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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.

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

Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust?'

When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-9

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to

be better than yourself, So that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your

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PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Greg Turner, Roy Gatton, Josh Semler, Roy Gatton, Leo Sexton, Joyce Pearson (*Cathy Howson's mother-in-law*)

September anniversaries: Frank Berden, Mary Bowery, Gwen Caldicott, Audrey Carslake, Peg Dow, Thomas Drane, Bernadette Florance, Christopher Glynn, Loretta Hartley, Catherine Hughes, Patrick Hughes, Pearl Malycha, Elvie Meaney, Dean Larcombe, Julia Martienses, Eeileen Morris, Reginald Pahl, Maise Rooney, Vera Shannon, James Smith 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.

ROSTERS

	Reader	Prayers	Cleaning
27/9	M Glynn	C Pahl	A Bevan
4/10	M Slagter	W Bennett	A Bevan
11/10	J Fernandez	K Wales	K Brinkley
18/10	K Hammat	P Clark	K Brinkley
25/10	S Semler	A Gibbs	A Clark

OCTOBER PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

27 Sept	Fr Dev
4 October	Fr John Vildzius
11 October	Fr George Nader and friends
18 October	Fr Philip Marshall
25 October	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.

PARISH MASSES

With the current 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.

CARERS WEEK (11 - 17 October)

During this week we acknowledge and celebrate carers in our community.

September is Catholic Charities month

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Putting Compassion Into Action

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:

www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/charity-and-giving/catholic-charities/about-catholic-charities- Donations of more than \$2 are tax deductible.

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.

ORDINATION OF BISHOP OF PORT PIRIE

Bishop-elect Karol Kulczycki SDS will be ordained in Poland on Monday September 29, prior to his installation as Bishop of Port Pirie Diocese on October 28. The Ordination Ceremony will be live streamed on the following website: <https://www.sdsau.com/bishop/>

CATHOLIC MISSION 2020 APPEAL
(October is World Mission Month)

The theme of the October Catholic Mission Appeal is inspired by Nehemiah 8:10, "for the joy of the Lord is your strength". This year our appeal focuses on the work of the Church in Cambodia, reaching out to those who have been affected by disability, whilst supporting work in over 1100 dioceses worldwide and 14 parishes within Australia.

Please support Catholic Mission online www.catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia via envelopes, or Text GIVE to 0488 854 436 (include your

parish name in the notes). For more information contact Tony Johnston – Diocesan Director Adelaide Archdiocese (0407 168 002).

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER VIRTUAL WEEKEND

'A Beautiful Relationship is a journey from me to we.'

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Australia invites couples for Australian Worldwide Marriage Encounter Virtual Weekend – Friday October 9 from 6.30pm to Sunday October 11 3.30pm. For info visit www.wwme.org.au or 0409 183 676).

FAIR GAME

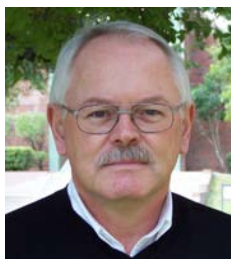
When I taught high school, I spent a number of years coaching a soccer team. Then I became a soccer referee. That was back when I could still run up and down a field for an hour blowing a whistle.

What I liked about the game of soccer and especially about "refing" was that no arguing with the referee was tolerated. If you tried it, the ref would give you a "yellow card," holding it up to your face without speaking a word. It was your only warning. Do it again and he would "red card" you, kicking you out of the game if you were a player or off the field if you were the coach. It was the ref's way only. It taught players patience. It taught them to concentrate on the game and not to blame those officiating for their problems. It taught us all to keep our mouths shut. Consequently, when I became a referee, I took the responsibility to be fair and accurate seriously.

Scripture reminds us that God is just and forgiving. But our actions and our choices make a difference. We can argue all that we want and say what we think needs to be said as we compare ourselves with others. But it is to no avail. God judges us by God's standards and not by our perceptions.

GPBS eNews





Ron Rolheiser column

Ronald Rolheiser, a Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is president of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas. 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



GOD IS HAPPY

Christianity, Judaism, and Islam ultimately all believe in the same God. Interestingly, too, in the popular mind they also all tend to conceive of God in the same way, namely, as male, celibate, and not being particularly happy.

Well, the gender of God is not something we can ever conceptualize. God is neither male or female, nor some androgynous mix of gender. So how can we conceptualize God's gender? We can't, pure and simple. Classically we've spoken of God as male, even as we know that this isn't exactly true because we affirm, dogmatically, that God is ineffable, incapable of ever being captured in any concept. That also holds true for our notion of God as celibate, as not having a wife. How masculinity and femininity interrelate in God is also ineffable, incapable of being conceived of, but we know God is not simply a male celibate.

But what about that other popular notion, namely, that God is not particularly happy, especially with us?

Here we have a clear answer: God is happy. How can God not be? If God is perfect oneness, perfect goodness, perfect truth, perfect beauty, and perfect fullness in every way, how then can God not be perfect happiness? An unhappy God would not be God for such a God would be lacking the power to make Himself (pardon the pronoun) happy. Not a minor inadequacy for God. So a perfect God is also a perfectly happy God. But that's a metaphysical statement. We can still ask, is God happy emotionally and is God happy with us? Mustn't God frown at times and shake his head in disappointment at our behavior? Surely God

can't be happy with a lot that goes on in our world. God can't be happy in the face of sin.

