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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,
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

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says.
Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has
laboured wisely, skilfully and
successfully must leave what is his
own to someone who has not toiled
for it at all. This, too, is vanity and
great injustice; for what does he gain
for all the toil and strain that he has
undergone under the sun? What of
all his laborious days, his cares of
office, his restless nights? This, too,
is vanity.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

89:3-6, 12-14, 17

*In every age, O Lord,
you have been our refuge.*

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Since you have been brought back to
true life with Christ, you must look
for the things that are in heaven,
where Christ is, sitting at God's right
hand. Let your thoughts be on
heavenly things, not on the things
that are on the earth, because you

have died, and now the life you have
is hidden with Christ in God. But
when Christ is revealed – and he is
your life – you too will be revealed
in all your glory with him.
That is why you must kill everything
in you that belongs only to earthly
life: fornication, impurity, guilty
passion, evil desires and especially
greed, which is the same thing as
worshipping a false god; and never
tell each other lies. You have
stripped off your old behaviour with
your old self, and you have put on a
new self which will progress
towards true knowledge the more it
is renewed in the image of its
creator; and in that image there is no
room for distinction between Greek
and Jew, between the circumcised or
the uncircumcised, or between
barbarian and Scythian, slave and
free man. There is only Christ: he is
everything and he is in everything.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Happy the poor in spirit; the
kingdom of heaven is theirs!*

Alleluia!

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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Sue Semmler, Stephanie Langridge, Joelle Davidson and Carmel Northcott

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.

Special prayers for Bill Roestenburg for a grace-filled transition and for Annette, his wife.

Please pray for all the faithful departed and all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends.

PARISH ROSTERS

	Comm	Reader	Cleaning
31/7	S Semmler	P Bennett	C Berden
07/8	M Glynn	L Grant	C Berden
14/8	A Clarke	K Hammat	A Bevan
21/8	L Grant	S Semler	A Bevan
28/8	M Glynn	M Slagter	H Mumford

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)
31/7 Fr Anthoni Adimai
07/8 Fr Ian Wilson
14/8 Fr Ian Wilson

COVID RESTRICTIONS

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

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.

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.



NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

Next weekend throughout the Church in Australia we celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week. We acknowledge the unique call or vocation that God has for each of us through our Baptisms.

PALMS GLOBAL MISSION

Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Please consider these [Mission opportunities](#) abroad.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support.

[Palms Australia](#), who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away. [Enquire online](#) or Ph: 0422 742 567 to find out about a placement to engage your skills.

You can also [Register](#) for a Webinar

on Monday August 1st at 7:00 pm to talk directly with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste and two Australians recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. The stories will inspire.

NATIONAL TREE DAY IN AUSTRALIA - 31 July

Australians are concerned about the environmental situation of Australia. Many ecological observances were created to raise public awareness of environmental issues. One of these observances is National Tree Day in Australia, that is annually observed on the last Sunday in July.

National Tree Day was started in Australia by Planet Ark, an Australian non-profit environmental organization. The organization was founded in 1992 to help people find simple ways to reduce their impact on the planet. The organization is known for its four major ecological events, and one of them is National Tree Day, that is annually observed since 1996.

Annually Planet Ark invites all activists, adults, children, organizations, schools, councils, national parks and all nature care organization to participate in its tree planting event. Every year this event involves thousands of people, who plant trees in more than 4,000 sites. Since the first observance of National Tree Day 21 million trees and plants have been planted and more than 3 million people have participated in these events.

CUPPA AFTER MASS

Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee after Mass today. Everyone most welcome.



"It's good that you're eating more fresh fruit and vegetables, but be careful to chew more thoroughly."



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

WHY IS THERE SOMETHING INSTEAD OF NOTHING?

The Belgian theologian Jan Walgrave, who directed my doctoral thesis, was a true intellectual and a rare one. True, in that his thought naturally, instinctually gravitated towards the huge philosophical questions of essence and existence. Why are we here? Who are we really? Moreover, he was also a rare intellectual in that he was an uncommon mixture of hard intellectual scrutiny and childlike piety. He could be equally disarming both in his intellectual sophistication and in his childlikeness.

In one of our meetings, he asked me this, “Do you ever sit on a park bench and ask yourself, why is there something instead of nothing?” I answered honestly, “In truth, I can’t ever remember doing that very explicitly. Like everyone else, I often wonder where we came from and how there is a God behind all of this, but I have never very explicitly contemplated your question.” “Well,” he replied, “then you are not a philosopher! He went on, “I think about this question all the time; it is the most important of all questions.” (He consoled me for the fact that I could never be a true philosopher by telling me that I had a “fertile mind”, which he told me is its own gift.)

