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(Part of the Adelaide Cathedral Parish)

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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.

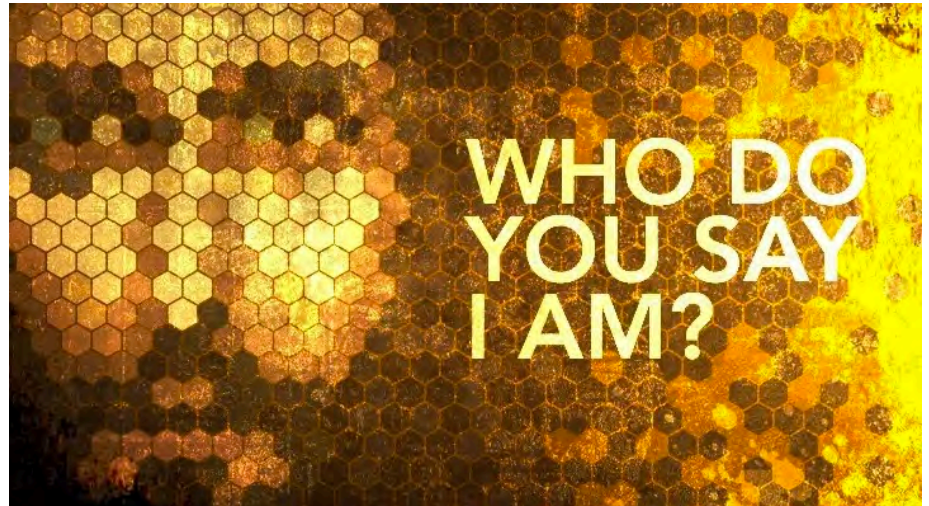
We believe that all God's children, young people and adults at risk have the right to be healthy and safe, and to have their voice heard, respected, and valued. A safe environment for all.

- Mrs Helen Mumford
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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 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
glory for his father's house.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8

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

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my
heart, you have heard the words
of my mouth. Before the angels I
will bless you. I will adore before
your holy temple. (R)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness
and love which excel all we ever
knew of you. On the day I called,
you answered; you increased the
strength of my soul. (R)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on
the lowly and the haughty he
knows from afar. Your love, O

Lord, is eternal, discard not the
work of your hands (R.)

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, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a
happy man!

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Bulletin Board

KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

July anniversaries: Alma Adams, 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, Bill Roestenberg

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

PRIEST ROSTER

Aug 23 Fr Vincent Wijesuriya



HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

We will be celebrating Holy Communion and Confirmation on 29 November this year. The Archbishop and Fr Lancy will concelebrate this special occasion.

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

MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

If you or someone you know is celebrating a milestone (5th, 10th, 15th, 50th, 55th, 70th etc) marriage this year, we invite you to let us know your details so they can be acknowledged by a special anniversary certificate signed by the Archbishop and celebrated at the Anniversaries Mass on the weekend of 20th and 21st of September. Please let Christine Weatherstone know by 1 September if you are interested.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST

For Mutual Co-existence

Let us pray that societies, where coexistence seems more difficult, might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.



THE QUESTION

The question appeared on a screen one ordinary morning.

"Who do you say I am?"

There was no explanation. No context. Just those six words. People gave the usual answers. Some talked about Jesus as a teacher. Others spoke about compassion, miracles, forgiveness and love. The answers were good. Familiar. Safe.

Then someone asked a different question.

"What if Jesus asked us that question today?"

The room went quiet. Not, "What do you know about me?" Not, "Can you repeat the right answer?" But, "Who do your lives say I am?"

Suddenly, the question felt much bigger. Because perhaps the answer

was not found in what people said, but in what happened next.

Who gets noticed when everyone else is busy? Who gets welcomed when they feel like an outsider? Who gets another chance after getting it wrong? Who is listened to instead of dismissed? Who is challenged when silence would be easier? Who is treated with dignity when nobody is watching?

The question stayed on the screen. "Who do you say I am?"

And slowly, the people in the room realised that the most convincing answer would never be a speech. It would be the way they lived when they walked out the door.

Because faith becomes powerful when it stops being something we simply say and becomes something people can actually experience through us.

The question was never asking for a perfect answer. It was asking for a life that answers. *GPBS eNews*

WHAT'S ON

- 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 Appeal
- 11 Dec School term 4 ends
- 25 Dec Christmas Day



MASS ROSTERS

Date	Readers/Prayers	Special Ministers	Cleaners
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
20 Sept	S Heath, P Bennett	S Semler, K Hammat	C Berden
27 Sept	A Clark, M Glynn	M Slagter, H Mumford	C Berden
4 October	M Slagter, W Bennett	K Hammat, S Semler	H Mumford



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

REFLECTION AND POEMS ON HEARTBREAK

When I reflect on the spirituality I was raised on, I'm deeply grateful. No spirituality is perfect, but what I have been given through our rich Christian tradition stands up to the challenges of life and of faith. But if I had one criticism it would be this: For all its richness, Christian spirituality hasn't always given us permission to own and deal with our own complexity. At least in its popular expression, it has not always taken seriously how complicated it is to be a human being.

It's no simple task. As Nicole Krauss writes in her novel, *The History of Love*, we live with the "insoluble contradiction of being animals cursed with self-reflection, and moral beings cursed with animal instincts." Yes, we are creatures of dust carrying the breath of God.

In our deepest center we bear the *Image and Likeness of God*, but that is not to be imagined as some beautiful icon stamped in our soul. No. It's fire, divine fire. In each of us there is a breath of infinity which keeps us congenitally restless, gives us hungers we can never fully satisfy in this life, and, as the biblical writer Qoheleth says, keeps us forever out of sync with the seasons. As St. Augustine famously wrote: *You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.* As humans, we are pathologically complex and restless.

