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### **CHILD PROTECTION**

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

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#### **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

Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' the Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find

forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 137:1-3, 6-8

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

#### **SECOND READING**

Colossians 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised:

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### PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Bill Roestenburg, Sue Semler, Joelle Davidson

July anniversaries: Alma Adams, Eadie Adams, Sid Adams, Peg Anderson, Lill Buick, Phil Connell, John Connell, Henry Dravitzki, Leon Fahey, Paul Glynn, Joyce Grant, Mick Grant, Bill Higgins, Monica Hughes, Barry Jamieson, Judith Jeffs, Damian Howard, Leigh McDonald, Kym Moses, Cameron Muirhead, Ron Mumford, Alexander Nash, Alice O'Neill, Alice O'Driscoll, Jill Perkins, Charles Reynolds, Nora Ridge, Johnny Tully, John Walsh, Tony Walker, Robyn Williams and all the faithful departed.

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



#### **PARISH ROSTERS**

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#### **PRIEST ROSTER**

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### **COVID RESTRICTIONS**

For the latest Archdiocesan restrictions please see page 4 of this bulletin.

#### **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.

#### **FATHERS' DAY RAFFLE**

Donations for the Fathers' Day Raffle will be gratefully received.

#### **TEA AND COFFEE**

are available at the back of the Church following Mass. All are welcome.

### SECOND WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Pope Francis has proclaimed the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly this Sunday (24 July). In announcing this, Pope Francis has chosen the theme "In old age they will still bear fruit." - Psalm 92:15.

It is held on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The Holy Father said he instituted the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly because "grandparents are often forgotten, and we forget this wealth of preserving roots and passing on' what the elderly have received. He emphasised the importance of grandparents and grandchildren getting to know one another, because 'as the prophet Joel says, grandparents seeing their grandchildren dream," while "young people, drawing strength from their grandparents, will go forward and prophesy.'

# BLESSING OF SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

After a very successful and positive response in 2021, it has been decided that the celebration for Wedding Anniversaries in the Archdiocese will continue to be held in local communities to recognise couples in their life-long commitment.

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 Peter Clark know of the details so they may be acknowledged at the Anniversaries Mass on the weekend of Sunday 18 September.

#### **DONATE LIFE WEEK**

Sunday 24 - Sunday 31 July
DonateLife Week is a national
awareness week that promotes
donation and encourages more people
to talk to their family and register.
While the majority of Australians
believe it's important to be an organ
and tissue donor, only one in three are
currently registered.

We want all Australians to talk about organ and tissue donation. If you want to be a donor, make sure you tell your family and friends. Registering is easy and only takes one minute. All you need is your phone, Medicare card and one minute to register.

It doesn't matter how old you are, your medical history, your lifestyle, what country you're from or how healthy you are — you can still register as an organ and tissue donor. If you would like to register as a donor go to:

https://www.donatelife.gov.au/register-donor-today

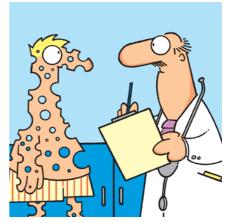
# SEAFARERS NEED YOU MORE THAN EVER

More than 90% of the world's goods and fuels are transported around the world thanks to seafarers. Without them the world economy would grind to a halt. This would place businesses and millions of jobs around the world in jeopardy. Day and night for 365 days per year, the Mission is on call providing help for seafarers in over 200 ports around the world.

For more information on our work visit: <a href="mailto:seasunday@missiontoseafarers.org">seasunday@missiontoseafarers.org</a>

Our **Special Collection** for the Apostleship of the Sea will be taken up this weekend.

May we follow Christ in the nurturing and realising of God's reign of universal love and comprehensive justice, even in the midst of doubt and uncertainty. May Christ's victory on the cross be our guiding light and our inspiration at all times.



"I've lost 60kgs on the Swiss Cheese



## 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

# THE TEMPTATIONS OF THE GOOD PERSON

Many of us are familiar with an often-quoted line from T.S. Eliot; *The last temptation is the greatest treason; to do the right deed for the wrong reason.* This, he suggests, is the temptation of the good person. What's the temptation?

In John's Gospel, Jesus asks his listeners this question, "How can you believe who receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from God?" What's Jesus' challenge here? This: We can do all the right things, be doggedly faithful, resist every kind of compromise, and even accept martyrdom – but why? To be respected? To be admired? To win approval? To win a permanent good name for ourselves?

Aren't these good, noble enough reasons?

They are. However, as T.S. Eliot suggests in Murder in the Cathedral, a temptation can present itself as a grace, and that can be the case in terms of being virtuous. He illustrates this through the struggles of his main character, Thomas a Beckett. Beckett was the Archbishop of Canterbury from 1162 until he was murdered in his own Cathedral in 1170. As Eliot presents him, Beckett does all the right things. He is altruistic, radically faithful, resists all compromise, and is ready to accept martyrdom. However, as Eliot highlights, these can be "the temptations of the good person", and it can take some time (and a deeper maturity) to distinguish certain temptations from grace. Hence, Eliot coined these now-famous lines:

Now is my way clear; now is the meaning plain: Temptation shall not come in this kind again.
The last temptation is the greatest treason: To do the right deed for the wrong reasons. ...
For those who serve the greater cause. Make the cause serve them.

