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(All items for the newsletter must be received no later than Tuesday evening.)

CHILD PROTECTION

We are a Child Safe Organisation which is committed to the care, well-being and protection of children and young people.

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WEEKEND MASSES

Kingscote at 9.30am

CONFESSION

Kingscote at 9.00am

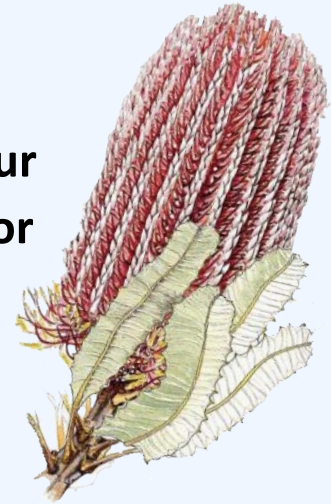
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PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Prayers for Healing and Renewal in the Church - Thursdays at 9.00am

O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.

MATTHEW 15:28



FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.'

He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's

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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Stephanie Langridge, Carmen Northcott, Joella Davidson

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 Bill Roestenburg.

Please pray for all the faithful departed and may all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ.

PARISH ROSTERS

	Comm	Reader	Cleaning
20/8	S Semler	P Bennett	C Berden
27/8	L Grant	P Clark	C Berden
03/9	K Hammat	H Mumford	A Bevan

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes

if something unforeseen crops up)

20/8	Fr Roderick O'Brien
27/8	Fr Anthoni Adimai

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 : A/c No 585353994 :

Reference: K Island or 765

2nd Collection:

BSB 085 005 : A/c No 918111484 :

Reference: Your name

KANGAROO ISLAND PARISH FUNDRAISER

Adelaide Catholic Cathedral Parish invites you to a fundraiser for the Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish to watch the upcoming Hercule Poirot film, "A Haunting in Venice". There will be raffle prizes too.

Tickets \$25 (incl movie, choc top, popcorn and bottle water) on September 24, 2.00pm at Regal Theatre, 275 Kensington Road
Purchase tickets: (08) 8210 8155 or acp@adelaide.catholic.org.au

BLESSING OF MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday September 17

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 the Parish Office know of the details so they may be acknowledged at the Anniversaries Mass on that weekend.

CAN YOU HELP?



The Kangaroo Island Wildlife Network are holding a live music Carnival on Sunday, 1 October at The Woolsheds, Cynget River.

We have been invited to manage the Sausage Sizzle for the event, which starts at 1.00pm and goes to 8.00pm. Mitre 10 are providing the shelter, cooking equipment and the food, as usual. All we have to do is cook.

If you would like to help with this great opportunity to raise some funds for the Women's Guild, please call Wendy (0475 894 755) and she will roster you on for a couple of hours.

MULTICULTURAL REVIEW

For the first time, migrants can use their native tongue to warn government about the barriers they face after arriving in Australia.

Submissions for the federal government's Multicultural Framework Review have opened and, in a landmark move, the Home Affairs Department will accept input in all languages.

Immigration Minister Andrew Giles hopes the move will help government see barriers that are currently "not visible" to policymakers.

The review, the first of its kind in a generation, will explore the experience of migrants and potential improvements to the ways they are integrated into their new home. Giles compared the process to the [Indigenous Voice to Parliament](#), which the government is pushing in a referendum at the end of the year.

"[It's] about listening and understanding that, through listening to different perspectives, we get

better policy outcomes," he said.

Home Affairs will also take the novel step of accepting submissions in video and audio format, along with the typical written submissions required by other reviews.

"We've got some very consistent feedback from younger people that they'd like to share their views, but they don't necessarily feel as comfortable expressing them by writing a document when they could [do it] directly to camera and send that in."

Information on the review will also be made available in 35 commonly-spoken languages. But after some health information was poorly translated during the COVID-19 pandemic, Giles insisted work was being done to ensure they were "both accurate in the literal sense and fully comprehensible".

