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(All items for the newsletter must be
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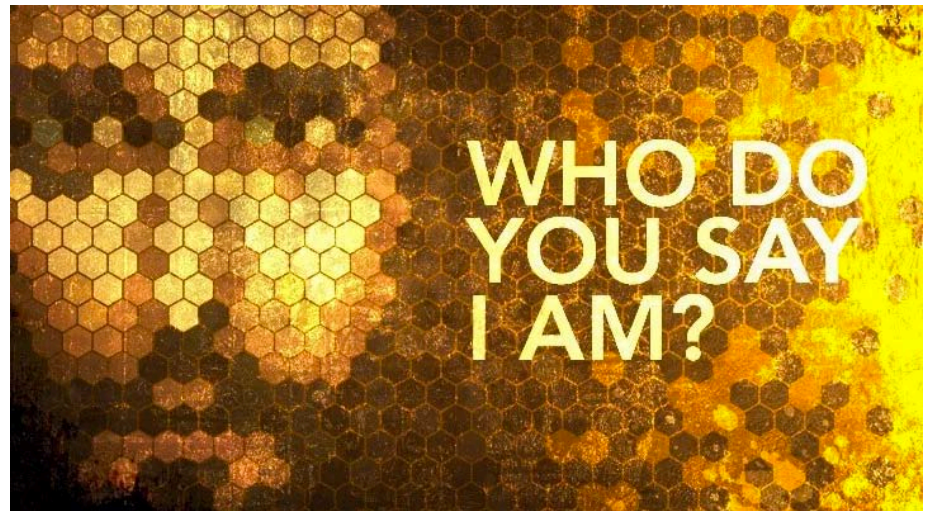
CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

WEEKEND MASSES

This weekend Mass will be held at
Kingscote at 9.30am.

With the introduction of Level 3
restrictions (1 person per 2sq.m) we
are permitted up to 78 people in our
Church, so there will be no need to
book in ahead.



FIRST READING

Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to
Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office, I
remove you from your post, and the
same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiyah.
I invest him with your robe, gird him
with your sash, entrust him with
your authority; and he shall be a
father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of
David on his shoulder; should he
open, no one shall close, should he
close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg into a firm
place; he will become a throne of
glory for his father's house.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8

*Lord, your love is eternal; do not
forsake the work of your hands.*

SECOND READING

Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God –
how deep his wisdom and
knowledge – and how impossible to
penetrate his motives or understand
his methods! Who could ever know
the mind of the Lord? Who could
ever be his counsellor? Who could
ever give him anything or lend him

anything? All that exists comes from
him; all is by him and for him. To
him be glory for ever! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

*You are Peter, the rock on which I
will build my Church, the gates of
hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of
Caesarea Philippi he put this
question to his disciples, 'Who do
people say the Son of Man is?' And
they said, 'Some say he is John the
Baptist, some Elijah, and others
Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'
'But you,' he said 'who do you say I
am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up,
'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the
Son of the living God.' Jesus replied,
'Simon son of Jonah, you are a
happy man! Because it was not flesh
and blood that revealed this to you
but my Father in heaven. So I now
say to you: You are Peter and on this
rock I will build my Church.

And the gates of the underworld can
never hold out against it. I will give
you the keys of the kingdom of
heaven: whatever you bind on earth
shall be considered bound in heaven;

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PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Greg Turner, Roy Gatton, Josh Semler.

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.

May all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ through our actions and His healing presence.

AUGUST ROSTER

	Reader	Prayers	Cleaning
23/8	P Wales	M Glynn	A Clark
30/8	P Bennett	C Pahl	C Berden

AUGUST PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

23 August	Fr Josy
30 August	Fr Dev

COLLECTIONS DIRECT PAYMENTS

If you would like to organise your Church donations via scheduled bank or Archdiocesan transfers and need some help, please contact Helen Mumford or Peter Clark.



"I tapped the page, but nothing happened!"

PARISH MASSES

KINGSCOTE

Saturday, 23rd August

Fr Josy will be with us at Kingscote this Sunday for Mass at 9.30am.

With the introduction of Level 3 restrictions (1 person per 2sq.m) we are permitted up to 78 people in our Church, so there will be no need to book in ahead.

However, we are still required to:

- Sign-in on entering the Church
 - Continue using hand sanitiser
 - Continue regularly wiping surfaces and cleaning our Church
 - Encourage those who are unwell or vulnerable to stay home
- Avoid physical greetings: hugs, kisses and handshakes.

COVID MARSHALS

From 21 August all Mass centres must have an appropriately-trained COVID Marshal in attendance during services, ceremonies and events.

The COVID Marshal counts the number of people on site to ensure the Church capacity limit is not exceeded, ensures that parishioners sign on as they enter the Church and that hand sanitiser is readily available. They will also be reminding people to maintain 1.5 metres physical distance.

