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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

Job 38:1, 8-11

From the heart of the tempest the
Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed
doors when it leapt tumultuous out
of the womb, when I wrapped it in a
robe of mist and made black clouds
its swaddling bands; when I marked
the bounds it was not to cross and
made it fast with a bolted gate?

Come thus far, I said, and no farther:
here your proud waves shall break.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Give thanks to the Lord, his love is
everlasting.*

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

The love of Christ overwhelms us
when we reflect that if one man has
died for all, then all men should be
dead; and the reason he died for all
was so that living men should live
no longer for themselves, but for
him who died and was raised to life
for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do
not judge anyone by the standards of
the flesh. Even if we did once know

Christ in the flesh, that is not how
we know him now. And for anyone
who is in Christ, there is a new
creation; the old creation has gone,
and now the new one is here.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet
has appeared among us; God has
visited his people. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Mark 4:35-41

With the coming of evening, Jesus
said to his disciples, 'Let us cross
over to the other side.' And leaving
the crowd behind they took him, just
as he was, in the boat; and there
were other boats with him. Then it
began to blow a gale and the waves
were breaking into the boat so that it
was almost swamped. But he was in
the stern, his head on the cushion,
asleep. They woke him and said to
him, 'Master, do you not care? We
are going down!' And he woke up
and rebuked the wind and said to the
sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the
wind dropped, and all was calm
again. Then he said to them, 'Why
are you so frightened?'

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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

June anniversaries: Dorothy 'Mardi' Atkison, William 'Bill' Bauer, Shirley Black, Doris Bosanko, Norma 'Aileen' Cartel, Tony Cairney, William Christopher, Craig Feltus, Mary Alice Grace, Benjamin Hayes, Henry Hughes, Sarah Hughes, Fr P P Kelly, Alan Lashmar, Maria Loechel, Ann McAnnally, James McAnnally, Lillian Murphy, Laurence O'Daly, Dean Page, Ruth Perkins, Molly Polly, Edna Rayson, Mary - Douglas Rosentreter, Brenton Semler, Henry Tabor, Michael Wilcox, Alice Willson, Brian Willson, Mary Connell.

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

PARISH ROSTERS

	Prayers	Reader	Cleaning
23/6	M Glynn	A Clark	C Berden
30/6	P Bennett	M Slagter	C Berden
7/7	W Bennett	S Semmler	C Berden
14/7	M Glynn	K Hammat	C Berden
21/7	S Semmler	M Slagter	A Bevan
28/7	K Hammat	P Bennett	A Bevan

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

23/06	Fr Lancy D'Silva
30/06	Fr John Stuart-James
07/07	Fr Santhosh Nazareth CSC

SAFEGUARDING OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

All children have the right to food, clothing, a safe place to live and to have their basic needs met.

Though we live in a developed country, there are still children who do not enjoy these rights. Children are disadvantaged and live in poverty for various reasons. Many children do not have the food, shelter or clothing they need for survival. Our Catholic charities and agencies, both here and overseas, strive to help children and families to ensure that they receive what they need to be healthy and participate fully in society. As God gives so abundantly to us his love and

forgiveness, let us give, through prayer, time or money, whatever we can to help children in need.

Child Protection Unit (8210 8159)

CATHOLIC WOMENS' GUILD

The next Catholic Womens' Guild meeting will be held at 9.30am tomorrow (Monday, June 24).

KIDS' CORNER

So, whoever is in Christ is a new creation. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

There's practically nothing better than waking up and remembering that it's school holidays. You've got a couple of weeks ahead of you. You can play with friends, go to the park, read books, go to the movies, ride your bike or just sit and do nothing. This is actually good for you because when you go back to school, you can feel refreshed – like a whole new creation. But don't think about going back to school just yet. Right now, think about the holidays ahead – and how you can keep Jesus by your side.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Sunday 30 June

There will be a special collection for the Holy Father's Appeal next weekend. The Appeal is for the works of the Holy Father and helps him provide funds for emergency assistance to those in need, in particular the victims of war, oppression and natural disasters. Thank you for your generosity.

GOSPEL BACKGROUND

Today's reading describes how Jesus calmed a storm at sea. It is the first of four miracles that are presented in sequence at this point in Mark's Gospel.

As is typical in Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are frightened by the sudden storm; they do little to inspire confidence in the reader. Mark notes the contrast between the disciples' terror and Jesus' peace. Jesus is sleeping, untroubled by what is going on around him.

