

### Welcome to

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#### PARISH NEWSLETTER

Mr Peter Clark (8559 5131, paclark@muckra.com.au) (All items for the newsletter must be received no later than Tuesday evening.)

#### **SPONSORSHIP**

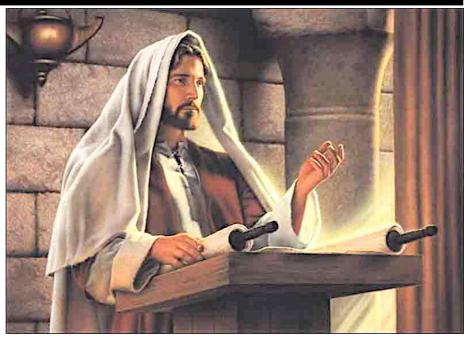
KANGAROO ISLAND TRANSFERS (0427 887 575) generously donate transport for our visiting Priests.

#### **CHILD PROTECTION**

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

#### **WEEKEND MASSES**

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



#### **FIRST READING**

**Ezekiel 2:2-5** 

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 122

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

#### **SECOND READING**

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, "My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness, 'So I shall be

very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

#### **GOSPEL**

Mark 6:1-6

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him?

This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon?

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#### PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Bill Roestenberg, Carmel Northcott, Nick Hacker

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, 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 our faithful departed and may all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ through our actions and His healing presence.



#### **ROSTERS**

	Comm	Reader	Cleaning
4/7	M Glynn	A Gibbs	A Bevan
11/7	S Slagter	W Bennett	K Brinkley
18/7	J Fernandez	P Clark	K Brinkley
25/7	S Semler	P Bennett	A Clark

#### **COVID Marshal**

4/7 J Fernandez11/7 M Slagter

18/7 C Weatherstone

25/7 P Bennett

#### **PRIEST ROSTER**

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

4/7 Fr Prathap

11/7 Fr Josy

18/7 Fr Dev

25/7 Fr Prathap

#### PRAYER FOR HEALING

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

### **UPDATE TO COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS IN SA**

Changes have been announced, which take effect from Tuesday, 29th June at 12.01am. After 7 days, or before, they will be reviewed.

The list of the most up-to-date restrictions is on the back page of this bulletin.

The main changes are to the density requirement of 1 person per 2 sqm, the cancelling of all singing as a

congregation, the serving of beverages and food, and an appeal for parishioners to maintain social distancing as they enter and exit the Church (and mingle outside).

### RAISE YOUR VOICE 2021 YOUTH CONSULTATIONS

Calling all young people ages 16 to 30! You are invited to Raise Your Voice, a youth consultation forum. Come and meet other young people in the Archdiocese of Adelaide. Share your experiences, ideas, concerns, and hopes about being a young person in South Australia and our local faith family. Team members from the Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults will host the sessions in several locations throughout June and July. Feedback from the consultations will be used to guide the agenda for a youth assembly on August 21 and will be included in the consultation for the Diocesan Assembly in September.

Anyone unable to attend the consultations may participate via the Diocesan Assembly online forum at <a href="https://www.adelaidediocesanassembly.org/respond">www.adelaidediocesanassembly.org/respond</a>, and tick the appropriate box for their age group.

For more information about the dates and locations of the youth consultations and youth assembly, visit

www.cathyouthadelaide.org.au or contact Peter Bierer in the Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults (8301 6866 or

peter.bierer@cesa.catholic.edu.au)



### Adelaide Diocesan Assembly

17 & 18 September 2021 Cabra Dominican College

The Archdiocese of Adelaide will be holding a Diocesan Assembly this September. The Diocesan Assembly is a meeting of representatives from parishes, schools, communities and groups to discuss the life of our local church, discern a new vision for the diocese and prepare for the upcoming Plenary Council.

Individuals and groups are invited to respond to the

pre-assembly consultation question,

"What do you think are the most important things to discuss at the Diocesan Assembly?"

For more information on the Diocesan Assembly, and to share your response to the consultation question, visit <a href="https://www.adelaidediocesanassembly.org">www.adelaidediocesanassembly.org</a> or contact Sarah Moffatt in the Diocesan Office (8210 8100).

