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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 9.30am.
All welcome.

STS. PETER AND PAUL

June 29th

FIRST READING

Acts 12:1-11

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was

only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33:2-9

The Lord set me free from all my fears.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. <R>
2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. <R>
3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. <R>
4. The angels of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him.. <R>

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith;

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Bulletin Board

KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Sue Semler, Brianna Chudlee, Peter Weatherstone, Annette Roostenburg, Michelle Glynn, Rebecca Semler, Chris Heath, Simon Laundry, Josh Semler.

June anniversaries: Dorothy 'Mardi' Atktison, William 'Bill' Bauer, Shirley Black, Doris Bosanko, Norma 'Aileen' Cartel, Tony Cairney, William Christopher, Craig Feltus, Mary Alice Grace, Benjamin Hayes, Henry Hughes, Sarah Hughes, Fr P P Kelly, Alan Lashmar, Maria Loechel, Ann McAnnally, James McAnnally, Lillian Murphy, Laurence O'Daly, Dean Page, Ruth Perkins, Molly Polly, Edna Rayson, Mary - Douglas Rosentreter, Brenton Semler, Henry Tabor, Michael Wilcox, Alice Willson, Brian Willson, Mary Connell.

Recently deceased: John Slagter, Elijah Laundry.

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

PARISH ROSTERS

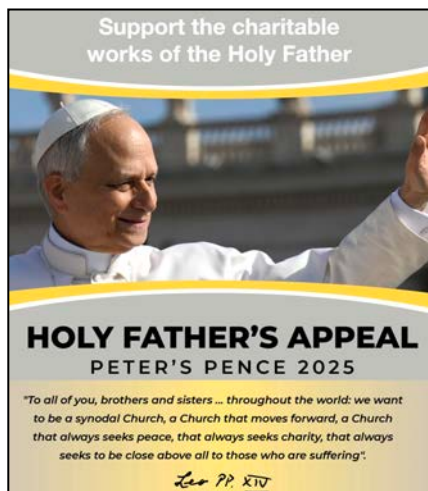
	Reader	Prayers	Cleaning
22/06	A Clark	M Glynn	A Bevan
29/06	W Bennett	M Slagter	A Bevan
13/07	A Clark	W Bennett	A Bevan
20/07	M Slagter	L Grant	C Brinkley

PRIEST ROSTER

29/06	Liturgy
06/07	Fr Lancy D'Silva
13/07	TBA

NEXT SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a Special Collection this weekend (28/29 June) for the Holy Father's Appeal.



NATIONAL LITURGY & MUSIC CONFERENCE *Pilgrims of Hope: Transformed through Sacrament and Song*



Registrations are now open for the APMN & NLC biennial conference to be held in Adelaide from October 1 to 3, 2025 at the Hilton Adelaide Hotel.

This is a great opportunity for parish musicians, school APRIMS and RECs, parish priests and pastoral associates to hear international and national speakers in the field – Fr Ricky Manalo CSP, Rita Ferrone, Fr Richard Leonard SJ – together with other inspirational and prophetic Australian voices. Visit the Conference website for further information: <https://pilgrimsofhope.com.au/>

ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and applications forms are available at uacpallottines.au Closing date is August 15.

THE METROPOLITAN MALE CHOIR

Winter Fundraiser for Seminarians in Timor Leste

Please support our musical afternoon at Our Lady of Victories Church at Glenelg on Sunday July 27 to raise funds for seminarians in Timor-Leste. Please bring any family and friends who you think would enjoy the afternoon. If you are unable to attend donations are also welcome by purchasing tickets or contacting Glenelg Parish Office on 8294 1888, Tuesday to Friday 9am until 2pm.

Below is a link to our website where you can view further details and scan the QR code to listen to a short video of the choir. <https://glenelgcp.com/event/the-metropolitan-male-choir-of-sa/>

CARITAS AUSTRALIA APPEALS FOR SUPPORT FOR AMPUTEES IN GAZA

The UN described Gaza as being "home to the largest cohort of child amputees in modern history". As of April, the UN reported that 4,500 people have become amputees due to the current conflict.

Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413

THE FIRST BIOGRAPHY OF POPE LEO XIV

On Sunday July 6 at 11.15am ATF Press is launching a biography of Pope Leo XIV at Parish Centre, Barkers Road, Prospect – next to the Holy Rosary Church.