Thank you to Anne-Marie Clark who has done the training and will take on the COVID Marshal role for this weekend. We need at least two or three other volunteers. Please see Peter Clark if you can help out.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

PPC will meet following Mass this Sunday.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2020 APPEAL

(September is

Catholic Charities month)

Making a difference to the lives of South Australians since 1941. Please support the Catholic Charities 2020 Appeal – pick up a brochure from parishes 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 more information please call Annie O'Neill, Manager Catholic Charities on 08 8210 8157 or visit Catholic Charities pages on the website:

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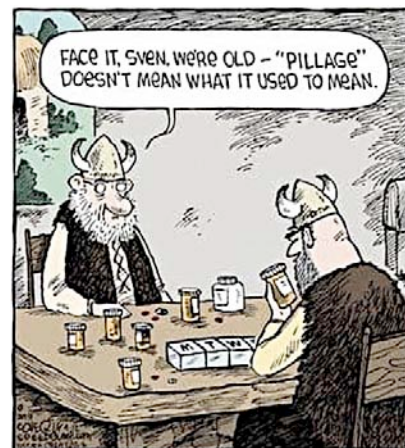
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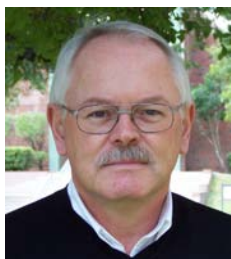
TELL NO ONE

At a new job I took years ago, everyone I met in my first days mentioned how the general manager of the organisation was a genius. They spoke of him in awed tones. And so, when I met him, I was rather disappointed. I expected him to perform great feats of intelligence and management mastery right before my eyes. Instead he was quiet, unassuming, and down-to-earth. Mostly what he did was listen.

In a few meetings I attended with him at that time I came away annoyed that I wasn't seeing in this man what I thought everyone else was seeing. After all the build-up, I had expectations of who he ought to be and he ought to act, and he wasn't meeting those expectations. And so, for a long time I missed seeing what later came to be quite obvious - his own brand of quiet genius. He was not one to make a big splash. His gift was being able to see the essence of things and to keep our organisation focused on what mattered most. Expecting one thing, I almost missed what I had.

So, when I hear Jesus advise the apostles to tell no one he was the Christ, I can finally understand his point. Perhaps what he's saying is, "Let them discover this truth fresh for themselves". After all, if they start with wrong expectations of who Jesus ought to be, they might just miss the opportunity to encounter the Living Christ. *GPBS eNews*





Ron Rolheiser column

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PORNOGRAPHY AND THE SACRED

The ancient Greeks had gods and goddesses for everything, including a goddess of *Shame* called *Aidos*. Shame for them meant much more than it normally means to us. In their mind, shame brought with it modesty, respect, and a certain needed reticence before things that should remain private and hidden. The goddess of shame instructed you as to when you were supposed to turn your eyes away from things too intimate to be seen. Shame, as they understood it, contained a modesty and reverence you were supposed to feel in the presence anything sacred or when you were receiving a gift or when making love.

They had an intriguing myth undergirding this: *Aphrodite*, the goddess of Love, is born out of the sea; but, as she rises above the waves in her stunning beauty, her nakedness is shielded by three deities: *Aidos*, the goddess of shame; *Eros*, the god of love; and *Horai*, the goddess of propriety. They protect her naked body with love, propriety, and shame. For the ancient Greeks, this was a religious truth, one which taught that without these three deities of protection, the naked body should not be seen. When nakedness (of any kind) is not protected by these deities, it is unfairly exposed and dishonored.

I cite this myth to make a case against pornography, since today it is too naively accepted in the culture and its real harm is mostly unrecognized.

Let me begin this way. First, internet pornography is today, far and away, the biggest addiction in the whole world. No credible analyst or critic will deny that. Like all addictions, it's also deadly. Yet, more and more we see our society become casual and even indifferent to it.

Pornography is everywhere, is often seen as harmless, and it's not uncommon to see mainstream sitcoms on television speak of someone's porn collection as they might speak of his collection of toy airplanes. Beyond that, we have more people positively challenging those who speak out against pornography. I've had colleagues, Christian theologians, say: "Why are we so uptight about seeing sex! Sex is the most beautiful thing God left us, why can't it be seen?"

Why can't it be seen? We might begin with Carl Jung's statement that one of our greatest naiveties is that we believe that energy is friendly and is always something we can control. It isn't. Energy is imperialistic, it wants to take us over and control us. Once it takes hold of us, it can be hard to turn off. That's one of the reasons why pornography is so dangerous. Its energy takes hold like a "demonic" possession.

But pornography is not only dangerous, it's also wrong, badly wrong. Those who protest that sex is beautiful and there should be nothing wrong in seeing it are, in fact, half right; sex is beautiful ... but its energy and nakedness are so powerful that it should not be seen, at least not without the deities of love, propriety, and shame in attendance.

