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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

Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!

Hail the chief of nations!

Proclaim! Praise! Shout:

‘The Lord has saved his people, the
remnant of Israel!’

See, I will bring them back from the
land of the North and gather them
from the far ends of earth; all of
them: the blind and the lame, women
with child, women in labour: a great
company returning here.

They had left in tears, I will comfort
them as I lead them back; I will
guide them to streams of water, by a
smooth path where they will not
stumble.

For I am a father to Israel, and
Ephraim is my first-born son.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 125

*The Lord has done great things
for us; we are filled with joy.*

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:1-6

Every high priest has been taken out
of mankind and is appointed to act
for men in their relations with God,
to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins;
and so he can sympathise with those
who are ignorant or uncertain
because he too lives in the
limitations of weakness. That is why

he has to make sin offerings for
himself as well as for the people. No
one takes this honour on himself, but
each one is called by God, as Aaron
was. Nor did Christ give himself the
glory of becoming high priest, but he
had it from the one who said to him:
*You are my son, today I have become
your father; and in another text: You
are a priest of the order of
Melchizedek, and for ever.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Tim 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done
away with death, and brought us life
through his gospel.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 10:46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his
disciples and a large crowd,
Bartimaeus (that is, the son of
Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting
at the side of the road.

When he heard that it was Jesus of
Nazareth, he began to shout and to
say, ‘Son of David, Jesus, have pity
on me.’ And many of them scolded
him and told him to keep quiet, but he
only shouted all the louder, ‘Son of
David, have pity on me.’ Jesus
stopped and said, ‘Call him here.’ So
they called the blind man. ‘Courage,’
they said ‘get up; he is calling you.’

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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Bill Roestenberg, Nick Hacker, Fr Peter Milburn, Melanie Howson, Sr Carmel Clarke

October anniversaries: Murray Brook, Leo Clark, William Commerford, Trish Dennes, Clifford Dow, Barry Dunn, Leo Dunn, Katarina Faist, James Gibbs, Mary Alice Gibbs, Rosie Grace, Harry Hughes, Thomas Hughes, Kath Hutton, Licci Longzaer, Philis Lorimer, John Lowry, Winifred Lydon, Mary Morrissey, Noel Perkins, Harry Rich, Alf Rombout, Betty Walsh, Bernard Williams, Ethel Willson, Joan Wilson and all the faithful departed.

Recently deceased: Pat Hadland

ROSTERS

Comm	Reader	Cleaning
24/10 M Glynn	N Clark	C Berden
31/10 S Semler	A Gibbs	H Mumford

COVID Marshal

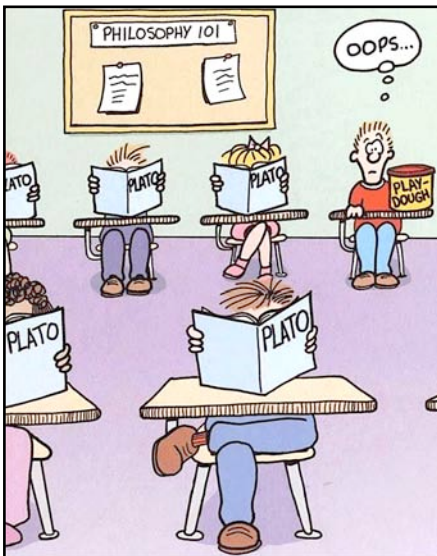
24/10 A Clark
31/10 W Bennett

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)
24/10 Fr Prathap
31/10 A/bishop O'Regan / Fr Josy

PRAYER FOR HEALING

Parishioners are invited to a Prayer for Healing and Renewal gathering on Thursdays: 9.00am - 9.30am.



CONFIRMATION 31 OCTOBER



Archbishop Patrick O'Regan

We are pleased to have five candidates for Confirmation when Archbishop Patrick O'Regan visits Kangaroo Island next weekend. Special thanks to Helen Mumford for all her work helping prepare Harry, Grace, Joshua, Rianna and AJ for their big day. The candidates will also receive their First Communion, following the Confirmation ceremony.

Following the Mass, everyone is invited to a join in a shared meal at the Lions Hall, to celebrate with the children.

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Please read the most up-to-date information on page 4 of this bulletin.

FIRST COLLECTION

The funds we contribute to the first collection each week are the primary means of sustaining our Priests, Deacons and retired Priests in our 55 parishes.

Remember, you can now donate to the first Collection via the 'Giving' section on the Find a Mass App.

Thank you for your generosity and for your care for the wellbeing of our Priests and Deacons.