Reprinted from "Cathnews"

DATES

September	Catholic Charities Month
3 Sep	Fathers' Day
29 Sep	Last day School term 3
1 Oct	Help needed Sausage Sizzle
2 Oct	Labour Day
16 Oct	First day School term 4
22 Oct	World Mission Day
12 Nov	Vinnies Christmas Appeal
15 Dec	Last day School term 4
25 Dec	Catholic Charities Appeal

I woke up this morning, with a terrible hangover ... to the sound of my neighbour mowing his lawn. I was going to get up, then I thought, "Nah, he can mow around me!!"





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

WHAT WILL HEAVEN BE LIKE?

Andrew Greeley once suggested that we might profitably meditate on the following vision of heaven: The condition of physical ecstasy and emotional satisfaction which results from sexual intercourse between two people who are deeply in love is the best anticipation currently available to us of our permanent condition in the resurrected state. “The powerful inspirational value of sexual electricity and the awesome splendors of the human body will not be inhibited in the resurrected state as they are by the weaknesses of this world. The resurrection joys, then, will be interpersonal, physical, sexual, and corporate because we will enjoy them with each other.”

More than a few people are shocked by this kind of imagery when applied to heaven. However, it is precisely this kind of image which is prominent in the way a number of great Christian mystics, including John of the Cross and Theresa of Avila, describe heaven. For them, death is your wedding night.

Moreover, when one looks at how some of the prophets, notably Isaiah, fantasize about “the end times,” one sees a remarkable similarity between their vision of what constitutes salvation and the sexual imagery of the mystics. In both cases, in the end, the vision is one of wholeness, of consummation, of love without limit, of normal life turned upside-down, of a final peace that is ecstatic. For example, when Isaiah suggests that in the last times the wolf will lie down with the lamb, the panther with the kid, and the cow and the bear will make friends, even as the lion eats straw like the ox, and when he fantasizes the end times as a great banquet of all the best foods and the choicest wines, his fantasy is different only in image, not in substance, from what Greeley suggests. In both cases, a delicious and deeply sensual image is used to describe what things can be like, and will be like, if we are open to the gift of salvation.

I highlight these fantasies because too seldom are we ever taught that our fantasies, indeed even our sexual ones, can be the place where we intuit salvation. We are the privileged exception if we have been taught that our earthly fantasies can, potentially at least, be a rich source for spiritual insight and growth. How so?

In our favorite daydreams, we often picture some of the essential components of salvation, that is, our best fantasies are inevitably images of consummation and wholeness. In them, we are consummated and consummating, made whole and making whole, knowing fully even as we are known fully, face-to-face (as Paul describes this in 1 Corinthians 13: 12-13). In our daydreams, we never lack a life-giving embrace. In our dreams, we can unreservedly and truly make love.

Our best fantasies turn reality delightfully upside-down, wherein, as in Isaiah, lions eat straw like the oxen. In our daydreams, the normal rules of the world are suspended, and we are able to perform great and noble things, irrespective of our own athletic, artistic, educational, or practical limitations. In our fantasies we are never limited by our body, race, education, background, situation, or intelligence. Nothing is impossible in our daydreams. In our fantasies we can fly—and be that one-in-a-million artist, novelist, athlete, movie star – and saint.

Moreover, in our fantasies there is justice and vindication. Just as the prophets imagined a great day of reckoning, when the arrogant will be brought down, the cruel will have to answer for their meanness, and the hidden virtue of those suffering silently will be revealed, so too in our daydreams. A good fantasy, in its own delicious way, always brings about justice. In our fantasies, we intuit a new heaven and a new earth.

Finally, in our healthy fantasies we are also always at our best and noblest. We are never petty, narrow, or small in our daydreams. There we are always paragons of virtue and nobility—

generous, kind, deeply loving, and gracious.

Thomas Aquinas distinguished between two kinds of union. For him, you can be in union with something either through possession or through desire. In our fantasies, indeed even in those that are so sensual and private as to make us ashamed of them, we are given the privileged opportunity to intuit what salvation looks and feels like.

