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WEEKEND MASSES

Kingscote at 9.30am

CONFESSION

Kingscote at 9.00am (prior to Mass)

INTEGRITY & SAFEGUARDING

We are a safeguarding Organisation.

We believe that all God's children, young people and adults at risk 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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FIRE SAFETY

In case of a fire, please exit the front or rear door and gather on the lawn area near the Church. At the time, the Commentator will inform you of which door to exit safely.



FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 64:10-14

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

1. You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. (R)
2. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows; you level it, soften it with showers; you bless its growth. (R)
3. You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. (R)
4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live forever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

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Bulletin Board

KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Brianna Chudlee, Annette Roestenburg, Michelle Glynn, Rebecca Semler, Chris Heath, Simon Laundry, Josh Semler, MaryAnne Higgs

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, Damian Howard, 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 the faithful departed and may all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ.

PRIEST ROSTER

July 12 Fr Peter Hosking SJ
July 19 Fr Vivencio Besa
July 26 Fr Francis Showri



HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

We will be celebrating Holy Communion and Confirmation on 9 November this year. The Archbishop and Fr Lancy will concelebrate this special occasion.

Please keep Glenna and Colin and their families in your prayers.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA APPEAL - STELLA MARIS

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during the pandemic, seafarers continued to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy.

The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This organisation was originally started by Vinnies!

A BEAUTIFUL GIFT from the Cathedral parishioners of Adelaide to the Cathedral parishioners on Kangaroo Island

On Sunday 5 July the Kangaroo Island Catholic Church, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, was filled to its capacity by locals and visitors from the mainland. They were here to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour.

Normally celebrated on 27 June, our celebration was inspired by Australian Catholics of Indian heritage who drew upon their experience of Our Lady's influence throughout India, where devotion to our blessed mother in this guise has been particularly popular since the mid Twentieth Century.

Their inspiring gift to us was an expression of the great fervour, devotion and love with which they worship Jesus and venerate Our Lady.

The idea of a pilgrimage had occurred to some of the Cathedral parishioners in Adelaide, who thought it wonderful to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour in a church of that

name, which just happened to be on Kangaroo Island! After conversations with Fr Lancy, both Parish Pastoral Councils agreed enthusiastically to support the event. The KI parishioners gratefully accepted that they were to be the provider of the Church and the Hall and whatever that entailed. The mainland parishioners, in a hugely generous gesture offered to provide the feast, the choir and the booklets. On top of this was the cost of travelling to and staying on KI.

At the conclusion of Mass, we all transited to the Lion's Hall where we were beamingly greeted by chief organiser Agnello Fernandez, the chefs, the many helpers and the enticing aroma of Indian curries. It was indeed a feast of celebration and camaraderie, and we all agreed that it was a meal to remember and that we were very, very grateful for the delicious food, and the care and efficiency of our hosts.

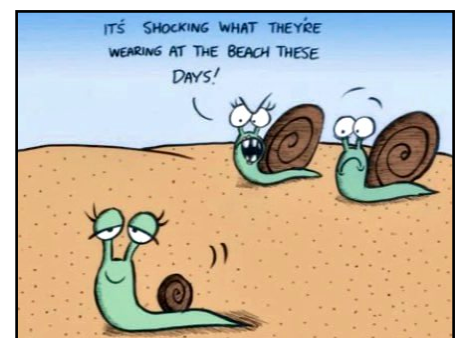
As the day drew to a close, comments such as "yummiest food ever", "I'm so glad I came", "I'm so glad you came", "Wasn't this a great idea", "Come and stay with me anytime", "I love Kangaroo Island" and many, many times "Let's do this again next year"!

WHAT'S ON

12 Jul Stella Maris - Appeal
20 Jul Beginning school term 3
9 Aug Promotion Vocations Appeal
Sep Catholic Charities Month
Sep 5-13 Royal Adelaide Show
25 Sep School term 3 ends
26 Sep AFL Grand Final
5 Oct Labour Day
12 Oct School term 4 begins
18 Oct World Mission Month
3 Nov Melbourne Cup
8 Nov Supporting our Clergy Appeal
15 Nov St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal
11 Dec School term 4 ends
25 Dec Christmas Day

MASS ROSTERS

Date	Readers/Prayers	Special Ministers	Cleaners
12 July	P Bennett, M Glynn	A Bevan, H Mumford	C Brinkley
19 July	A Clark, W Bennett	L Grant, K Hammat	C Brinkley
26 July	M Slagter, L Grant	P Bennett, A Bevan	C Brinkley
2 August	P Bennett, K Hammat	S Semler, W Bennett	A Clark
9 August	S Heath, A Clark	M Slagter, L Grant	A Clark
16 August	S Semler, L Grant	H Mumford, K Hammat	A Clark
23 August	K Hammat, M Glynn	W Bennett, S Semler	A Clark
30 August	S Semler, L Grant	P Bennett, M Slagter	A Clark
06 Sept	P Clark, W Bennett	A Bevan, H Mumford	C Berden
13 Sept	K Hammat, S Semler	P Bennett, L Grant	C Berden





Ron Rolheiser column

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A NAIVETE OF THE HEART

Darkness is only bad because there is light. Sin can only happen if first there is love.

Karl Rahner makes a very insightful comment about the text in the Gospels where Jesus is being crucified and says of his executioners: "Forgive them Father for they know not what they do!"