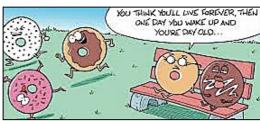
### CENTACARE FOSTER CARE PROGRAM

One of the many services that Centacare delivers is the Foster Care Program. The Centacare Foster Care program is contracted to provide all types of foster care including short-term, long-term, respite and immediate care. There are over 4000 children in South Australia in out-of-home care and Centacare's Foster Care program is seeking individuals, couples and families who have a genuine interest in making a difference to a child's life. If you have ever wanted to know more about the application process, eligibility requirements and what is involved with being a foster carer please contact us on 8159 1400 or email us at

fostercareenquiries@centacare.org.au or visit our website at: www.fostercare.centacare.org.au .

#### **DATES**

Jul 4 NATSICC Appeal Jul 18 Apostleship of the Sea Jul 19 First day School Term 38 Feast of St Mary of the Cross Aug 15 Aug Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary 15 Aug Appeal for Vocations Sep 1-30 Catholic Charities Month 24 Sep Last day School Term 3 4 Oct Labour Day holiday 11 Oct First day School Term 4 17 Oct World Mission Day Appeal 1 NovAll Saints' Day 2 Nov All Souls' Day 14 Nov St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 21 Nov Christ the King 28 Nov First Sunday of Advent 5 Dec Second Sunday of Advent 10 Dec Last day School Term 4 12 Dec Third Sunday of Advent



### 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.

### JOY - A SIGN OF GOD

There is only one true sadness, not being a saint! French novelist, philosopher, essayist, Leon Bloy ends his novel The Woman Who Was Poor with that much-quoted line. Here is a less known quote from Leon Bloy which helps us understand why there is such a sadness in not being saint. Joy is a sure sign of the life of God in the soul.

Joy is not just a sure sign of the life of God in the soul, it is a sign of the life of God – period. Joy constitutes the inner life of God. God is joy. This is not something we easily believe. For lots of reasons we find it hard to think of God as happy, as joyful, as pleased, and (as Julian of Norwich says) as relaxed and smiling. Christianity, Judaism, and Islam, for all of our differences, have this in common. In our popular conception, we all conceive of God as male, as celibate, and as generally displeased and disappointed with us. We struggle to think that God is happy with our lives and, even more important, that God is happy, joyful, relaxed, and smiling.

Yet, how could it be otherwise? Scripture tells us that God is the author of all that is good and that all good things come from God. Now, is there a greater goodness in this world than joy, happiness, laughter, and the life-giving grace of a benevolent smile? Clearly not. These constitute the very life of heaven and are what makes life on earth worth living. Surely then they take their origins inside of God. This means that God is joyful, is joy.

If this is true, and it is, then we should not conceive of God as a disappointed lover, an angry spouse, or a wounded parent, frowning in the face of our inadequacies and betrayals. Rather, God might be

imagined as a smiling grandmother or grandfather, delighting in our lives and energy, at ease with our littleness, forgiving our weaknesses, and forever gently trying to coax us towards something higher.

A growing body of literature today suggests that the purest experience of love and joy on this earth is not what is experienced between lovers, spouses, or even parents and their children. In these relationships, there is inevitably (and understandably) enough tension and self-seeking to color both its purity and its joy. This is generally less true in the relationship of grandparents to their grandchildren. That relationship. more free of tension and selfseeking, is often the purest experience of love and joy on this earth. There, delight flows more freely, more purely, more graciously, and mirrors more purely what is inside of God, namely joy and delight.

God is love, scripture tells us; but God is also joy. God is the gracious, benevolent smile of a grandparent looking with pride and delight at a grandchild.

However, how does this all square with suffering, with the paschal mystery, with a suffering Christ who through blood and anguish pays the price of our sin? Where was God's joy on Good Friday as Jesus cried out in agony on the cross? As well, if God is joy, how do we account for the many times in our lives when, living honestly inside of our faith and our commitments, we do not feel joyful, happy, laughter, when we struggle to smile?

