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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Mrs Wendy Bennett (0475 894 755 wendygbennett@icloud.com) (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.

Mrs Helen Mumford (KI contact - 0408 367 009) Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

WEEKEND MASSES

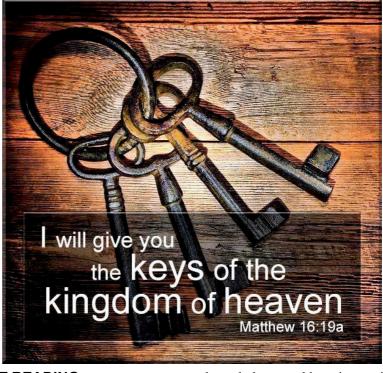
Kingscote at 9.30am

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

Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah.

I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open.

I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8

glory for his father's house.

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

SECOND READING

Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and

knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Mt 16:18*

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church, the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, (Continued page 4)

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Stephanie Langridge, Carmen Northcott, Joella Davidson

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 Bill Roestenburg.

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
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) 27/8 Fr Anthoni Adimai

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

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

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.

CAN YOU HELP?



The Kangaroo Island Wildlife Network are holding a live music Carnival on Sunday, 1 October at The Woolsheds, Cygnet River.

We have been invited to manage the Sausage Sizzle for the event, which starts at 1.00pm and goes to 8.00pm. Mitre 10 are providing the shelter, cooking equipment and the food, as usual. All we have to do is cook.

If you would like to help with this great opportunity to raise some funds for the Women's Guild, please call Wendy (0475 894 755) and she will roster you on for a couple of hours.

SEPTEMBER IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES MONTH

Help make a difference to the lives of South Australians

In the month of September, we are promoting the Catholic Charities Appeal which supports the following agencies in South Australia: Hutt St Centre, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Centacare Catholic Family Services, Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's Special Schools.

MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY

Save the date: Sunday September 24

You are invited to the Archdiocesan Migrant and Refugee Sunday – Multicultural Mass in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral.

Pope Francis has chosen the theme, "Free to Choose whether to Migrate or to Stay", for the 109th World Day of Migrant and Refugees; commemorated in Australia on Sunday, September 24. For more information contact the Office for Justice Healing and Inclusion (phone

8210 8140 or Multiculturaloffice@adelaide.catholic_org.au)

MINISTRY FORMATION PROGRAM PRESENTS

Word in the Liturgy

On Saturday September 2, Ministry Formation Program will be hosting a homiletics presentation by Dr Jenny O'Brien on Word in the Liturgy. This will be held at the Catholic Education Office, Conference Room 6, 116 George Street, Thebarton, commencing 9.30am until 3.00pm. Ministry Formation Program welcomes anybody to attend.

Online access via Teams will be available for remote/regional participants – please advise if required. Bookings are essential. Morning tea and lunch provided – please advise of any dietary requirements. Please RSVP to: mfpadmin@adelaide.catholic.org.au by Monday August 28.

DATES

September Catholic Charities Month

3 Sep Fathers' Day

29 Sep Last day School term 3 1 Oct Help needed Sausage Sizzle

2 Oct Labour Day

16 Oct First day School term 422 Oct World Mission Day12 Nov Vinnies Christmas Appeal

15 Dec Last day School term 425 Dec Catholic Charities Appeal

Let's have a moment of silence for all those who are stuck in traffic on their way to the gym to ride stationary bicycles.





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

WHEN TIME STANDS STILL

The theory of relativity tells us that space and time are not what they appear to be. They're relative, meaning that don't always function in the same way and they aren't always experienced in the same way. Time can stand still.

Or can it? This side of eternity, it would seem not. Ever since the universe started with a mammoth explosion some 13.8 billion years ago the clock has been running non-stop, like a merciless meter, moving relentlessly forwards.

However, our faith suggests that time will be different in eternity, so different in fact that we cannot now even imagine how it will be in heaven. As St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Corinthians: Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love him. How will time be experienced in heaven? As we've just affirmed, that cannot be imagined now.

Or can it? In a wonderful new book on the Resurrection and Eternal Life, Is This All There Is, the renowned, German scripture scholar, Gerhard Lohfink, suggests that we can and sometimes do have an experience of time as it will be experienced in eternity. For Lohfink, we experience this whenever we're in adoration.

For him, the highest form of prayer is adoration. But what does it mean to "adore" God and why is that the highest form of prayer? Lohfink answers: "In adoration we ask nothing more of God. When I lament before God it is usually my own suffering that is the starting point. Even when I petition God, the occasion is often my own problem. I need something from God. And even when I thank God, unfortunately I am usually thankful for something I have received. But when I adore, I let go of myself and look only to God."

Admittedly, lament, petition, and

thanksgiving are high forms of prayer. An old, classical, and very good, definition of prayer defines prayer as "lifting mind and heart to God", and what's in our hearts virtually at all times is some form of lament, petition, or thanksgiving. Moreover, Jesus invites us to ask God for whatever is in our heart at a given moment: "Ask and you will receive." Lament, petition, and thanksgiving are good forms of prayer; but, in praying them, we're still focused in some manner on ourselves, on our needs and our joys.

However in adoration we look to God or at some attribute of God (beauty, goodness, truth, or oneness) so strongly that everything else drops away. We stand in pure wonder, pure admiration, ecstatic awe, entirely stripped of our own heartaches, headaches, and idiosyncratic focus. God's person, beauty, goodness, and truth overwhelm us so as to take our minds off of ourselves and leave us standing outside of ourselves.