And here's what that can look like in a life of faith.

When you read Terese of Lisieux's *The Story of a Soul*, you see a paradox, a near contradiction. On the one hand, she embodies wonderfully what Christian

detachment is meant to be. She's a paradigm of selflessness. Yet, she's also strongly attached to certain things, like her family, and could fall into a minor depression if there was a missed visit by her family. Terese was a complex woman, not a saint without struggles, and her honest sharing of those struggles is one of the reasons why her writings touch people deeply.

The same is true of the renowned scientist, spiritual writer, and mystic, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin. Here's how he defined himself (in words to this effect): "I was born into this world with two great loves, love of God and love of the world. When I think of God, it takes my breath away; but when I look at the world and its pagan beauty, it also takes my breath away. My life is a struggle between genuflecting before the divine and genuflecting before the pagan."

I give this background as a way of introducing and recommending a recent book by Maria Shriver, *I Am Maria – My Reflections and Poems on Heartbreak, Healing, and Finding Your Way Home*.

Many of us are familiar with Maria Shriver as a member of the famous Kennedy family and as the former First Lady of the State of California; but her memoir book introduces her to us in a very different way. This is not a celebrity writing a memoir based on her popularity. This is a book of depth, in effect, a contemporary *The Story of a Soul*.

Shriver articulates the struggle of a sensitive soul as she shares her own journey, both as woman of the world and as a woman of faith. Like Terese of Lisieux, she is healthily detached, even as she clings to some things in this world. Like Teilhard de Chardin, God and faith can take her breath away, even as do some earthy

consolations in this world. She takes both her body and her spirit seriously and names, with honesty, the tensions she lives with because of that. She manifests a deep piety, even as she is healthily iconoclastic. She carries these tensions well.

Her journey is one of hope and of realism, all at the same time. For example, she ends her poem, *My Morning Meditation*, with these words:

*Sure things scare me like being
alone for the rest of my life
But if that's what happens so be it
I will continue to surround myself
with beauty
So I can access the beauty, the
spiritual, the feminine part of me.*

Carl Rogers suggests that "what is most personal is often what is most universal." Shriver shares deep personal struggles which we immediately recognize as universal. And she is ever the artist in sharing them, deep and intimate, yet never exhibitionist. She never makes you want to turn your eyes away, the mark of a good writer.

When I first read Henri Nouwen, I had a sense of being introduced to myself: How does he know me that well? Is he writing just for me? If you are someone who struggles with a sensitive soul you will have that same experience reading Shriver's book.

Someone once said this about the late singer Karen Carpenter. When you hear her sing you have the feeling that she is singing just for you and singing directly into your ear. Maria Shriver's book will give you that same sensation.

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):
Kangaroo Island DPF - CDF Account
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Reference: Your name

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Kangaroo Island Parish – CDF Account
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A/c No 100000067
Reference: Your name

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I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. (Mt 16:19)

The first day of the new term is almost here, and Carmen can't wait. She gets to ride her bike there. She has a key to lock it up during the school day. It's the first key Carmen can call her own. And she's proud – it's a sign her parents trust her not to lose her bike ... or her key! Jesus gave Peter the keys to the Kingdom. He trusted Peter to lead God's people – that's us! It wasn't a key Peter held in his hand, like Carmen's, but if it had been, what do you think it would have looked like?

Jesus, you hold the key to my heart.
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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.

WHO DO WE SAY WE ARE? (Matthew 16:13-20)

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 Baptist, 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."

Jesus asks a question that cuts through the noise: "Who do you say I am?" It is a question about more than belief. It is about what our lives reveal. In our parishes, homes and families, it is worth asking: does the way we speak, welcome, forgive and show up actually look like Jesus?

Faith cannot survive as something we simply attend. It has to become something we live. Our parish communities do not need to be perfect, but they do need to be real. They need to be places where people who are struggling are noticed, newcomers are welcomed, young people have a voice, families feel they belong and nobody is left wondering whether they matter.

The challenge is big. We can know the prayers, attend Mass and carry the Catholic label, yet still miss the heart of the Gospel. Jesus is asking us to move beyond knowing about him towards becoming people who make his compassion, courage, justice and hope visible.

So here is the question for every parish

and every home: Who do we say we are, and what do our lives prove?

Questions for Reflection

- If someone experienced our parish or family for the first time, what would they discover about what we truly value?
- Who might be feeling unseen, disconnected or unwelcome in our community, and what could we do differently?
- Where is Jesus challenging us to move from simply talking about faith to actually living it?

Action Response

Do something this week that makes your faith unmistakable. Notice someone who is usually overlooked. Welcome someone you do not know. Check in on a family member. Invite someone into the life of the parish. Listen without rushing to fix things. Forgive something you have been holding onto. Make room at the table, in the conversation and in the community. Our Catholic faith is not meant to be hidden behind church doors. If we say we follow Jesus, then people should be able to see it in the way we live.
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THIS WEEK'S READINGS (23 - 30 August)

- **Monday, 24:** St Bartholomew (Rev 21:9-14; Jn 1:45-51)
- **Tuesday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (2 Thess 2:1-3, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26)
- **Wednesday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (2 Thess 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32)
- **Thursday, 27:** St Monica (1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51)
- **Friday, 28:** St Augustine (1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13)
- **Saturday, 29:** The Passion of St John the Baptist (Jer 1:17-19; Mk 6:17-29)
- **Sunday 30:** 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20)

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