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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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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 9.00am



FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 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.

Pure, unspoil 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

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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Sue Semler, Brianna Chudlee, Peter Weatherstone, John Slagter, Annette Roestenburg, Michelle Glynn, Elijah Laundry.

September 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 Martiensens, Eileen Morris, Reginald Pahl, Maise Rooney, Breton 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
1/9	P Clark	L Grant	C Brinkley
8/9	S Semmler	W Bennett	C Brinkley
15/9	H Mumford	P Clark	A Clark
22/9	A Clark	M Glynn	A Clark
29/9	M Slagter	P Bennett	A Clark

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)
Priest for September - TBA

HELP WANTED!

Volunteers are requested to operate a Sausage Sizzle at Mitre 10 on Friday, 6 September, between 9.30am and 1.30pm. We need volunteers to help cook the barbeque, serve customers and take money. Purchases will be made by cash or by EFTPOS through a "square."

The Inter-Church Committee are holding the sausage sizzle to help fund the religious education of our children in local schools.

Please write your name, phone number and email address on the form at the back of the Church.

SEASON OF CREATION EVENT MERCY GROVE

The Holy Family Catholic Parish invites you for a prayerful and reflective afternoon at the Mercy Grove-Belair National Park, to

celebrate the Season of Creation. The event will occur on Sunday September 22 at 2.00pm.

For registration and further information, please access the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CULAQ>



Happy Father's Day to all our fathers this weekend. Have a great day.

CATHOLIC EARTHCARE CONVOCATION 2024

Thursday September 12 - Saturday September 14

Join us online to celebrate the Season of Creation in 2024 at our Catholic Earthcare Convocation!

We are called to 'Wonder, Weave and Heal' Earth and the whole of creation. Gather online during Day 1 and 2 to engage in keynote presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences.

Day 3 of the convocation has us gathering together in our diocese to transform our learnings into action. For more information visit:

catholicearthcare@caritas.org.au

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Order for your 2025 Columban Calendar soon. This year they are \$11each. Contact Cathy Berden to place an order.

LONG TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AUSTRALIA-PACIFIC REGION

The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6 -12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2025 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia. Applications close October 31. Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

The older I get, the tighter companies are putting lids on jars.

PASTORAL PLANNING AND HOW TO DO IT - REPEAT

Due to numerous requests the PPC training session on Pastoral Planning will be repeated as an online only event on Wednesday September 18. Registrations are essential via <https://www.trybooking.com/CUHUT> or by scanning the QR code. Suitable for Parish Priests, Pastoral Council chairs and Pastoral Council members. Any enquiries contact Orla on 8210 8166 or owright@adelaide.catholic.org.au

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION (September 1)

The global celebration of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation take places on the 1st of September. This day calls on all of us to unite in prayer, reflection, and action for the protection and preservation of our common home.

This year's theme, "Hope and Act with Creation", draws inspiration from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans (8:19-25), emphasizing the hope that stems from our faith and the active role we must play in caring for the world around us.

The theme resonates with [Pope Francis' message](#), highlighting our responsibility as stewards of creation and our call to safeguard the environment for future generations.

DATES

- 31 Aug - Sep 8 Adelaide Show
- Sep Catholic Charities month
- 27 Sep Last day School term 3
- 28 Sep AFL Grand Final
- 29 Sep Migrant and Refugee Sunday
- 05/06 Supporting Clergy Appeal
- 07 Oct Labour Day holiday
- 14 Oct First day School term 4
- 05 Nov Melbourne Cup
- 17 Nov KI Catholic Parish 70th Anniversary Mass 9.30am





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

DARK MEMORY

Inside each of us, beyond what we can picture clearly, express in words, or even feel distinctly, we have a dark memory of having once been touched and caressed by hands far gentler than our own. That caress has left a permanent mark, an imprint of a love so tender and deep that its memory becomes a prism through which we see everything else. This imprint lies beyond conscious memory but forms the center of our soul.

This is not an easy concept to explain. Bernard Lonergan, one of the great intellectuals of the past century, tried to explain it philosophically by saying we bear inside us “the brand of the first principles”, namely, the *oneness, truth, goodness, and beauty* which are the attributes of God. That’s accurate, but abstract. Maybe the old myths and legends capture it better when they say that, before birth, each soul is kissed by God, and it then goes through life always in some dark way remembering that kiss and measuring everything it experiences in relation to that original sweetness. To be in touch with your heart is to be in touch with this primordial kiss, with both its preciousness and its meaning.

What exactly is being said here?

Within each of us, at that place where all that is most precious within us lives, there is an inchoate sense of having once been touched, caressed, loved, and valued in a way that is beyond anything we have ever consciously experienced. In fact, all the goodness, love, value, and tenderness we experience in life fall short precisely because we are already in touch with something deeper. When we feel frustrated, angry, betrayed, violated, or enraged, it is because our outside experience is antithetical to what we already hold dear inside.