Those who serve the greater cause can easily make the cause serve them, blind to their own motivation.

Don't we all know it! Those of us who work in ministry, in teaching, in administration, in the media, in the arts, and those of us who are habitual good Samaritans helping out everywhere, what ultimately drives our energy as we do all this good?

Well, motivation is rarely simply straightforward. We are a complex, often tortured creatures of motivation. Here's a little parable vis-à-vis motivation from the Sufi tradition that suggests that we don't have a single motivation but have multiple *motivations*. The parable runs this way.

There was a holy man, a guru, renowned for his wisdom who lived near the top of a mountain. One day three men showed up at his door, seeking counsel. He questioned the first one: "Did you climb up this mountain to see me because I'm famous or because you truly are interested in gaining some wisdom?" The man answered, "To be truthful, I came to see you because of your fame, though, of course, I'm also interested in receiving some counsel." The guru dismissed him, "You aren't yet ready to learn." He turned to the second man and asked him the same question, "What's the real reason you climbed up this mountain to see me?" This man's answer was different. "It's not your fame that drew me here," he said, "I'm not interested in that. I want to learn from you." Surprisingly, the Guru also dismissed him, telling him that he was not yet ready to learn.

He turned to the third man, "Did you climb this mountain to see me because I'm famous or because you truly seek some counsel?" The man replied, "To be honest, it's for both reasons, and probably for a good number of other reasons that I am unaware of. I did want to see you because you are famous and I do really want to learn from you, and I am not even sure that either of them is the real reason I came to see you." "You're ready to learn", said the holy man.

T.S. Eliot presents his main

character in Murder in the Cathedral as a man who does all the right things, is recognized for his goodness, but is someone who still has to examine himself as to his real motivation for doing what he does. What Eliot highlights is something which should give all of us who are trying to be good, virtuous, faithful persons, pause for reflection, scrutiny, and prayer. What's our real motivation? How much is this about helping others and how much is about ourselves, about gaining respect, admiration, a good name – and having a good feeling about ourselves?

This is a hard question and perhaps not even a fair one, but a necessary one which, if asked, can aid us in our quest for a deeper level of maturity. In the end, are we doing good things because of what it does for others or because of what it does for us?

As we stand somewhat naked and exposed before this question, we can take some consolation in the message contained in the Sufi parable. This side of eternity our motivations are pathologically complex and mixed.

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



# COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

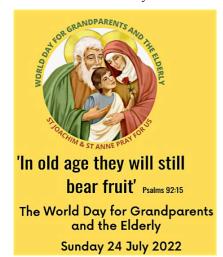
(Current from 20/07/22)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please follow the instructions as per SA Health in terms of contact tracing and isolating yourself as per government health protocols. Please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- The density requirement has been updated to full capacity in all churches and also includes funerals and weddings.
- Wearing of face-masks in Church is strongly recommended by the Archbishop.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home and not attend services.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- Procession of gifts has resumed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

The reluctance of the man in the parable to get up to help his friend may be explained if we understand the houses of the period. Animals often occupied the ground floor at night while the family spread out their sleeping mats on an overhead platform. The door was often difficult to bolt. This man would have disturbed the entire family and flock.



(Continued from page 1) he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Rm 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

#### **GOSPEL**

Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the

heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'



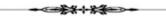
#### THE COURAGE TO PRAY

Prayer requires courage. Imagine the flutter in Abraham's heart when he asked God to consider the innocent who would suffer with the guilty in the destruction of evil cities! Who is Abraham to tell God what is just? Yet our every prayer of petition is roughly the same. With hearts fluttering, we ask God to act according to our perception. It's a bold thing to do.

Jesus encourages his disciples to pray with daring. He tells us to ask for God to reveal divinity to us! That's a big request. Jesus also teaches us to ask for more immediate and practical concerns like food, forgiveness, and to be spared the tug of sin on our hearts. Jesus says we can ask for anything in prayer, big or small, trusting the One who loves us desires our welfare more than we do. With confidence, then, let us pray.

What are the most common obstacles you face in prayer, and how can you overcome them?

"Ask and you'll get; seek and you'll find; knock and the door will open. Don't bargain with God. Be direct. Ask for what you need". GPBS eNews



## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(25 - 31 July)

- *Monday, 25:* St James (2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28)
- *Tuesday, 26:* Sts Joachim and Anne (Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43)
- *Wednesday, 27:* Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Jer 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13:44-46)
- *Thursday, 28:* Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53)
- *Friday, 29:* Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus (1 Jn 4:7-16; Jn 11:19-27:)
- *Saturday, 30:* Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12)
- *Sunday 31:* 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21)

#### **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