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(All items for the newsletter must be
received no later than Tuesday
evening.)

CHILD PROTECTION

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

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WEEKEND MASSES

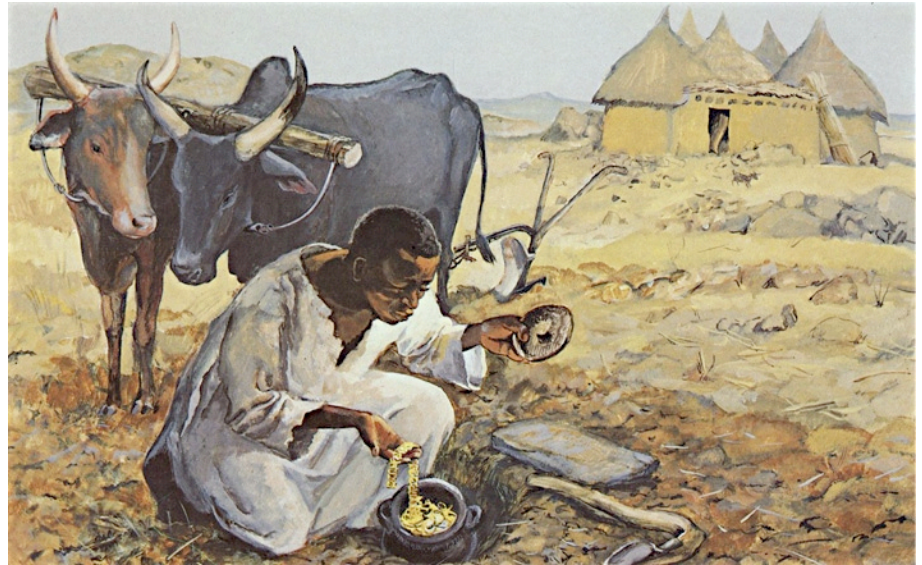
Kingscote at 9.30am

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

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

Lord, I love your commands.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his

purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. (Continued page 4)



Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Stephanie Langridge, Carmen Northcott, Joella 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.

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

PARISH ROSTERS

	Comm	Reader	Cleaning
30/7	A Clark	H Mumford	C Brinkley
6/8	L Grant	S Semler	A Clark
13/8	M Glynn	M Slageter	A Clark
20/8	S Semler	P Bennett	C Berden
27/8	L Grant	P Clark	C Berden
03/9	K Hammat	H Mumford	A Bevan

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

30/7	Fr Paul Cashen
06/8	Fr Justin CP
13/8	Fr Jack Otto
20/8	Fr Roderick O'Brien

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Dr Jenny O'Brien, Liturgy Educator for the Archdiocese recently taught that a short silence at the end of the First Reading and the Second Reading is an essential part of the Liturgy of the Word. During this short

silence we are meant to listen inwardly to what God's Word may be saying to us personally.

BLESSING OF MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday September 17

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 the Parish Office know of the details so they may be acknowledged at the Anniversaries Mass on that weekend.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

Over the next two weekends throughout the Church in Australia we celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week. In the first week, we acknowledge the unique call or vocation that God has for each of us through our baptism. In the second week, we acknowledge the unique call to the Consecrated Life of Sisters and Brothers, to the Diaconate and to the Priesthood.

BISHOP TO DEFEND 'VALUE OF CHRISTIAN LIFE' AFTER NT EUTHANASIA PANEL ANNOUNCED



On July 22, the NT Government announced a panel would carry out community consultation about voluntary assisted dying and provide an

independent report to policy makers by July next year.

As the Church's chief advocate and president of the Northern Territory's Council of Churches, Bishop Gauci expects to be in the public eye defending "the dignity of the human person" and pointing out the pitfalls of euthanasia.

"I certainly won't be watering anything down," Bishop Gauci said.

"I intend to have a respectful but clear and solid conversation about the whole issue and to share information about what

the experience has been in other places where euthanasia has been legalised, not just in Australia but in other countries.

"In the end we surrender to God's will. As Christians, we trust in God's will ... and in the end God has the final say when it's time to go – we don't make that decision ourselves."