Why is there something instead of nothing? Surely, that is the ultimate question. How did it all begin? Who or what was there at the beginning and started it all? Moreover, where did this who or what come from, who gave it a beginning?

Contemporary science cannot answer that question. It can tell us what happened at the origins of our universe, the *Big Bang*, but that doesn’t get us any nearer answering the bigger question, namely, who or what gave origin to that initial explosion nearly fifteen million

years ago that lies at the origins of our universe and gave birth to billions of galaxies? How was this force itself in existence?

As people of faith, we believe it was God and believe that God had no beginning. However, that can neither be conceptualized nor imagined. What gave birth to God? No matter whether we believe in God or not, we are all still left with the question, Walgrave’s question, “why is there something instead of nothing?” Moreover, that question is complicated further by the fact that creation, at least vast segments of it, have a clear intelligent design. Given that fact, the most credible postulate vis-à-vis who or what lies at the origins of everything, demands that this something or someone (from which everything takes its origins) is not some blind, brute force but one that is highly intelligent and personal.

Thomas Aquinas, who did have a true philosophical mind, once proposed a number of logical arguments to try to “prove” that God exists. Among his arguments, we find this one: Imagine walking down a road and finding stone on the ground and asking yourself, ‘who put that stone there?’ You could simply conclude that it has always been there and think no further about it. However, imagine walking down a road and finding a clock that is still keeping time, and asking yourself, ‘who put that clock there?’ In this case, you could not simply say it has always been there and leave it at that. Why? Because the clock has a clear intelligent design that demands that some intelligence designed it. As well, it is still keeping time, which means that it could not always have been there. Someone put it there, and at some clear point in time. Thus, Aquinas concluded that since many things in the universe have an intelligent design, there must be an intelligent designer at its origins.

Today most people might consider that logic a bit naïve, but perhaps the naiveté is on their part. Someone no less than Albert Einstein affirmed this: *The harmony of natural law reveals an intelligence of such superiority that, compared with it, all the systematic thinking and acting of human beings is utterly insignificant reflection.*

He is right, and the harmony he speaks of is not just the unfathomable ecological harmony that the various elements of the physical world appear to have with each other and how nature continues to regenerate itself despite everything we do to destroy its ecology. Further still, that harmony of natural law (as Einstein calls it) also includes an undeniable oneness between the laws of nature and the moral order. The law of karma and the law of nature are one and same thing, all of one piece, as is the law of gravity and the Holy Spirit. The physical and the moral are part of a single symphony. The air we breathe out into the universe is the air we are going to inhale – physically and morally. Rarely do I sit on a park bench and ask myself, “why is there something instead of nothing?” But then as Jan Walgrave said, I’m not a philosopher. My hope is that this little excursion into philosophy isn’t proof of that!

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



COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 27/07/22)



- 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?

According to the law of Israel, if a person had more than they needed, there was a requirement to share the excess with those who did not have enough. The goods of the earth belong to all.

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GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU

While visiting castle ruins on a trip to Ireland, I was awestruck: did the people who had built the crumbling walls all around me know that their toil, craftsmanship, and dreams would decay into nothingness? When the builders planned the placement of each stone and timber, did they picture how it would all pass into disuse?

A similar feeling used to overtake me when I rode my beloved bike around town as a child. There was an abandoned warehouse at the end of a neglected street, once owned by a wealthy, powerful family. They had been the talk of the town. Now they were a sketchy memory. Scandal, death, and time wore away almost

every trace of their existence.

That still haunts me because it immediately calls to mind my own pointless quest to accumulate a "me" museum. Every purchase, significant or trite, compiled room by room, is destined for ashes and neglect. This dark thought brings fear. Then the light comes on. God speaks to my heart, reminding me that a healthy dose of reality-checking now can save me from a life lived in things. I am pulled back to authentic living in Christ.

The Commissioning: We search for the true life, the life that deeply satisfies. We search for this life by acquiring wealth and possessions, but the true life cannot be bought and sold. We search for true life by going to social events, but the true life is not found at parties. We search for the true life in a bigger house, a lavish holiday, but the true life is not to be had on cruises or in real estate. We search for the true life as we eat well and drink well, but the true life is not found in big meals or at fancy restaurants. "You can't take your wealth with you," says Jesus. How right he is. How right he is. GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(01 - 07 August)

- **Monday, 01:** St Alphonsus Liguori (Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:13-21)
- **Tuesday, 02:** Weekday, Ord Time 18 (Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36)
- **Wednesday, 03:** St Dominic (Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28)
- **Thursday, 04:** St John Vianney (Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23)
- **Friday, 05:** Weekday, Ord Time 18 (Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Mt 16:24-28)
- **Saturday, 06:** The Transfiguration of the Lord (Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Lk 9:28-36)
- **Sunday 07:** 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48)

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