Joy and pain are not incompatible. Neither are happiness and sadness. Rather, they are frequently felt together. We can be in great pain and still be happy, just as we can be pain-

free, experiencing pleasure, and be unhappy. Joy and happiness are predicated on something that abides through pain, namely, meaning; but this needs to be understood. We tend to have an unhelpful, superficial notion of what constitutes both joy and happiness. For us, they are incompatible with pain, suffering, and sadness. I wonder how Jesus would have answered on Good Friday as he hung on the cross if someone had asked him, "Are you happy up there?" I suspect he would have said something to this effect. "If you're picturing happiness in the way you imagine it, then no! I'm not happy! Today, of all days, particularly so! But what I'm experiencing today amidst the agony is meaning, a meaning so deep that it contains a joy and a happiness that abide through the agony. Inside of the pain, there is a profound joy and happiness in giving myself over to this. Unhappiness and joylessness, as you conceive of them, come and go; meaning abides throughout those feelings."

Knowing this still does not make it easy for us to accept that God is joy and that joy is a sure sign of the life of God in the soul. However, knowing it is an important start, one we can build on.

There is a deep sadness in not being a saint. Why? Because our distance from saintliness is also our distance from God and our distance from God is also our distance from joy.

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

### COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(Week beginning 29th June, 2021)

The following information refers to changes that came into effect from Tuesday, 29th June at 12.01am.

The indication is that these changes will last for 7 days. After 7 days (or before) they will be reviewed.

- The density requirement has changed to 1 person per 2 sqm. Weddings and funerals are capped at 150 people (depending on the maximum number approved by SA Gov call the Parish Office for details).
- Singing as a congregation is NOT PERMITTED and choirs only with very strict conditions.
- Beverages (eg cuppa following Mass) and food may only be served with strict Covid restrictions in place. (Please ring the Parish Office for more details.)
- Social distancing is mandatory maintain 1.5m distancing and 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).
- The obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage.

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His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.



#### PERSECUTED HEROES

Watching television back in the 1950s was a whole lot easier than it is now. Sure, there was no cable or satellite dishes. There weren't any remote controls to change channels and only a handful of channels to choose from.

But the heroes were clearly identifiable. Roy Rogers had his white hat. Superman had heroic background music. Villains came with shifty eyes and narrow moustaches. Inevitably, evil was defeated in a half hour.

Today we are confused by so-called "anti-heroes" who must fight their own personal demons as well as other enemies. They are far from perfect. Often the show ends with evil getting the upper hand. This approach is supposed to appeal to a more sophisticated audience.

God's chosen people always had difficulty accepting their prophets as heroes. Too often the prophets were persecuted because of their message.

So it is no wonder that when Jesus comes home and begins to teach like a prophet of old he is rejected by all his neighbours. And that limits him. Unable to perform the very acts that would persuade others that he is a prophet, much less the Messiah, he will take his message to a more receptive audience who will hear him and become his followers.

What keeps us from seeing who Jesus is and should be in our lives? How can we better respond to what he is saying to us and asking of us?

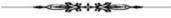
The Commissioning: May our acceptance of God's truth be universal. We will welcome the stranger. We will lend a hand as we are called to do so. We will speak out for the despised and persecuted. We

will resist the oppressive and the superficial. We will embrace the costly truth. We will rejoice in forgiving and being forgiven. People will notice our affirming ways. We will tell them, "We are showing and sharing the love of Jesus Christ".

Amen. GPBS eNews

#### SHARING THE TRADITION

Prophets and prophecy have always been part of the heritage of the people of Israel. The prophets of the Hebrew Scriptures were charged with the difficult task of speaking God's words to a people who did not always want to hear such a difficult message, often about their own failings. Prophets were not people who foretold the future but those who had a clear understanding of what God wanted and called the people back to fidelity to God's plan and covenant when they had strayed. Even today, there are people who speak out against the status quo, who refuse to accept that the way things are is the way things should be. Sometimes, the way things are is not the way God intended!



#### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(July 05 - 11)

- *Monday, 05:* Weekday, Ord Time 14 ( Gen 28:10-22; Mt 9:18-26)
- *Tuesday, 06:* Weekday, Ord Time 14 (Gen 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38)
- *Wednesday, 07:* Weekday, Ord Time 14 ( Gen 41:55-57, 42:5-7, 17-24; Mt 10:1-7)
- *Thursday, 08:* Weekday, Ord Time 14 ( Gen 44:18-21, 23-29; 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15)
- *Friday, 09*: Weekday, Ord Time 14 (Gen 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23)
- *Saturday, 10:* Weekday, Ord Time 14 ( Gen 49:29-33; 50:15-26; Mt 10:24-33)
- *Sunday 11:* 15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Amos 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13)

#### **PASTORAL CARE**

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