As Christians, we don't believe in a pantheon of gods and goddesses, we believe in only one God; but that God contains all other deities, including *Aphrodite*, *Aidos*, *Eros*, and *Horai* (Beauty, Shame, Love, and Propriety). Moreover that God is always shielded from our look, shrouded, hidden, not to be approached except in reverence, and for a reason. Our faith tells us, *no one can look at God and live*.

That's why pornography is wrong. It

isn't wrong because sex isn't beautiful, but rather because sex is so powerful as to carry some of the very energy and power of the divine. That's also why pornography is so powerfully addictive – and so harmful. Sex is beautiful but its naked beauty, like the naked body of *Aphrodite* arising out of the sea, may only be looked at when it's properly attended by love and propriety and protected by shame.

In the end, all sins are sins of irreverence and that irreverence always contains some impropriety, disrespect and shamelessness. Pornography is a sin of irreverence. Metaphorically, it is standing before the burning bush with our shoes on as we watch *Aphrodite* arise naked out of the sea without being accompanied by love and propriety without shame shielding our eyes from her nakedness.

There's why the world of art makes a distinction between being naked and being nude, and why the former is degrading while the latter is beautiful. The difference? Being naked is being unhealthily exposed, exhibited, shown, peeked at, in a way that violates intimacy and dignity. Conversely, being seen nude is to have your nakedness properly attended to by love and propriety and shielded by shame so that your very vulnerability helps reveal your beauty.

Pornography degrades both those who indulge in it and those unhealthily exposed in it. It is wrong from both a human view and the view of faith. From the human view, *Aphrodite's* naked body needs to have divine shields. From the view of faith, we believe that no one can look at the face of God and live

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

COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(The following conditions apply for the time being)

- Attendance for mass is dependent on the 1 in 2 sq.m rule restriction.
- This number also applies for funerals and weddings.
- Except for families and household groups, people should socially distance.
- There should be no physical contact outside one's family or household group.
- There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- Every gathering must record contact details. Logs are located at the entrance to the Church.
- Hand sanitizer is to be available at church entrances.
- Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- No collection plates or hymn books are to be passed around.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- 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.
- Collection plates will not be passed around but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- Offertory procession will be omitted.
- Care should be taking at the dismissal and on leaving the church to minimise social contact.
- The obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage.

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whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.



EXPLORING THE WORD

At this point in the gospel, Jesus and his chosen have travelled and lived together for some time. He invites them to explore what they understand of his identity. Even in his question there is explicit hint of his identity, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' The people offer a variety of opinions: John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets. But it is Peter who adds to the title Son of Man by recognising Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God.

This same Peter whose faith faltered when he was buffeted by the wind and waves (see Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time) has now shown that he is open to God and recognises Jesus for who he is. But this is not the end of Peter's story. There are ups and downs in his response, as there are in our own. As long as we remain open to the gift of faith, we are offered forgiveness when we fail to treasure what God has given to us.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Caesarea Philippi is north of the region of Galilee. It was given to Herod the Great by Augustus Caesar and Herod built a white stone temple there and dedicated it to his patron. After Herod's death it passed into the hands of his son, Philip, who built his capital here – thus the name, Caesarea Philippi.
- The great stone temple built by Herod was at a natural spring which is the source of the Jordan River. The temple was dedicated to the Roman god of nature, Pan. The cave of Pan is housed in a high natural edifice of rock and it was here that Jesus reputedly told

Peter, that he, too, would be a rock on which the Church is built – not dedicated to a pagan god but to the one true God.

SHARING THE TRADITION

The Pope is the Bishop of Rome, a city traditionally associated with evangelisation by Peter. This gospel text is the one which is traditionally used as the basis for the Church's teaching on the primacy of the Pope in guiding and unifying the Church but he is assisted in this task by all the bishops. There have been 266 Popes from Peter to the present pontiff, Francis. The Pope's voice is an especially privileged one in the Church. This does not mean that everything the Pope says or does is without error. What he teaches must be taken with seriousness because of the office he holds. There are only rare occasions when the Pope speaks solemnly and with full authority on any particular matter. At other times he is expressing the teachings of the Church and offering an 'authoritative' guide to the faithful.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS (23 - 30 August)

- **Monday, 24:** St Bartholomew (Apoc 21:9-14; Jn 1:45-51)
- **Tuesday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (2 Thess 2:1-3, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26)
- **Wednesday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (2 Thess 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32)
- **Thursday, 27:** St Monica (1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51)
- **Friday, 28:** St Augustine (1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13)
- **Saturday, 29:** The Passion of St John the Baptist (Jer 1:17-19; Mk 6:17-29)
- **Sunday 30:** 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20)

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