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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 9.30am.
All welcome.



FIRST READING

Amos 6:1, 4-7

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in
Zion and those who feel so safe on the
mountain of Samaria.

Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on
their divans, they dine on lambs from
the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they
bawl to the sound of the harp, they
invent new instruments of music like
David, they drink wine by the
bowlful, and use the finest oil for
anointing themselves, but about the
ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.

That is why they will be the first to be
exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:6-10

Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for
ever, who is just to those who are
oppressed. It is he who gives bread
to the hungry, the Lord, who sets
prisoners free. <R>
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the
blind, who raises up those who are
bowed down. It is the Lord who
loves the just, the Lord, who
protects the stranger. <R>
3. He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's
God, from age to age. <R>

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 6:11-16

As a man dedicated to God, you must

aim to be saintly and religious, filled
with faith and love, patient and gentle.
Fight the good fight of the faith and
win for yourself the eternal life to
which you were called when you
made your profession and spoke up
for the truth in front of many
witnesses. Now, before God the
source of all life and before Jesus
Christ, who spoke up as a witness for
the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I
put to you the duty of doing all that
you have been told, with no faults or
failures, until the Appearing of our
Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed
by God, the blessed and only Ruler
of all, the King of kings and the Lord
of lords, who alone is immortal,
whose home is in inaccessible light,
whom no man has seen and no man
is able to see: to him be honour and
everlasting power. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Jesus Christ was rich but he
became poor, to make you rich
out of his poverty. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees, 'There was
a rich man who used to dress in purple
and fine linen and feast magnificently
every day.

And at his gate there lay a poor man
called Lazarus, covered with sores,
who longed to fill himself with the

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Bulletin Board

KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Brianna Chudlee, Peter Weatherstone, Annette Roestenburg, Michelle Glynn, Rebecca Semler, Chris Heath, Simon Laundry, Josh Semler

August anniversaries: Frank Berden, Mary Bowery, Jimmy Browne, Terrence Browne, 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, Eileen Morris, Reginald Pahl, Maisie Rooney, Brenton Semler, Vera Shannon, James Smith.

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

PARISH ROSTERS

	Reader	Prayers	Cleaning
28/09	W Bennett	M Slagter	C Berden
05/10	P Bennett	M Glynn	C Berden
12/10	A Clark	W Bennett	H Mumford
19/10	M Slagter	TBA	H Mumford
26/10	P Bennett	K Hammat	H Mumford

PRIEST ROSTER

28/09	Liturgy
05/10	Fr Francis Showri
12/10	TBA

SEPTEMBER IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES MONTH

In the month of September, we are promoting the Catholic Charities Appeal which supports the following agencies in South Australia: Hutt St Centre, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Centacare Catholic Family Services, Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's Special Schools. Please take an envelope with you to find out more about the September Appeal. Donations can be made via the reply-paid slip on the envelope or online at <https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/qr/cc>.

There is a **Special Collection** this weekend for people who prefer to donate this way.

WORKING BEE

A huge thank you to the following people for helping at the Working Bee in the the backyard of the Parish House on 21 September: Maree and Denis Perkins, Reg and Viv Willson Cathy and Gary Howson, Josh and Helen Mumford, Jacinta Connell Christine Weatherstone.



Sunday 30 November

Confirmation and First Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 9.30am Mass at the Kingscote Catholic Church. Presiding priests will be Vicar General Fr Dean Marin and Fr Lancy D'Silva.

There will be a shared lunch after Church at the RYOB hall. You are most welcome to join the children and their families in the celebration.

Please pray for Winston and Ben as step by step they move towards completing their initiation into the Catholic faith community.

QUESTIONS OF DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE

Interdiocesan Tribunal of Adelaide

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote 'charity and mercy demand that the Church, like a good mother, be near her children who feel themselves estranged from her'.

The Interdiocesan Tribunal of Adelaide is a service of the Church to assist with the pastoral care of Catholics and non-Catholics who are civilly divorced, and who are seeking to remarry or who want clarification of their standing in the Church.

The Tribunal also assists remarried persons seeking to have their current marriage recognised in the Church, as well as remarried persons wishing to be baptised or received in the Catholic Church.

Any divorced person, or a divorced and remarried person is welcome to contact the Adelaide office of the Tribunal to obtain further information, or to have their status within the Church clarified.