NT Chief Minister Natasha Fyles said an advisory panel would examine the structure of how voluntary assisted dying policy could be developed, not whether it should be implemented.

Bishop Gauci, who celebrates 46 years as a priest this year, has written a letter to all NT Catholics explaining his own experience ministering to the elderly and coming to understand the importance of dying.

Bishop Gauci said he would use public discussion about euthanasia to press for improved quality of palliative care offered in the Northern Territory as well as ways to improve pastoral care for people suffering from serious and terminal illnesses.

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KANGAROO ISLAND PARISH FUNDRAISER

Adelaide Catholic Cathedral Parish invites you to a fundraiser for the Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish to watch the upcoming Hercule Poirot film, "A Haunting in Venice". There will be raffle prizes too.

Tickets \$25 (incl movie, choc top, popcorn and bottle water) on September 24, 2.00pm at Regal Theatre, 275 Kensington Road
Purchase tickets: (08) 8210 8155 or acp@adelaide.catholic.org.au





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

PRIVATE INTEGRITY

In a 1990s movie, *City Slickers*, there's a scene that sheds light on the importance of private integrity. Three men, New Yorkers, close friends, have gone off together for a summer to ride on a cattle drive in the hope that this experience will help them sort through their respective mid-life issues.

At one point, riding along on the trail, they are discussing the morality of having a sexual affair. Initially their conversation focuses mostly on the fear of getting caught, and two of them agree that an affair isn't worth the risk. You're too likely to get caught. But their friend poses the question again, this time asking them if they would have an affair if there was the absolute assurance that they wouldn't be caught:

"Imagine," he says, "that a spaceship touches down. A beautiful woman emerges from the spaceship. You make love and she returns to Mars. There are no consequences. Nobody can possibly know. Would you do it?"

Billy Crystal, who plays the lead role, answers that he doubts that this is ever possible. "You always get caught," he submits, "people smell dishonesty on you." "But," his friend protests, "what if it was really possible to have an affair and not get caught. What if nobody would know? Would you do it?" Billy Crystal's answer: "But I'd know, and I'd hate myself for it!"

His answer highlights an important truth. What we do in private, in secret, has consequences that are not dependent upon whether or not our secret leaks out. The damage is the same. What we do in secret molds our character and influences how we relate to others in more ways than we suspect. There is no such a thing as a secret act. One person always knows. *We know*. And we hate ourselves for it, hate ourselves for having to lie. And this gives off its own scent.

What we do in secret ultimately shapes what we look like in public.

Dishonesty changes the way we look because it changes who we are. That's the reason why so often those around us will intuit the truth about us, smell the lie, even when they don't have any hard evidence on which to suspect us. Doing something in secret that we can't admit in public is the very definition of hypocrisy, and that forces us to lie. And, among all sins, lying is the most dangerous. Why? Because we hate ourselves for it, stop respecting ourselves, and when we stop respecting ourselves we will, all too soon, notice that other people stop respecting us too. That's the intuitive place where we "smell" each other's lies.

Worse still, lying forces us to harden ourselves so that we can live with our lie. Sin doesn't always make us humble and repentant. We have the all-too-easy, popular image of the honest sinner, like the sinners in Gospels who more easily accepted Jesus than did the religiously upright. That's sometimes the case, but not always.

The biblical image of the honest sinner humbly turning towards God is predicated on honesty, on a sinner not hiding or lying about his or her sin. But sin can have a very different effect on us. When we don't honestly admit our sin, we move in the opposite direction, namely, towards rationalization, hardness of attitude, and cynicism. Moreover, it's the lying, not the original weakness, that then becomes the real canker and constitutes the real danger. When we hide a sin, we are forced to lie, and with that lie we immediately begin to harden and reshape our souls. There's a moral axiom that says: *You can do anything as long as you don't have to lie about it*. That's quite different than saying that you can do anything as long as nobody finds out about it.

The quality of our person depends upon the degree of our private integrity. We are as sick as our sickest secret, and we are as healthy as our most hidden virtue. We cannot be doing one thing in private and radiate something else in public. It doesn't matter whether others know our

secrets or not. We know and, when those secrets are unhealthy, we hate ourselves for them and our hearts harden so to live with our lie.