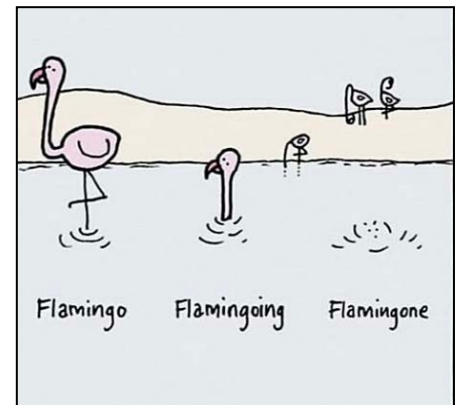
One of the Augustinian priests, Fr Tony Banks OSA, will be speaking. Please reply to the invitation on the following email: hdregan@atf.org.au by Wednesday July 2.

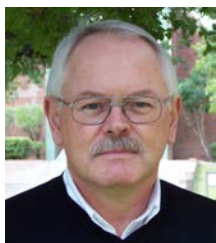
Even if you are unable to attend the book launch you may wish to order the book from ATF Press. Open the attachment and you will see under the logo www.atfpress.com

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WHAT'S ON

29 Jun	Holy Father's Appeal
2 Jul	Last day School term 2
6 July	NATSICC Appeal
20 Jul	Stella Maris - Sea Sunday
21 Jul	First day School term 3
10 Aug	Vocations Appeal
26 Sep	Last day School term 3
6 Oct	Labour day holiday
13 Oct	First day School term 4
12 Dec	Last day School term 4





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

WHAT TO DO WHEN THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO

What do you do when a wound or a loss leaves you hopelessly disconsolate and there's nothing you can do to amend the situation?

As well, what do you do or say when you are trying to console someone who is paralyzed by loss? For example, what do you say to someone who is keeping vigil at the bedside of a loved one who is dying young? What do you say to someone who has just lost a loved one to suicide?

What do you do or say when you are helpless to do anything practical to amend a fractured situation?

The poet Rainer Marie Rilke once received a letter from a man who had just lost a loved one, was fighting despair, and was desperately searching for anything to keep his heart from breaking.

Rilke sent him these words: "Don't be afraid to suffer—take your heaviness and give it back to the earth's own weight; the mountains are heavy, the oceans are heavy." (Sonnets to Orpheus) These words echo words from the Book of Lamentations (3,29) where the sacred author tells us that sometimes all you can do is to put your mouth to the dust and wait.

Sometimes all we can do is to put our mouths to the dust and wait! Sometimes we must give the heaviness of our grief back to the earth itself.

It's curious that we can accept those words and the patience they ask for when the pain that afflicts us is physical rather than emotional and psychological. For instance, if we have an accident and suffer a badly broken leg, we simply accept that, no matter the frustration, we will be incapacitated for a number of weeks or months and there's nothing that can be done about it. We simply must accept the situation and let nature

take its course. To our detriment we don't often accept emotional and psychological fractures in the same way. When our heart is broken, we want a fix in short order. We don't want our heart on crutches or in a wheelchair for some weeks or months.

Well, not all losses and heartbreaks are the same. There are losses that are less paralyzing, where despite a bitter blow to the heart, there are already elements of consolation and healing present. We experience this, for example, at the funeral of a loved one who lived and died in such a way that, despite losing her to death, at a deeper level we already feel a certain peace, even in her departure.

But there are losses where, for a period afterwards, there is no consolation and there are no words (however true and faith-filled they may be) which take away the bitterness and pain of our loss. For example, I have seen this at times at the funeral of someone who died by suicide. In that raw moment, there is nothing that we can do or say that will lift from the dust the hearts of the loved ones who are left behind and grieving. The words that are needed, words which express our faith and our hope, will be helpful later, but they lose their existential power when the grief is so raw.

I remember a funeral I attended several years ago. The woman to whom we were saying an earthly farewell had died of cancer, still young, in her early fifties. Understandably, her husband was disconsolate. At the reception after the church service, one of his close friends, trying to cheer him up, said to him: "She's with God; she's in a better place." Despite being a man of faith and having just walked out of a church service that publicly celebrated that faith, his response was: "I know you mean well; but that's the last thing I need to hear today."