The office is open Monday to Friday, and you are welcome to contact the Tribunal on 8210 8225 or tribunal@adelaide.catholic.org.au

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD FORMATION SESSIONS AVAILABLE ONLINE

All are invited to prepare for the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod by engaging with the online Synod Formation Series featuring experts and guest presenters from across the globe. Each online

session includes a video presentation, reflection worksheet, and links to additional resources and study materials on a variety of topics. To access the Synod Formation Series and information on upcoming sessions contact Peter Bierer (pbierer@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

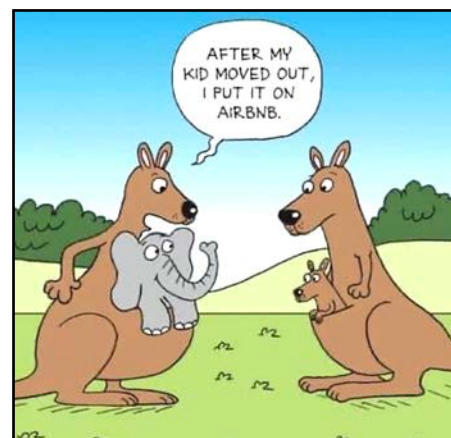
CARITAS AUSTRALIA – SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation's call for Peace with Creation aligns powerfully with the Turn Debt into Hope campaign, as communities burdened by debt are often those facing the worst environmental challenges.

This Season of Creation (September 1 – October 4), Caritas Australia is inviting parishes to stand in solidarity with vulnerable communities in need of sustainable development and ecological renewal by: signing the Turn Debt into Hope petition – caritas.org.au/debt committing to practical, everyday actions that promote ecological sustainability and care for creation by registering to become a Catholic Earthcare Household - caritas.org.au/catholic-earthcare/

WHAT'S ON

Sep	Catholic Charities Month
Oct	World Mission Month
19 Oct	Mission Day Appeal
26 Sep	Last day School term 3
6 Oct	Labour day holiday
13 Oct	First day School term 4
9 Nov	Supporting our Clergy Campaign
16 Nov	St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal
12 Dec	Last day School term 4
25 Dec	Catholic Charities Appeal





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

EVERYTHING IS WRONG ABOUT THEM, EXCEPT THEMSELVES

Gilbert K. Chesterton, the renowned Catholic apologist, was great friends with George Bernard Shaw, the famous playwright, even though Shaw, an agnostic, had major issues with Chesterton's belief in God and especially with him becoming a Roman Catholic. Indeed, when he heard that Chesterton had become a Roman Catholic, he wrote him a letter expressing his disappointment.

Ever the colourful writer, Shaw ended that letter describing to Chesterton a vision he had of him going to confession: "You will have to go to confession next Easter, and I find the spectacle – the box, your portly kneeling figure – all incredible, monstrous, comic. Now however I'm becoming personal (how else can I be sincere?)."

But these differences didn't deter them from being great friends. They had a deep respect for each other and valued each other. Indeed, at one stage, Chesterton felt a need to defend Shaw from well-intentioned Christians who were vilifying him because of his agnosticism. Speaking in Shaw's defence, he wrote: "There is one fundamental truth in which I have never for a moment disagreed with him. Whatever else he is, he has never been a pessimist or in spiritual matters a defeatist. He is at least on the side of Life. Everything is wrong about him except himself."

Most of us, I suspect, have friends like that, people who no longer walk the path of explicit faith with us. From a certain Christian point of view, most everything is wrong with them, except themselves. They aren't professed agnostics or atheists, but they don't fit the description of a practicing Christian either. They rarely go to church, mostly disregard the church's teaching on sex, pray only when in crisis, consider us church-goers naïve, and are too immersed in life here-and-now to think much about God, church, and eternity.

Yet they radiate life, often in ways that challenge us. There's something about them that's very right, inspiring even, and life giving. They may be practical agnostics and ecclesial atheists, but their presence often brings positive energy, goodness, love, intelligence, sunshine, and humour into a room.

Don't read this wrong: This does not imply (as does an over-simplistic, rationalising notion that's popular today) that those who do go to church and try to follow the church's rules are the naïve and immature, while those who don't go to church and make their own rules are the enlightened and the mature. No. There's nothing enlightened about people drifting away from the church, thinking they are beyond church, living outside its rules, or believing that a passionate focus on this life justifies a neglect of the other world. That's a fault in religiosity, and often a fault too in wisdom and maturity.