We all have this place, a place in the heart, where we hold all that is most precious and sacred to us. From that place our own kisses issue forth, as do our tears. It is the place that we most guard from others, but the place where we would most want others to come into; the place where we are the most deeply alone and the place of intimacy; the place of innocence and the place where we are violated; the place of our compassion and the place of our rage. In that place we are holy. There we are temples of God, sacred churches of truth and love. There we bear God’s image.

But this needs understanding: the image of God inside of us is not a beautiful icon stamped inside of our soul. No. The image and likeness of God inside us is energy, fire, and memory; especially the memory of a touch so tender and loving that its goodness and truth become the prism through which we ultimately see everything. Thus, we recognize goodness and truth outside of us precisely because they resonate with something that is already inside us. Things touch our hearts when they touch us here. Isn’t it because we have already been deeply touched and caressed that we passionately seek a soulmate, that we seek someone to join us in this intimate place?

And, consciously and unconsciously, we measure everything in life by how it touches this place: why do certain experiences touch us so deeply? Why do our hearts burn within us in the presence of any truth, love, goodness, or tenderness that is genuine and deep? Is not all deep knowledge simply a waking up to something we already know? Is not all love simply a question of being respected for something we already are? Are not the touch and tenderness that bring ecstasy nothing other than the stirring of deep memory? Are not the ideals that

inspire hope only the reminder of words somebody has already spoken to us? Does not our desire for innocence (and innocent means “not wounded”) mirror some primal unwounded place deep within us? And when we feel violated, is it not because someone has irreverently entered the sacred inside us?

When we are in touch with this memory and respect its sensitivities, we are in touch with our souls. At those times, faith, hope, and love will spring up in us, joy and tears will both flow through us freely, and we will be deeply affected by the innocence and beauty of children, as pain and gratitude alternately bring us to our knees.

That is what it means to be recollected, centered. To be truly ourselves is to remember, to touch and to feel the memory of God’s original touch in us. That memory fires our energy and provides us with a prism through which to see and understand.

Sadly, today, too often a wounded, calloused, cynical, over sophisticated, and overly adult world invite us to forget God’s kiss in the soul, to view this as childish. But, unless we lie to ourselves and harden ourselves against our own ourselves (the most dangerous of all activities), we will always remember, dimly, darkly, unrelentingly, the caress of God.

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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Reference: Your name

Thank you for your ongoing support of our priests and parish facilities.

CHILD PROTECTION

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

We believe that all God's children and young people have the right to be healthy and safe, and to have their voice heard, respected, and valued. A safe environment for all.

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DID YOU KNOW?

- Judaism at the time of Jesus was made up of a number of different groups of adherents like Sadducees, Pharisees and Essenes. These groups sometimes held different beliefs; for example, the Pharisees believed in the resurrection of the dead while the Sadducees did not. This did not cause undue problems however, because what held all Jews together was a belief in one God, in the Law, in their election as God's chosen people and a common worship centred on the Temple in Jerusalem. Their unity was a stronger force than their diversity.
- The washing of the hands by the priest at Mass is a symbolic gesture of a desire for a pure heart.
- Ritual purity had immense importance for the Jewish people. The laws governing washing probably originated in practices to ensure health and hygiene but physical signs of impurity came to be seen as symbolic of a moral or spiritual imperfection.

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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.'

KNOW YOURSELF

When I was a young teenager my friends and I formed the Eddie Haskell Fan Club. Eddie was the smarmy kid on the Leave It to Beaver television show who acted sweet and nice in front of parents and other adults but was selfish with his peers and mean toward kids younger than him. For some reason we got a kick out of watching this two-faced jerk of a character try to put one over on the parents. I suspect his appeal was partly due to the fact that we recognised the Eddie Haskell in ourselves.

Growing up spiritually means understanding what our real motives

are in any action. Perhaps the reason teenagers are so quick to label and ridicule hypocrites is that adolescence is the time we become aware of our own duplicity. We get attuned to how our outside actions try to camouflage our true motivations, all in a usually futile attempt to look good to others. In the end, the truth will always come out.

Jesus makes it abundantly clear that if our inner motivations are sound, they flower into wonderful outer actions. Every human being is susceptible to the lure of hypocrisy. The remedy is not to polish the outside, but to come to know one's inner self with no illusions. Are you helping your kids get to know their real selves?

KIDS' CORNER

Lucas was made. Anna said she would meet him at the shopping centre on Saturday, but then she forgot and went ziplining with Jack and his family. "Rotten old Jack," thought Lucas. "Maybe he'll crash into a tree." Then he stopped. "Wait, did I just hope Jack would get hurt?" Lucas said a quick prayer that went something like this: "I'm sorry, God. Please forgive me. Keep Jack and Anna safe." Then he called another friend to go with him to the shops.

Has someone made you angry lately? Don't let it wreck your day. Pray for them, and feel better.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(September 02 - 08)

- **Monday, 02:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30)
- **Tuesday, 03:** St Gregory the Great (1 Cor 2:10-16; Lk 4:31-37)
- **Wednesday, 04:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44)
- **Thursday, 05:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11)
- **Friday, 06:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39)
- **Saturday, 07:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Cor 4:6-15; Lk 6:1-5)
- **Sunday 08:** 23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37)

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