Rahner suggests that they knew exactly what they were doing. They knew they were putting an innocent man to death, that they were shedding innocent blood. So why does Jesus say what he said?

What was their innocence? What was their naïveté?

Rahner's answer: They didn't know what they were doing because they didn't know how much they were loved. And that can make for a naïveté of the heart. How so?

There's a place inside us, a place of which we are rarely consciously aware, where each of us is being held unconditionally in love by God. The people who crucified Jesus didn't know what they were doing because they weren't aware of that. That was their blindness, their ignorance. Despite what it looks like on the surface, they didn't know what they were doing.

This is also true for us. Far too often we crucify others and ourselves because of this ignorance: we don't know how much we are loved. Consequently, we're sometimes cruel in our judgments and prone to do things which compromise our dignity. We struggle not to be one of the executioners at the crucifixion because, at the end of the day, we are acting out of ignorance. We don't know any better, like the naïveté of the child who hurts herself in ignorance.

But this isn't a new insight.

Theology has classically drawn a distinction between culpable and inculpable ignorance. The latter, also called invincible ignorance, was seen to excuse one from sin and responsibility. Hence, there was the teaching that you could do things that were wrong but not sinful because you were acting in ignorance. This was predicated on the belief that you could act morally and responsibly only if you actually knew what you were doing. To sin, you had to act "knowingly". Granted, that's a tricky caveat.

However, looking at our world today, I would risk saying that in a number of important moral matters, we are acting in invincible ignorance. Simply put, we don't know any better. Only the type of ignorance that allowed sincere people to crucify Jesus can explain why we, good and sincere people, can be so massively blind, communally and individually, to the poor, to the economic and social demands made by our faith. The real reason we can live so comfortably as the gap between the rich and the poor widens is not because we are bad and without conscience, but rather, as Rahner says, we don't know how much we are loved.

The same holds true for our attitude towards sex. We have been able to trivialise sex, split it off from the sacredness of marriage, and turn it into an extension of dating (or simply recreational sex) only because of a certain invincible ignorance. We don't know any better, not because we lack conscience, but because we lack any real sense of the deep love of God and the dignity it gives us.

Like Jesus' executioners, we have an astounding capacity to rationalise, trivialise, and compensate precisely

because we don't know what we're doing. We don't have a conscious sense of God's love for us. Hence, it's easy to lose perspective, feel excluded, and do things that we would never do if we were more aware of our full dignity.

Small wonder we settle for second-best or for most anything that promises comfort and security. Jesus, no doubt, is looking at us and saying: "Forgive them Father for they know not what they do!"

But is that true? Can we really plead ignorance and innocence and say that we don't know any better?

I say yes, though it's not that we're stupid or lack intelligence. This is a naïveté of the heart. We are inculpably unaware of how much God loves us.

Too few of us, at any existential level, have ever heard God say to us: "I love you!" Too few of us have ever heard felt what Jesus must have felt at his baptism when he heard his Father say: "You are my beloved child; in you I take delight!" Indeed, too few of us have ever heard another person, soul to soul, say to us, I love you unconditionally! In you I take delight! Is it a surprise then that, like Jesus' executioners, we have an amazing capacity, in good conscience, to sometimes be blind and not true to ourselves?

Darkness is only bad because there is light. Sin can only happen if first there is love. Betrayal is only possible if first one has heard the words: "I love you." Jesus' executioners acted in a darkness that came from never having heard that. The same, I suspect, is true for many of us.

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

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

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And Jesus spoke to them at length in parables, saying, "A sower went out to sow. And as the sower sowed, some seed fell on the path...." (Matthew 13:3-4)

We often hear Jesus telling stories – called parables – about seeds. There are tiny mustard seeds and seeds that get planted in different kinds of soil. Then there's the sower who scatters and sows seeds. Sometimes, Jesus compares seeds to God's Kingdom or to the Word of God. Sometimes, he invites us to think about how we are like seeds, the sower or even the soil. Jesus is always giving us different ways to understand his teachings and put them to work in our lives. As you read these parables in the coming weeks, think and pray about what they mean in your life.

Jesus, help me live your teachings.



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He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied, 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received

the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

EXPLORING THE WORD

This parable would have had a great appeal to the rural population living on the fertile land around the Sea of Galilee. There, the gentle undulating hills are green and verdant. This is a sharp contrast to the desert wilderness of the southern part of the province of Judea around Jerusalem.

Jesus explains the meaning of the parable of the sower. The different soils represent different human responses to hearing the word of God. The message is that, despite some failures, the sower's work ultimately succeeds. Not everyone is open to receiving the word and acting on it but there is encouragement for those who allow the word to take root and bear fruit.

DID YOU KNOW?

Parables were a familiar way of teaching in the time of Jesus and some images had set meanings. For example, a vineyard, sons or servants represented Israel, while a master, king or father represented God.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS (13 - 19 July)

- **Monday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34 - 11:1)
- **Tuesday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24)
- **Wednesday, 19:** St Bonaventure, (Is 10:5-7, 13-16; Mt 11:25-27)
- **Thursday, 20:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30)
- **Friday, 21:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8)
- **Saturday, 22:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Micah 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21)
- **Sunday 23:** 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-30)

PASTORAL CARE

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