Simply put, the wonderful energy we see in the many good people we know who no longer go to church is precisely just that, wonderful energy, though not something to be confused with depth.

For example, I look at many of our talented pop musicians and see how they can make people dance, no small thing, a godly thing even. We dance too little and our spirits are often too heavy. But that doesn't give us license to confuse playful energy ("Ob-la-dee, Ob-la-da, life goes on!") with wisdom or depth. It's a wonderful thing to make people dance, to bring sunshine into a room, to lift human hearts so they can drink in life a bit more, but that's not the full menu, nor indeed the deeper part of the menu. It is what it is, a good thing in itself, but only that.

But it's on the right side of things. It's on the side of life. It helps bring divine energy into a room, and that needs to be blessed. That's why, as Christians, we need to bless our good ecclesial agnostic friends and let ourselves be blessed by them.

That's also why we should be more discriminating in our use of phrases like "a culture of life" and "a culture of death." God is the ultimate author of all that is good, whether that goodness, sunlight, energy, color, and warmth is seen inside a church building or outside of it. And wherever that energy is good, there's "a culture of life," even if it might also be carrying some elements of "a culture of death."

Richard Rohr says not everything can be fixed or cured, but it should be named properly. What's wrong is wrong, and should be named as wrong, but what's good is good, and should be named as good. I look at some of my "pagan" friends, at their energy, their warmth, what they bring into a room, and it helps lift my heart. Everything is wrong about them, except themselves. God also made their sunshine and their warmth. They don't go to church, and that isn't good; but they are often on the side of life and their implicit faith helps me to remain on the right side of things. And that is good.

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.

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A/c No 100000067
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"You received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here." (Luke 16:25)

It's hard to see people suffer. We sometimes don't want to look. It's too much, and even a little scary sometimes. Here, Lazarus is covered with sores. He lies at the door of the rich man's home. Maybe the rich man is bothered by seeing him. Maybe Lazarus has been there so long that he's forgotten to notice him. But Jesus wants us to notice. He wants us to help. And if we can't help, we find someone who can. Today, look carefully and with love at the people around you. Is there someone you might not have noticed before who is suffering? How will you help?

Jesus our brother, give me courage to help.

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scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

THE BOY AT THE BUS STOP

Every morning, Sarah drove her kids to school. They passed the same bus stop every day. And every day, there was a boy sitting on the bench – hoodie pulled over his head, old school bag at his feet, staring at the ground. Sarah noticed him but didn't think much of it. Life was busy: school lunches, work emails, traffic.

One wet, freezing morning, her daughter said, "Mum, that boy's shoes are soaked. Look – he's shivering." Sarah glanced over but kept driving. Someone will help him, she thought.

Weeks passed. The boy was always there. Always alone. One day, he

wasn't. The bench was empty. That afternoon, Sarah overheard someone at school say a boy from the neighbourhood had been taken into care after missing weeks of school. Something in Sarah's heart sank.

That night, she couldn't stop thinking about him. She thought of the mornings she had driven past, all the times she could have stopped, asked if he was okay, offered help. She whispered a prayer: "Lord, give me eyes to see and a heart to act next time." And the next time she saw someone in need – she did stop.

Jesus told the story of a rich man who stepped over a poor man named Lazarus every day, ignoring his suffering. When they both died, Lazarus was comforted, but the rich man was left with regret.

Like the rich man, it's easy to become so focused on our own lives that we don't see the "Lazarus" right in front of us – the lonely neighbour, the struggling student, the newcomer sitting by themselves at Mass.

But Jesus' story is a wake-up call. He invites us to open our eyes, see the people around us, and respond with compassion today – not tomorrow, not someday. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(29 September - 05 October)

- **Monday, 29:** Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael (Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51)
- **Tuesday, 30:** St Jerome (Zech 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56)
- **Wednesday, 01:** St Thérèse of the Child Jesus (Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62)
- **Thursday, 02:** The Holy Guardian Angels (Ex 23:20-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10)
- **Friday, 03:** Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Baruch 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16)
- **Saturday, 04:** St Francis of Assisi (Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24)
- **Sunday, 05:** 27th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-9)

PASTORAL CARE

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