The disciples' words to Jesus are telling. They are familiar enough with Jesus to dare to wake him. Their words to him are words of reproach, questioning his care for them. A careful reader might wonder what the disciples expected Jesus to do. Are they more troubled by the storm or by Jesus' inattentiveness to their needs? How many of us have chided a family member or friend for not agreeing with our assessment of the severity of a situation?

Today's Gospel offers evidence of Jesus' power and authority as he calms the storm. In his day, power over nature was believed to be a sign of divinity—only God calms storms. Jesus' rebuke of the storm also echoes the rebuke he uses when he talks to and expels demons. In each situation, Jesus' power and authority is a sign of his divinity. Indeed, the disciples are left wondering about Jesus' identity at the conclusion of today's Gospel. They see before them a human being who acts with the authority and power of God. The disciples' uncertainty about Jesus' identity is a recurring theme in Mark's Gospel.

This Gospel is a metaphor for our lives. We are in the boat, the storms of life are raging around us, and like the disciples, we may believe that Jesus is unconcerned, or "sleeping." If we feel that Jesus is sleeping, are we comfortable enough to wake Jesus and present him with our needs? Jesus does not chide his disciples for waking him. Instead he chides them for their lack of faith, for their lack of perspective. When we bring our worries to God in prayer, we might just begin to learn to see things from God's perspective. *Loyola Press*

DATES

05 Jul	Last day School term 2
07 July	NATSICC Appeal
22 Jul	First day School term 3
11 Aug	Vocations Appeal
15 Aug	Assumption Virgin Mary
31 Aug - Sep 8	Adelaide Show
Sep	Catholic Charities month
27 Sep	Last day School term 3
28 Sep	AFL Grand Final
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
13 Dec	Last day School term 4 (Yrs 10, 11, 12 vary)
25 Dec	Catholic Charities Appeal



Just bought a log cabin from Ikea



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

GIVING ONE'S DEATH AWAY

According to the renowned mystic John of the Cross, we have three essential struggles in life: *to get our lives together, to give our lives away, and to give our deaths away.* What is asked of us in the first two struggles is more obvious. But what does it mean *to give our deaths away*?

In essence, it means this: How we die leaves behind a legacy, a particular spirit, which either nurtures or haunts those left behind. If we die in bitterness and anger, not at peace with our loved ones, ourselves, and our God, we will leave behind a spirit which is more toxic than nurturing. Conversely, if we die reconciled and at peace with our loved ones, the world, and with God, then like Jesus, we will leave behind a spirit which nourishes, warms, consoles, and gives our loved ones sacred permission to be at peace. How we die colors our legacy, and that legacy is either a gift or a burden to those we leave behind.

On November 23rd, 2023, Richard (Rick) Gaillardetz, a renowned theologian, died of pancreatic cancer while still in the prime of his life. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, gifted lecturer, friend and mentor to many, a sports enthusiast, with a robust sense of humor. He also had a solid Christian faith that would be put to the test during the months of his terminal illness.

When he was diagnosed with cancer more than a year before he died, his doctors told him it was terminal, there was to be no cure; he needed to face the brutal fact he was going to die within the next two years. He did face that. Moreover, in doing so, he tried (not without some agonizing struggles) to make his death a conscious gift to his family and to the world. During the months leading up to his death, he kept a blog which shared what it is like to know you are dying and to accept that in love and faith, even within the agony of having to let go of life and wrestle

with the powerful instinctual resistances within us.

Those blogs have been brought together in a book, *While I Breathe I Hope – A Mystagogy of Dying*, edited by Grace Agolia.

Here are some of Rick's feelings and thoughts:

- Unlike many saints in our tradition, I did not choose this diminishment; it has been thrust, unbidden and unwanted upon me. But I do see in it an invitation to a graced vulnerability, a call to abandon a misplaced confidence in my own vigor and bodily autonomy.
- I am praying for both the grace for diminishment and the grace of diminishment.
- One of the demons I confront daily is an overweening ego that endlessly clamors for attention like a whining toddler, drowning out the needs and concerns of others. One of the unexpected graces of diminishment appears as I am drawn kicking and screaming out of my natural egotism to discover within a much-neglected reservoir of compassion for the suffering of others.
- I must confess to an occasional preoccupation with the final dying process. What will it be like? How will I handle it when my bodily organs begin to break down and the real dying begins? Will the peace I now feel sustain me through that quite 'different' time? ... What I hold most firmly in my heart through all this is the conviction that God has so profoundly encompassed me in love over these past several months since my diagnosis that, surely, God will not abandon me in those final days and hours.
- I now belong to the ragged band of the elderly and infirm. These are now my people, my last tribe.
- Giving my death away is not just a matter of accepting my inevitable

physical demise; giving my death away bids me to embrace experiences of passive waiting, diminishment, and marginality as a liberation from the slavery of personal achievement and self-importance. If I give these experiences due space, they beckon me beyond my egoistical self and enlarge my soul. They draw me to a greater compassion for the pain and suffering of others and encourage me to pray for others in the midst of their own suffering and impending death. Herein lies the gentle pedagogy of dying and rising.