Well, just as in every other thing about God, there are things here we cannot comprehend. However, this much must be affirmed, both from what's deepest in revelation in our scriptures and from the testimony of countless good people: God is happy! God is not habitually disappointed with us, frowning at our weaknesses, and sending the majority of us to hell. Rather, God is like the loving parent of a little child, forever luring us forwards, delighting in our energy, wanting us to flourish, saddened when we act in ways that bring unhappiness to others and to ourselves, but understanding of weakness rather than angry and unhappy.

Julian of Norwich, the famed mystic, describes God this way: God sits in heaven, smiling, completely relaxed, his face looking like a marvelous symphony. When I first read this passage some years ago, I was taken aback both by the concept of God as smiling and by the image of God as relaxed. I had never thought of God as "relaxed". Surely with all that's happening in our world and surely with all the betrayals, large and small, in our lives, God must be tense, frustrated and anxious. It's difficult but easier to picture God as smiling (at least sometimes), but it's exceedingly difficult to picture God as relaxed, as not being tense about all that's wrong with us and our world.

Here's my journey in grappling with that. I was wonderfully blessed in my religious background. From my parents and family, through the parish community I grew up in, through the Ursuline nuns who taught me in school, you couldn't have ordered a more-ideal faith

milieu. I experienced faith and religion being lived out in real life in a way that gave it credibility and made it attractive. My seminary training and theological studies strongly reinforced that. But, all that time, underneath, there was a picture of a God who wasn't very happy and who smiled only when the occasion merited it, which wasn't very often. The consequence of that in my life was an anxious attempt always to measure up, to be good enough, to not make God unhappy, and to earn God's approval and affection. But of course, we can never be good enough, never measure up, and so it's natural to believe that God is never really happy with us and never really happy at all.

In theory, of course, we know better. We tend to have a healthier concept of God theoretically; but the heart is not so easy to bring inside. It's hard to feel inside myself that God is happy, happy with us, happy with me. It has taken me seventy years to realize, accept, take consolation in, and finally bathe in the fact that God is happy. I'm not sure what pulled all the triggers inside me that helped me make that shift, but the fact that God is happy comes to me now whenever I'm praying whole-heartedly, nakedly, and sincerely. It's also what comes to me when I look at the saints in my life, those men and women whom I most look up to in faith, who reflect the face of God for me. They're happy, relaxed, and not perpetually frowning in displeasure.

You can read, or download, Ron Rolheiser's weekly columns from his website at: www.ronrolheiser.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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opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will? "The first" they said. Jesus said to them, "I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him."

DID YOU KNOW?

- The 'chief priests and elders' are the leaders of the Jewish religious community. They were the ones with training and were learned in the Scriptures. They should have known and recognised what is from God but they are like the son who says 'yes' and fails to carry out God's will.
- Prostitutes and tax collectors are often bracketed together because both were considered 'sinners': prostitutes for their sexual behaviour and tax collectors because they cooperated with the Roman authorities and cheated their own people.

EXPLORING THE WORD

A great deal has happened since last week's gospel reading in the lectionary. Jesus is now in Jerusalem. He has entered the city (Mt 21:1-11) and has taken possession of the Temple, driving out those who corrupt his Father's house (Mt 21:12-17). The crisis point of Jesus' ministry has arrived and he will enter into conflict with the established religious authorities.

The point of this text is that it is not the 'conventionally religious', who mouth all the right words and go through the rituals, who will enter the kingdom. Instead it is the ones who, by their actions, carry out God's will and so will become the sons and

daughters of God. John the Baptist, like Jesus himself, not only preached righteousness, he lived it. Jesus describes him as 'a pattern of true righteousness' (Mt 21:32) and it was the broken people, the tax collectors and prostitutes, who accepted what he had to bring. They believed in him, repented and experienced a change of heart and life.

LIVING THE WORD

- Words are one thing, but deeds are another. In the long run it is deeds which count more. 'Actions speak louder than words'. More importantly, this little story tells us that change is possible, even after a negative decision. We have the ability to have second thoughts and respond generously; we can decide to do the right thing. At times, it is those who are not expected to do the right thing that surprise us!
- Who are the people in your life who inspire you because of the consistency of their vision and action?
- Sometimes it is the simple people who inspire us the most. How might you emulate their approach? Are there ways you can be an inspiration for others? Are there ways you can publicly witness to saying 'yes' or acting for justice this week?

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(28 September - 4 October)

- **Monday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Job 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50)
- **Tuesday, 29:** Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael (Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51)
- **Wednesday, 30:** St Jerome (Job 9:1-13, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62)
- **Thursday, 1:** St Therese of the Child Jesus (Job 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12)
- **Friday, 2:** The Holy Guardian Angels (Ex 23:20-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10)
- **Saturday, 3:** Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24)
- **Sunday 4:** 27th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43)

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).