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(All items for the newsletter must be
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evening.)

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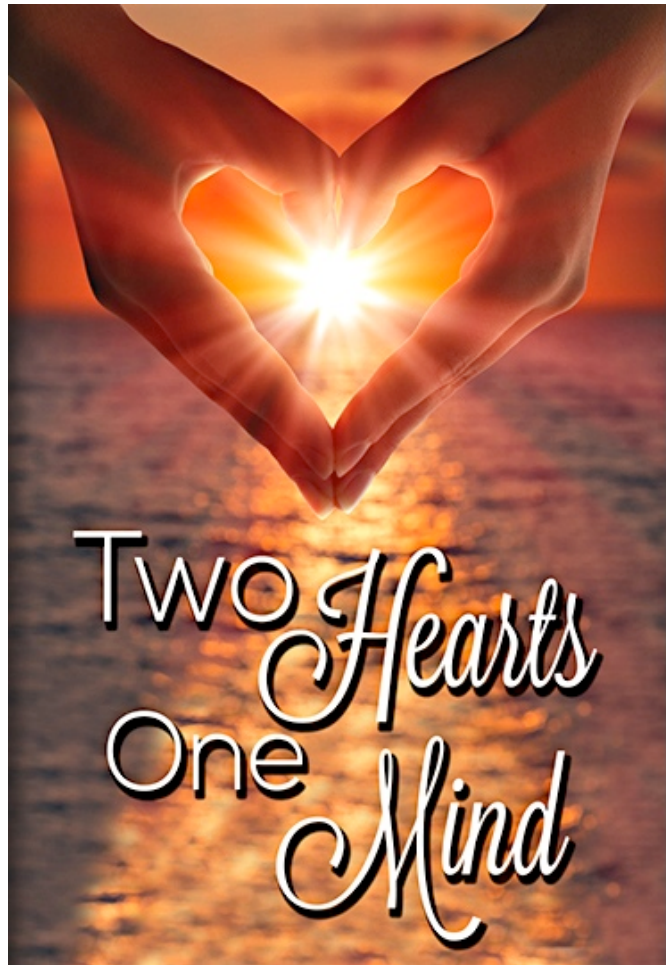
**KANGAROO ISLAND
TRANSFERS (0427 887 575)**
generously donate transport for
our visiting Priests.

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

WEEKEND MASSES

This weekend Mass will be held at
Kingscote at 9.30am.



FIRST READING

Deut 4:1-2, 6-8

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before

you today?'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 14:2-5

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

SECOND READING

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. (Continued page 4)



Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Bill Roestenberg, Carmel Northcott, Nick Hacker

August anniversaries: Mary Banner, Joyce Bowbridge, Jimmy Browne, Steven Browne, Terence Browne, David Buick, Irene Darcy, Don Christie, John Commerford, David Cooper, Allan Forst, Paul Glynn Jr, Henry Hughes, Annemie Huys, Mary Kildea, Hazel Keitel, Daniel Lydon, Dot May, John Mertens, Rebecca Murch, Lorna Murphy, Winifred O'Daly, Margaret Rich, Joseph Ryan, Simon Slagter, Chris Slattery, Kathy Slotegraaf, Florence Tabor, Bracken Walker, Bill Willson, Owen Willson and all the faithful departed.

Recently deceased: Sabu Sebastian (*Fr Josy's brother - result of accident in India*)

ROSTERS

| | Comm | Reader | Cleaning |
|------|----------|---------|-----------|
| 29/8 | K Hammat | L Grant | H Mumford |

COVID Marshal

29/8 C Weatherstone

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

29/8 Fr Prathap

PRAYER FOR HEALING

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

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

The density we are allowed is still 3 people per 4 sqm. Masked singing is allowed. Please read the most up-to-date information on page 4 of this bulletin.

VISIT OF ARCHBISHOP

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will be coming to KI for confirmation on 31 October. More details later.