We should never delude ourselves into thinking that the things we do in private, including very small actions of infidelity, self-indulgence, bigotry, jealousy, or slander, are of no consequence since no one knows about them. Inside the mystery of our interconnectedness as a human family and as a family of faith predicated on trust, even our most private actions, good or bad, like invisible enzymes inside the blood stream, affect the whole. Everything is known, felt, in one way or another. There is no such thing as a private act, inside the family of humanity or inside the body of Christ. Others know us, even when they don't exactly know everything about us. They smell our vices, just as they smell our virtues.

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



COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 27/07/23)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- Procession of gifts has resumed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact

DID YOU KNOW?

- In ancient times people often buried their treasures as they fled from enemies or invaders. Sometimes their owners may return to recover the treasure but often it remained buried for many years. Among priceless discoveries of treasure buried as the owners fled invaders are the Dead Sea Scrolls, hidden from the Roman Army in the late first century.
- A scribe in the ancient world was someone who could read and write and often held government positions. At the time of Jesus, the scribes were influential teachers of the Jewish faith, well versed in Scripture and the Law.
- The householder who brings out things both old and new may be a reference to people like Matthew himself, who, as well as receiving the teachings of Jesus and believing in him, also retain a profound respect for the Law and traditions of Judaism.



“The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls”

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This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

‘Have you understood all this?’ They said, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.’

KINGDOM STORIES

(Matthew 13: 44 - 52)

The last few weeks we’ve been treated with kingdom stories. Some are casual, like the woman kneading dough or the sower going out to plant a field. Some are loaded with suppressed excitement: the merchant finding the pearl, or the discovery of treasure in an unmarked field. What kind of kingdom can be glimpsed from a net cast lightly into the sea, emerging with the day’s catch AND a year’s worth of junk?

What’s clear is that the kingdom of God isn’t a simple idea. It’s not the usual religious jaunt from a life of good works to a heavenly reward. The kingdom is known through fidelity to small tasks yet holds enormous surprises and can lead to high spiritual gambles. We may be willing to put a pinch or piety into the dough and watch the bread rise. But not all of us will sell everything, even to purchase the brightest pearl on earth. Gamble, with our nest egg?

In fact, every kingdom story has its own risk factor. Not every loaf will rise, not every field sown will produce a yield. The dragnet if human experience pulls up what’s useful to spiritual growth and more garbage to haul around. We’re choosing, in every minute, how much we will sacrifice, how much to risk.

A WORD FROM THE WISE

Jesus continued, “God’s kingdom is like a treasure hidden in a field for years and then accidentally found by a trespasser. The finder is ecstatic – what a find! – and proceeds to sell everything he owns to raise money and buy that field”. (Matthew 13: 44)

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

As a journalist gathered notes for a story on Monsignor Jack Egan, renowned priest, she would feel his eyes searching her face. Egan was 80 at the time and had already become a legend among Catholic activists as a man who spoke truth to power and fought racial discrimination and social injustice with the faith and ferocity of an Old Testament prophet. His virtues were many, but the one he displayed that day – an understanding heart – surprised his young admirer.

Egan had asked her some searing questions about what she said was doing with her life. She knew her accomplishments and concerns were minor and compared with the great things this courageous man had achieved. With Egan’s prompting, she finally admitted to being stymied by a broken heart over a lost love. She then quickly dismissed her problem as petty and insignificant compared with the suffering of people around the world.

“Young lady,” Egan said, “don’t ever diminish the pain you feel. Your pain is as real as anyone else’s and equally worthy of healing”. She considers the wisdom shared that day as her pearl of great price. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(31 July - 6 August)

- **Monday, 31:** St Ignatius of Loyola (Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35)
- **Tuesday, 1:** St Alphonsus Liguori (Ex 33:7-11; 34:5-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43)
- **Wednesday, 2:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 17 (Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46)
- **Thursday, 3:** St Dominic (Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53)
- **Friday, 4:** St John Vianney (Lev 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37; Mt 13:54-58)
- **Saturday, 5:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 17 (Lev 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12)
- **Sunday 6:** The Transfiguration of the Lord (Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pet 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9)