Sadly, the concept of heaven that comes to us through church preaching, catechesis, and Sunday school is often so bland, antiseptic, dualistic, asexual, and platonic that we do not want to trade this earthly life for it. Life here, for all its pains and frustrations, still appears richer and more exciting than the heaven that’s promised us after death. Fellowship with angels, perfect light, and the prospect of sitting in silence for all eternity worshipping God, while wonderfully correct and pregnant with meaning if understood, is too abstract to tempt us beyond the pleasures of this life.

Thus, we have something to learn from the biblical prophets, the mystics – and from the seemingly irreverent imagination of Andrew Greeley.

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



COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 17/08/23)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- Procession of gifts has resumed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact

DID YOU KNOW?

- The cities of Tyre and Sidon were the leading towns of ancient Phoenicia. Both cities were on the coast of what is now modern Lebanon. The Phoenicians were descendants of the even more ancient Canaanites who populated the area earlier.
- Israel despised the Canaanites. It loathed the Canaanite religion with its pagan gods and fertility cults and found many of their practices abominable.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

All the readings for this week speak of foreigners who have accepted faith in the one God. The gospel tells of a great learning moment for Jesus. He ignores the pleas of the Gentile woman but, ultimately, she forces him to recognise that salvation is available to all people who have faith. This would have been a salient message for those in Matthew's community who struggled to come to terms with Gentiles entering their community.

PRAYER AT HOME

*O God let all the nations praise you!
O God, be gracious and bless us and
let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon
earth and all nations learn your
saving help.
O God, let all nations praise you.*

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table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

BUILDING A BIGGER HOUSE

(Matthew 15: 21 - 28)

Even dogs have hope! This is what the woman says to Jesus, when she asks him to heal her tormented daughter. She classifies her family with dogs, knowing the average Israelite would describe a Canaanite that way. Jesus is astounded by her faith and gives her the desire of her heart.

Some scholars claim Jesus was testing the woman by not responding to her request right away. Others say Jesus learned from her that his mission was larger than Israel. This seems strange to those of us who were taught that Jesus had the mind of God from the time Mary first laid him in the straw. But if Jesus is also fully human, he'd have to grow in wisdom and grace, as Luke says Jesus did.

This woman summoned up the courage to tell Jesus how to run his own ministry! The best of the prophets and saints showed this kind of spirit, sparring with God over matters of importance to them. Who knows what could happen if more people prayed with such confidence? Who knows how many of us could wrestle with God like Abraham, Jacob, Hannah, and the Canaanite woman - and win?

Do you think God's mind can be changed? Do you think there are things about which "God's mind is made up"?

ALL ARE WELCOME

My father told me the story about his being an immigrant teenager desperately looking for work with his two brothers. Employment office after employment office had signs that said, "Italians need not apply" or "No Italians wanted". To find work, they had to go inland and take the dangerous job of working in the coal mines, work that nobody else wanted.

Perhaps that is why when he opened his grocery store, he was tolerant of all who wanted to work for him or shop there. He always said that the

money people spend was green, not black or white or brown. He was pragmatic, if anything.

So, too, the church is welcoming, or should be, of all who choose to believe its message. Paul makes that clear as he brought the Gentiles into the church. Isaiah states that God's house "is called a house of prayer for all people".

So, we gather, all of us, with our differences, but united in one faith and ask for God's help in all that we do. It is that faith and our need for God's help that joins us together. All are wanted and welcome.

KIDS' CORNER

... for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples (Isaiah 56: 7)

Every three years, about a million Catholic young people from all over the world gather at an event called World Youth Day. This year's World Youth Day was in Lisbon, Portugal. It is a time for young Catholics to go to Mass together, share stories, learn about other cultures and languages and become friends. Pope Francis once said about World Youth Day: "We celebrate the fact that coming from different cultures, we have come together to pray. Let our best word be our unity in prayer".

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(21 - 27 August)

- **Monday, 21:** St Pius X (Judges 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22)
- **Tuesday, 22:** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Judges 6:11-24; Mt 19:23-30)
- **Wednesday, 23:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Judges 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16)
- **Thursday, 24:** St Bartholomew (Apoc 21:9-14; Jun 1:45-51)
- **Friday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40)
- **Saturday, 26:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 20 (Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12)
- **Sunday 27:** 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20)

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