sacredness of life.

No emergency ever allows one to bracket the fundamentals of charity and respect for life. Indeed, horrific tragedies of this sort, call us to just the opposite, namely, to fiercely re-root ourselves in all that is good and Godly – to drive with more courtesy, to take more time for what is important, and to tell those close to us that we love them. Yes, too, it calls us to seek justice and it asks for real courage and self-sacrifice in that quest. We are no longer in ordinary time.

Most of all, this calls us to prayer. What we learned again on September 11th (2001) is that all on our own, we are neither invulnerable nor immortal. We can only continue to live, and to live in joy and peace, by placing our faith in something beyond ourselves. We can never guarantee our own safety and future. We need to acknowledge that in prayer – on our knees, in our churches, to our loved ones, to God, and to everyone whose sincerity makes him or her a brother or sister inside the family of humanity.

Moreover, we are called to hope. We are a resilient people, with faith in the resurrection. Everything that is crucified eventually rises. There is always a morning after. The sun never fails to rise. We need to live our lives in the face of that, even in times of great tragedy.

I end with Rilke's words: Even those trees you planted as children became too heavy long ago – you couldn't carry them now. But you can carry the winds ... and the open spaces.

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

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 9 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 9:30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

BACKGROUND ON TODAY'S GOSPEL READING

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to preparing his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behaviour. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week's Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging.

Mark paints a vivid picture in today's Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum,

Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God's kingdom must be servants of all.

Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus' name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God's judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(September 20 - 26)

- **Monday, 20:** Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gön (Ezra 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18)
- **Tuesday, 21:** St Matthew (Prov 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21)
- **Wednesday, 22:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Ezra 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6)
- **Thursday, 23:** St Pius of Pietrelcina (Haggai 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9)
- **Friday, 24:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Haggai 1:15 - 2:9; Lk 9:18-22)
- **Saturday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Zech 2:5-9, 14-15; Lk 9:43-45)
- **Sunday 26:** 26th SUNDAY in ORD TIME (Num 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48)



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).