- "My final task is to return to God the life graciously given to me."

In his farewell speech to his disciples, Jesus promised that after he had been taken from us, he would leave behind his spirit, the spirit of peace. When we go away we all leave behind us an unspoken spirit which affects those we have left behind. If we die at peace with God, others, and ourselves, then like Jesus, our loved ones, while grieving our loss, will in the deeper part of themselves, feel nourished, warmed, and consoled by their every memory of us.

Rick Gaillardetz RIP, you have left us (family, friends, the world) the gift of peace.

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



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

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.

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DID YOU KNOW?

- 'The other side' refers to the eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee, This was known as pagan territory, the region of the Decapolis or the 'Ten cities', which were not part of the traditional lands of Israel.
- The Sea of Galilee was (and still is) notorious for storms which could blow up very quickly and be tempestuous.
- In Genesis 1, God brought order to the watery chaos at creation purely through his command. Here, Jesus does the same simply by verbal command.
- In Mark's gospel, the disciples are often portrayed as missing the point and failing to recognise who Jesus is!

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How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

GOD UNLIMITED

(Mark 4: 35 - 41)

Awake now, Jesus told the wind to pipe down and he said to the sea, "Quiet! Settle down!" The wind ran out of breath; the sea became smooth as glass. Jesus reprimanded the disciples, "Why are you such cowards? Don't you have any faith at all?" They were in absolute awe, staggered. "Who is this, anyway?" they asked. "Wind and sea at his beck and call!" (Mark 4:39-41)

Some scholars are fishermen, but it doesn't follow that all fishermen are scholars. Certainly, the guys who followed Jesus since Galilee didn't betray hours of brilliant learning. If they'd studied Scripture much, they might have recognised in Jesus' absolute control of the waters the divine authority displayed in the Old Testament. God sets limits on the waters in Genesis, and ever after the waters are under heavenly control. Think Noah and the ark, Moses and the Red Sea, Elijah and the long famine without rain, Job and the Voice from the Whirlwind, Jonah and the great fish, to name a few. Only God can wield power over the forces of chaos represented by water. If Jesus could do it too, then logic would suggest that Jesus had a special relationship to God.

But we can't really blame the first disciples for not recognising the power of God when they were up to their necks in it. How often do astonishing events come into our lives, and we just say, "What luck!" or "How talented I am!" never acknowledging the true source of grace.

GIVE YOURSELF A TIME OUT

(Mark 4:35-41)

When she was a small child, my niece had a meltdown one day in the middle of the ornate foyer of her paediatrician's office in the city. She did not want to leave, but she didn't want to stay. She had entered the

dreaded toddler contrarian mode that no amount of cajoling can deactivate. Her legs collapsed and she lay prostrate on the rich marble floor being traversed by beautifully clad businesspeople who stared at us with withering "can't you please control that child" looks.

At our wits' end, we dragged my precious darling niece across the foyer and out the door, where we lifted her kicking and screaming and put her into the car. Her Mum and Dad then let out a torrent of words that included phrases like "never so embarrassed," "big trouble," "no TV," "time out." Before their tirade was complete they looked into the rearview mirror and saw that my niece had fallen asleep. "Good God," we thought, "she was just tired. Why didn't we see that? Why didn't we handle the situation better?"

The words from Psalm 46 came to mind: "Be still and know that I am God," which are reminiscent of Jesus' command to the wind and sea in this week's gospel: "Quiet and still." I sat still for a long time, just listening to my niece's steady breathing. I realised I was the one who was in big trouble and in need of time out. I wish the inspiration had come sooner. Maybe next time it will. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(24 - 30 June)

- **Monday, 24:** The Nativity of St John the Baptist (Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80)
- **Tuesday, 25:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 12 (2 Kg 19:9-11, 14-21, 31-36; Mt 7:6, 12-14)
- **Wednesday, 26:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 12 (2 Kg 22:8-13, 23:1-3; Mt 7:15-20)
- **Thursday, 27:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 12 (2 Kg 24:8-17; Mt 7:21-29)
- **Friday, 28:** St Irenaeus (2 Kg 25:1-12; Mt 8:1-4)
- **Saturday, 29:** Sts PETER and PAUL (Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19)
- **Sunday, 30:** 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-24, 35-43)

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