The words of faith we speak to each other in the face of bitter loss and death are true. This woman, no doubt, was in a better place. But in a moment of raw grief, words will not have

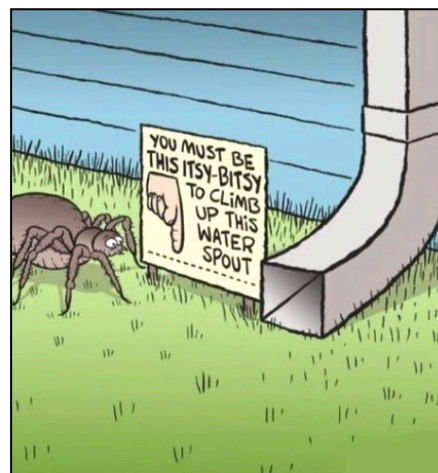
much emotional or psychological impact.

So, what can we offer others in situations like these? What can others offer us when we are paralyzed by grief?

We can offer our helplessness, our muted selves, our inability to say or do anything that will take the heaviness away. And perhaps nothing is as fruitful in a tragic situation than the empathy that flows out of mutual helplessness. We might still utter the words of faith, but we need to accept that they will bear their full fruit only later.

What our grief-muted selves are saying in moments of helplessness is what both the Book of Lamentations and the poet Rilke are saying: Sometimes all you can do is to put your mouth to the dust and wait – and by doing that you will be giving your heaviness back to the earth itself. Paradoxically, the acceptance of heaviness can be the one thing that can lift our spirits.

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.

1st Collection (Support for Priests):
BSB 066-782

A/c No 100027201

Reference: Your name

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BSB 066-782

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Thank you for your ongoing support of our Priests and Parish Facilities.

INTEGRITY & SAFEGUARDING

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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Integrity and Safeguarding Dept
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A REMARKABLE FEAST

So Peter gets the keys, and Paul gets the better part of the New Testament. It is ironic, really, that we Catholics base our authority on Peter, while Paul becomes the de facto pope of Protestants, who appeal to his authority as final.

It probably makes sense to the two men as well. Both understood the theology of reversals. Peter the underdog becomes the cornerstone of the future papacy, though reasonable people might have chosen Paul. Paul, the man of incomparable orthodoxy, becomes the champion of those who dissent from the centre of orthodoxy. Only in the kingdom are such things natural.

The Feast of Peter and Paul in itself has something off-centre about it. These men had one recorded encounter in Jerusalem and it was not exactly a meeting of the minds. Yet they are linked together eternally in the whimsical feast. Perhaps this is an ecumenical feast which offers hope for divided Christianity. Peter continues to speak to us from Rome, while Paul preaches to us in the heart of the Eucharist.

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all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and 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 16:13-19

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, '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.'

ON THIS ROCK

Many churches bear the names of Saints Peter and Paul. One of the most prominent is the spectacular Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, the cathedral church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

In the mid-19th century construction

of the church began in an environment when the growth of the Catholic population and the increasing visibility of Catholic institutions gave rise to the suspicion that the Catholic Church and its large number of immigrant members posed a threat to traditional American values. Riots against Catholics and their poverty were sometimes the result of this attitude.

With the potential for violence against the building in mind, the cathedral's original clerestory windows were placed over 75 feet above the ground, their height, legend has it, measured from the distance the builders – and therefore a potential vandal – could throw a rock into the air.

The apostles Peter and Paul suffered their share of persecution for their faith. What is interesting was their reaction: They didn't retaliate – Peter became a rock rather than tossing one back. They simply had faith, endured, trusted in God – and kept on building the church.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(30 June - 06 July)

- **Monday, 30:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 13 (Gen 18:16-33; Mt 8:18-22)
- **Tuesday, 01:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 13 (Gen 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27)
- **Wednesday, 02:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 13 (Gen 21:5, 8-20; Mt 8:28-34)
- **Thursday, 03:** St Thomas (Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29)
- **Friday, 04:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 13 (Gen 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Mt 9:9-13)
- **Saturday, 05:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 13 (Gen 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17)
- **Sunday 06:** FOURTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 66:10-14; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20)

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