MASKS ARE MANDATORY



TRADING TABLE

The KI Inter-Church Committee is holding a trading table to support the local School Chaplaincy programme on 29 September at Century 21, Dauncey Street. They would very much appreciate donations of plants, food, knitwear, craft products etc for sale on that day.

MAJOR EARTHQUAKE HITS HAITI



Earthquake destruction in Haiti

Caritas Australia's thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Haiti who have been devastated by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake. Over 1,900 people have died, and thousands more left injured. Homes, churches and schools have been damaged in the quake, and reports indicate that more than 37,000 families have been left homeless. The country also continues to grapple with COVID, poverty, and ongoing political instability and violence. There is immediate and urgent need for food, water, shelter, hygiene kits and first aid on the ground.

To provide support, you can donate to Caritas Australia's Emergency Response Appeal. Donate today at www.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413 toll free.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 29 August. The Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement, *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals.

The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded.

More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or phone (02) 6201 9845.

September is Catholic Charities month

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Putting Compassion Into Action

CHARITY IS AT THE HEART OF LIVING CATHOLIC

Catholic Charities is your umbrella organisation that supports the following agencies working with the most vulnerable in South Australia.

Catholic Charities supports:

- Hutt St Centre
- SA Catholic Deaf Association
- Aboriginal Catholic Ministry
- Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's Special Schools
- Centacare Catholic Family Services

Make a donation today by post:

Catholic Charities Appeal

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GPO Box Adelaide SA 5001 or

online at www.adelaide.catholic.org.au

Envelopes will also be available in the Church foyer during September.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

Applications open for additional Diocesan Assembly participants. Individuals and representatives from communities and groups not already registered for the Diocesan Assembly are invited to apply to be an Assembly participant. Apply online at www.adelaidediocesanassembly.org/eoi by Monday August 30. Successful applicants will be notified by Friday September 3.

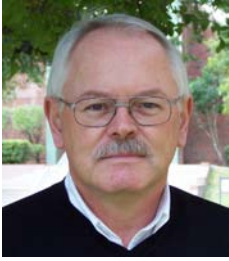
For more information visit:

www.adelaidediocesanassembly.org or contact Sarah Moffatt, email smoffatt@adelaide.catholic.org.au.

CRYING OUT

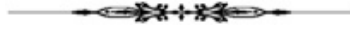
The SA Dialogue of The Roman Catholic and Uniting Churches

Please click on link to: ["Crying Out – Exploring the Statement from the Heart and are for the environment"](#) a resource developed over the past 18 months by the SA Dialogue of Roman Catholic and Uniting Church.



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 FADING OF FORGIVENESS

In a recent issue of *Comment Magazine*, Timothy Keller, theologian and pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City, wrote an insightful essay entitled, *The Fading of Forgiveness*, within which he highlights how, more and more, forgiveness is being seen as a weakness and a naivete.

He begins by pointing to a couple of highly publicized incidents of forgiveness. In 2015, Dylann Roof shot nine members inside an African American church in South Carolina and was publicly forgiven by the relatives of his victims. And in 2006, when a gunman shot ten Amish children in a school room in Pennsylvania and then killed himself, the Amish community there not only forgave him, they went to visit his family and expressed sympathies to them for their loss. What was the general response? Admiration for extraordinary selflessness and virtue? No, not that. More generally, these instances of forgiveness were judged as naïve fundamentalism and as unhelpful. Why? Why would these instances not be recognized instead both for what is most noble within humanity and for what is highest within religious virtue?

Keller suggests that there are a number of reasons for this, but he singles out two in particular. We are a “therapeutic culture” (where only our *own* truth and feelings matter) and a culture that has a “religion without grace” (its vision and virtue go no further than what echoes in our emotions and willpower). Hence, our culture sees forgiveness more negatively than positively. For it, forgiveness allows oppression to maintain its power and thus permits the cycle of violence and abuse to go on. Like a family refusing to stand up to an alcoholic member, it enables rather than stops the abuse and allows a sick situation to continue. Forgiveness then is a further injustice to the one who has been

violated and can lead to a form of self-loathing, an acceptance of a humiliation destructive of one’s self-image, a further loss of dignity. Moreover, the moral pressure to forgive can be a further burden on the victim and an easy escape for the perpetrator. Is this logic correct?