JESUS IS CALLING

At Mass today, I brought with me a long list of prayer intentions. I have friends who are out of work or who hate the jobs they have. I know people who are depressed, sick, or

lonely; lots and lots of people who wish their lives were different than what they are. Sometimes I want to call out, like the man at the side of the road: "Jesus, have pity! Have pity!"

And Jesus is calling back, "What can I do for you?" I don't always know. What's best for all my suffering friends? The right job or the right relationship may not be enough. Happiness doesn't arrive in the neat packages we expect. Bartimaeus was sure of what he wanted, and he had the courage and strength to spring up and run to Jesus. Maybe his response is the best one, and the only one we need: "I want to see". If each of us could clearly see we might not be so regularly paralysed by the events in our lives. We might spend less time frozen to the diving board, and more time in the water.

Which aspects of your life are unclear to you? Where is Jesus calling you to be right now?

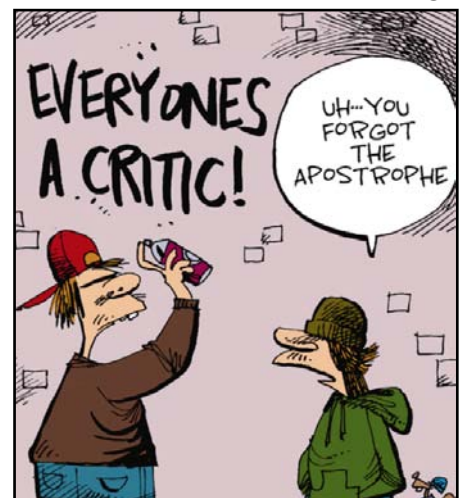
Seek a clear vision. Pray more faithfully. Ask for advice from someone you trust. Read the Scriptures. Make retreat or reflection time a normal part of your routine.

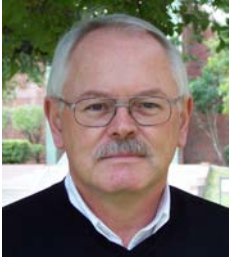
"It's your lucky day! Get up! He's calling you to come!" *GPBS eNews*

QUOTE

"You can wreck one rainforest then move, drain one area of resources and move onto another, but climate change is global."

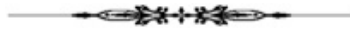
David Attenborough





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



PERMISSION TO BE SAD

Let the preacher say, you have permission to be sad!

In a book, *When the Bartender Dims the Lights*, Ron Evans writes: “There’s a line I came upon in the musings of a preacher: On a Sunday morning many of the people sitting before you are the walking wounded, and you need to give them permission to be sad. In a world obsessed with happiness, where being great is all that matters, let the preacher say, you have permission to be sad. And in a world where old age becomes the golden years, where every problem can be fixed and every ailment cured, let the preacher say, you have permission to be sad. In a world preoccupied with prolonging life, where death is a forbidden word, let the preacher say, you have permission to die. And let the preacher say, you have permission to live in memories of a lonesome kind.”

Today neither our culture nor our churches give us sufficient permission to be sad. Occasionally, yes, when a loved one dies or some particular tragedy befalls us, we are allowed to be sad, to be down, tearful, not upbeat. But there are so many other occasions and circumstances in our lives where our souls are legitimately sad, and our culture, churches, and egos do not give us the permission we need to feel what we are in fact experiencing – sadness. When that is the case, and it often is, we can either deny how we feel and go through the motions of being upbeat, or we can give way to our sadness, but only at the price of feeling there is something wrong with us, that we should not be feeling this way. Both are bad.

Sadness is an unavoidable part of life and not, in itself, a negative

thing. In sadness, there is a cry to which we are often deaf. In sadness, our soul gets its chance to speak and its voice is telling us that a certain frustration, loss, death, inadequacy, moral failure, or particular circumstance or season of our lives is real, bitter, and unalterable. Acceptance is our only choice and sadness is its price. When that voice is not listened to, our health and sanity feel a strain.

For example, in a particularly challenging (raw) book, *Suicide and the Soul*, the late James Hillman states that sometimes what happens in a suicide is that the soul is so frustrated and wounded that it kills the body. For reasons too complex and many to know, that soul could not make itself heard and was never given permission to feel what it was in fact experiencing. At an extreme, this can kill the body.

We see this in a less-extreme (though also deadly) way in the phenomenon of anorexia among young women. There is an irresistible pressure from the culture (often coupled with actual bullying on social media) to have a perfect body. Unfortunately, nature doesn’t issue many of those. Thus, these young women need permission to accept the limitations of their own bodies and to be okay with the sadness that comes with that. Unfortunately, this isn’t happening, at least not nearly enough, and so instead of accepting the sadness of not having the body they want, these young women are forced (no matter the cost) to try to measure up. We see its sad effects.