And being free of our own selves is the very definition of ecstasy (from the Greek, EK STASIS, to stand outside oneself.) Thus, to be in adoration is to be in ecstasy – though, admittedly, that's generally not how we imagine ecstasy today. For us, ecstasy is commonly imagined as an earthshaking standing inside of ourselves, idiosyncrasy in its peak expression. But true ecstasy is the opposite. It's adoration.

Moreover, for Lohfink, not only is adoration the only true form of ecstasy, it's also a way of being in heaven already right now and of experiencing time as it will

be in heaven. Here's how he puts it: "In the miracle of adoration we are already with God, entirely with God, and the boundary between time and eternity is removed. It is true that we cannot now comprehend that adoring God will be endless bliss. We always want to be doing something. We want to criticize, intervene, change, improve, shape. And rightly so! That

is our duty. But in death, when we come to God, that all ceases. Then our existence will be pure astonishment, pure looking, pure praise, pure adoration – and unimaginable happiness. That is why there is also a form of adoration that uses no words. In it I hold out my own life to God, in silence, and with it the whole world, knowing God as Creator, as Lord, as the one to whom belongs all honor and praise. Adoration is the oblation of one's life to God. Adoration is surrender. Adoration means entrusting oneself entirely to God. As we dwell in adoration, eternity begins – an eternity that does not withdraw from the world but opens to it utterly."

Time can stand still! And it stands still when we're in pure admiration, in awe, in wonder, in adoration. In those moments we stand outside of ourselves, in the purest form of love that exists. At that moment too we are in heaven, not having a foretaste of heaven, but actually being in heaven. Eternity will be like that, one moment like a thousand years and a thousand years like one moment.

When we adore, time stands still – and we're in heaven!

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



When I see lovers' names carved on trees, I think it's strange how many people bring knives on a date.

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 23/08/23)



- 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?

- Caesarea Philippi is north of the region of Galilee. It was given to Herod the Great by Augustus Caesar and Herod built a white stone temple there and dedicated it to his patron. After Herod's death it passed into the hands of his son, Philip, who built his capital here – thus the name, Caesarea Philippi.
- The great stone temple built by Herod was at a natural spring which is the source of the Jordan River. The temple was dedicated to the Roman god of nature, Pan. The cave of Pan is housed in a high natural edifice of rock and it was here that Jesus reputedly told Peter, that he, too, would be a rock on which the Church is built - not dedicated to a pagan god but to the one true God.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

Keys are a symbol of authority, Jesus says to Peter, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.' Jesus entrusts his authority to Peter, and this to successive Popes and to the Church. This authority must always be used with wisdom and compassion and with it comes great responsibility, The crossed keys are part of the emblem of the papacy.

(Continued from page 1) 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.



A PEG IN A SURE SPOT (Matthew 16: 13 - 20)

One day soon, Peter will deny he ever knew Jesus. But at this moment, he's chosen to be the foundation upon which the future church will rest. Peter, in a sure spot? He was a nail driven into spackle! Is Jesus being ironic when he calls him a rock? In just a few more verses (see vs. 23), Jesus will call Peter the devil.

Jesus is Lord - but also a realist. Human nature is soft, like the flesh that contains it, and there truly is no better choice among the Twelve than Peter. From this impulsive, unschooled, self-preserving fisherman, God will raise up the rafters of a church that will see twenty centuries more. Not because Peter is great, but because God is. Not much can be built on flesh, as frail and uncertain as human beings are. But through the Spirit which gives the church its breath, the reign of God keeps on coming, on earth as it is in heaven.

WHAT'S MY LINE?

When Jesus arrived in the villages of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "What are people saying about who the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some think he is John the Baptiser, some say Elijah, some Jeremiah or one of the other prophets". He pressed them, "And how about you? Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter said, "You're the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God". (Matthew 16: 13 - 16)

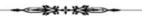
Back in the 1950s there was a popular TV quiz show called What's My

Line? Four celebrity panellists would each ask questions until they received a "no" answer from a contestant. They were trying to guess the contestant's unusual occupation. The contestant would receive cash for each question that could be answered with a "no". Each show also featured a celebrity whose identity the panel had to guess while blindfolded. It wasn't a very sophisticated show, but audiences found it entertaining.

Jesus seems to be playing a similar game with the disciples. Until Peter spoke, they all gave the answers that they were hearing from the crowds – good and logical answers, but wrong nevertheless. Peter shouts out the right answer. Jesus is "The Christ, the Son of the living God". For that answer he is given the prize, the honour of being the rock upon which the church would be built.

The disciples heard this and were told by Jesus not to tell anyone that he was the Christ. We hear the same message today. But the roles have changed. We are to preach to all who will hear that Jesus is the Christ.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(28 August - 3 September) • Monday, 28: St Augustine (1 Thess 1:1-5, 8-10; Mt 23:8-12)

- Tuesday, 29: The Passion of St John the Baptist (Jer 1:17-19; Mk 6:17-29)
- Wednesday, 30: Weekday, Ord Time 21 (1 Thess 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32)
- *Thursday*, 31: Weekday, Ord Time 21 (1 Thess 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51)
- *Friday*, 1: Weekday, Ord Time 21 (1 Thess 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13)
- *Saturday*, 2: Weekday, Ordinary Time 21 (1 Thess 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30)
- Sunday 3: 22nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27)

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