From a purely emotional point of view, yes, it feels right; but it is wrong when scrutinized more deeply. First, it is evident that vindictiveness will only produce more vindictiveness. Vindictiveness will never soften a heart and help change it. Only forgiveness (analogous to dialysis) can take violence and hatred out of a relationship. As well, in the words of Martin Luther King, *anyone devoid of the power of forgiveness is also devoid of the power of love*. Why? Because each of us will get hurt by others and will hurt others in every one of our relationships. That is the price of community inside human inadequacy. Hence, relationships at every level, personal and social, can only sustain themselves long term if there is forgiveness.

Moreover, with Jesus, forgiveness becomes singularly the most important of all virtues. It decides whether we go to heaven or not. As Jesus tells us when he gives us the Lord’s Prayer, if we cannot forgive others, *God will not be able to forgive us*. Why? Because the banquet table, eternal community of life, is only open to everyone who is willing to sit down with everyone. God cannot change this. Only we can open our hearts sufficiently to sit down with everyone. Recently, given some of our ecclesial infighting, various groups have attempted to single out one specific moral issue as a litmus test for Christian discipleship. For many, this litmus test is abortion; others pick church attendance or some other

issue. What might serve as a litmus test for Christian discipleship? Precisely this: the willingness to forgive. Can I forgive someone who has wronged me? Can I forgive someone whom I hate and who hates me? That challenge lies most central in Jesus’ teaching.

That being said, it must also be said that forgiveness is not simple or easy. That is why in the Judeo-Christian spirituality of Sabbath, there is a (too-little-known) spirituality of forgiveness. As we know, the command to celebrate Sabbath asks us to honor this cycle in our lives: *Work for six days – rest for one day. Work for 7 years – rest for one year. Work of seven times seven (forty-nine) years – have a major rest (sabbatical). Work for a lifetime – and then be on sabbatical for eternity*.

Well that is also the cycle for forgiveness. In the spirituality of Sabbath: *You may hold a minor grudge for six days – then you need let it go. You may hold a major grudge for seven years – then you need to let it go. You may hold a soul-searing grudge for forty-nine years – then you need to let it go. You may hold a grudge that ruined your life until your deathbed – then you need to let it go*. That is the final Christian moral imperative. Desmond Tutu once said, “without forgiveness there is no future”. True – on both sides of eternity.

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

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 21 August, 2021)

- The density requirement has changed to 3 people per 4 sqm. Weddings and funerals are capped at 50 people (provided density requirements are met).
- Wearing of masks is mandatory for indoor places. Wearing of masks is strongly recommended for Parish Offices.
- Congregational singing may resume, provided those singing wear a mask that covers both mouth and nose.
- 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, but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- 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.
- Care should be taken at the dismissal and on leaving the church to minimise social contact.
- 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, Australia](#) online and on Channel 10 every Sunday at 6 am.

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Pure, unspoiled religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean.

For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'



Celebrating the life of **Sabu Sebastian**, aged 49 years

My beloved parishioners of Noarlunga-Seafood, Willunga and Kangaroo Island parishes,

Thank you so much for your heartfelt affection and comforting words at this time of great loss and tragedy.

It has been a terrible time for my family in India especially Sherin, Sabu's wife and his six year old son, Steve, but we are held in the love and prayers of so many.

I am deeply grateful for your expressions of sympathy.

Fr Josy

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(August 30 - September 05)

- **Monday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Thess 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30)
- **Tuesday, 31:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Thess 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37)
- **Wednesday, 01:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44)
- **Thursday, 02:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11)
- **Friday, 03:** St Gregory the Great (Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39)
- **Saturday, 04:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5)
- **Sunday 05:** 23rd SUNDAY in ORD TIME (Is 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37)

PASTORAL CARE

If you need a Priest for anointing of the sick or last rites contact: Noarlunga/Seafood (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).