Psychotherapists, who do dream work with clients, tell us that when we have bad dreams, the reason is often that our soul is angry with us. Since it cannot make itself heard during the day, it makes itself heard

at night when we are helpless to drown it out.

There are many legitimate reasons for being sad. Some of us are born with “old souls”, poets, oversensitive to the pathos in life. Some of us suffer from bad physical health, others from fragile mental health. Some of us have never been sufficiently loved and honored for who we are; others have had our hearts broken by infidelity and betrayal. Some of us have had our lives irrevocably ripped apart by abuse, rape, and violence; others are simply hopeless, frustrated romantics with perpetually crushed dreams, agonizing in nostalgia. Moreover, all of us will have our own share of losing loved ones, of breakdowns of all sorts, and bad seasons that test the heart. There are a myriad of legitimate reasons to be sad.

This needs to be honored in our Eucharists and in other church gatherings. Church is not just a place for upbeat celebration. It is also supposed to be a safe place where we can break down. Liturgy too must give us permission to be sad.

D.H. Lawrence once famously wrote:

- *The feeling I don't have, I don't have.*
- *The feelings I don't have, I won't say I have.*
- *The feeling you say you have, you don't have.*
- *The feelings you would like us both to have, we neither of us have.*

We need to be true to our souls by being true to its feelings.

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

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 19 October, 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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So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

SEE THE WAY

One day at work I got a call from my sister. She was dealing with a difficult situation at home, but she caught me at an awkward time when I was up to my ears in deadlines, and I was neither much help nor much support. We both ended the call feeling lost and hurt and confused. Rather than sit and stew I took a break and walked over to St Peter Julian's, a church in downtown Sydney that's open all day long. As I sat in one of the back rows off to the side, I saw dozens, if not hundreds of people come in, kneel, and say their prayers. A number of them looked like I felt - in need of some kind of help.

I remembered the question Jesus put to Bartimaeus: "What do you want me to do for you?" Like Bartimaeus I prayed, "Master, I want to see". I wanted to see a different and better way of acting. I wanted to see what I had done wrong and a way to make it right. I wanted to see beyond my own hurt feelings to a place where my sister and I were back on the same page again rather than at odds. I think a lot of us in the church that day were offering the same prayer: "Master, I want to see".

I'm sure that once I made my prayer and went back to work, God found little ways throughout the day to let me see the way. For me, it usually doesn't come as a flash of light, but the divine light shines, nonetheless. And the more I ask, the more I see.

The Commissioning: Open your eyes; rejoice in the glory of God's creation! Open your eyes; rejoice in the friendships you have made and can make! Open your eyes; rejoice in the community of faith who supports you and who is with you! Open your eyes; rejoice in the challenges of the week that lies ahead of you! Open your

heart; rejoice in the God who goes with you and who will sustain you! We are wide eyed, waiting in joy and in hope. *GPBS eNews*

EXPLORING THE WORD

This scene from the gospel is very easy to picture in our minds. A blind beggar sits in the dusty gutter in his despair and abandonment. Most people would look the other way and ignore him. To be afflicted in such a way was seen to be a result of sinfulness. But Bartimaeus hears the noise of the crowd and tunes in. No doubt, in the commotion, he hears others saying that it is Jesus of Nazareth who approaches. The cry of Bartimaeus is very instructive, 'Son of David, have pity on me'. Not only does the blind man recognise who Jesus is, but what he can do. He is the Messiah, therefore he can make the blind see. Jesus responds with a classic invitation to discipleship, 'Call him here'. In response to this call to come to Jesus, Bartimaeus leaves behind what is probably his only possession (in contrast to the rich young man), his cloak, and presents himself in his nothingness, ready to be filled with all that Jesus can offer. His faith, his receptivity and his response to the invitation are rewarded. His sight restored, he follows Jesus along the road. What a profound lesson there is to be learned from Bartimaeus.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(October 25 - 31)

- **Monday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 30 (Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17)
- **Tuesday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 30 (Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21)
- **Wednesday, 27:** Weekday, Ord Time 30 (Rom 8:26-30; Lk 13:22-30)
- **Thursday, 28:** Sts Simon and Jude (Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-19)
- **Friday, 29:** Weekday, Ord Time 30 (Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6)
- **Saturday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 30 (Rom 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29; Lk 14:1, 7-11)
- **Sunday 31:** 31st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Deut 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28-34)

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).