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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 9.00am



AUSTRALIA DAY MASS

January 26, 2025

FIRST READING

Isaiah 32:15-18

Once more there will be poured on us the spirit from above; then shall the wilderness be fertile land and fertile land become forest.

In the wilderness justice will come to live and integrity in the fertile land; integrity will bring peace, justice give lasting security.

My people will live in a peaceful home, in safe houses, in quiet dwellings.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:9-14

The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. <R>

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. <R>

3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. <R>

SECOND READING

Corinthians 12:4-11

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognizing spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 5:9

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:2-12

Jesus began to speak to the crowds, This is what he taught them:

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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Sue Semler, Brianna Chudlee, Peter Weatherstone, John Slagter, Annette Roestenburg, Michelle Glynn, Elijah Laundry, Rebecca Semler, Simon Laundry, Chris Heath, Josh Semler

January anniversaries: Eunice Airton, Eileen Bateman, Dorothy Brook, Monica Buick, May Cairney, Dominic Cash, Maureen Dunn, Marlene Cummins, Pauline Deegan, Jim Dodgson, Lucy Edwards, Colin Fahey, Margaret Flemming, Ralph Florance, Catherine Glynn, Alec Goodwin, Edward Hughes, Ida Jackson, Christina James, Jack Kindellan, John Lavers, Ettie McDonald, Irene Northcott, Ottaviano Orsi, Marj Phillips, Una Reynolds, George Rowen. Ann Smith, Sheila Tabor, Lorraine Laher Storfer, Mary Weatherstone

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
26/1	P Bennett	K Hammat	A Clark
2/2	H Mumford	A Clark	C Berden
9/2	S Semler	L Grant	C Berden
16/2	K Hammat	M Glynn	C Berden
23/2	S Semler	L Grant	C Berden

PRIEST ROSTER

26 January	Fr Charles Lukati
2 February	Fr Charles Lukati

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I will praise you, Lord, among the peoples, among the nations sing psalms to you, for your mercy reaches to the heavens, and your truth to the skies.

JUBILEE YEAR – CELEBRATION OF CONSECRATED LIFE 2 February, 2025

Next Sunday (2 February), we celebrate and give thanks for the contribution the Religious men and women have made, and are still making, to the life of the Archdiocese of Adelaide. There are also some lay women and men who are living a consecrated life. We also remember and celebrate their contribution.

Members of the Consecrated Life, as 'Pilgrims of Hope' on the path of peace have served the Church in

South Australia as Founders and Leaders in education, health and aged care, services for the homeless and destitute, those with disabilities, and our Aboriginal Communities. Most of these roles are now assumed by lay people.

Education: Congregations contributed to a variety of schools in rural and metropolitan areas, including parochial schools, colleges, boarding schools, schools for children with disabilities, and First Nations people in their own lands.

Health: The Little Company of Mary established Calvary Hospital and a hospice for the dying. Other Orders, such as Little Sisters of the Poor, Sisters of St Joseph and the Franciscan Sisters contributed to Aged Care.

Social Services and Pastoral Care: Congregations founded and supported facilities for the homeless, for example, the Daughters of Charity in Hutt Street. St Joseph's Refuge was opened by St Mary Mackillop in Fullarton in 1900, to provide accommodation for unmarried mothers and destitute women. This outreach was continued by the Daughters of Charity.

There were Orphanages at Goodwood and Largs Bay run by the Sisters of Mercy and the Sisters of St Joseph.

There has been a continuous ministry of Priests and Religious who have accompanied their fellow countrymen and women as they migrated to Australia. Many priests, brothers and sisters also came as Missionaries. Religious in more recent times have contributed to the development of Parishes in roles such as Pastoral Associates. We all owe a great debt to the Religious Communities for their contributions to the foundation of our Church in South Australia.

*Archbishop Patrick O'Regan DD
Sr Elizabeth Morris RSJ
(Vicar for Religious)*



Congratulations to **Kerry Brinkley**, winner of the Kangaroo Island Citizen of the Year Award. He will be officially presented with the award on

the Australia Day ceremony this Sunday (January 26)

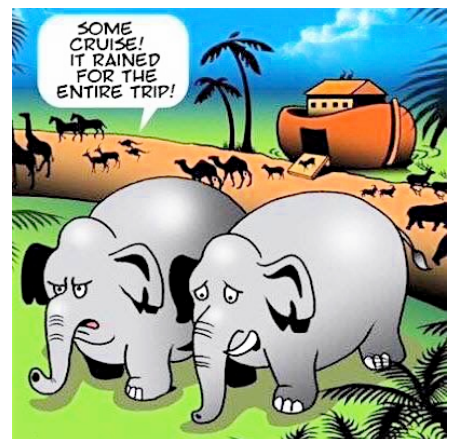
PRAYER

Lord, God of all creation, we give you praise and thanks for the gift of our land Australia. Bless this land and all the people who live here, those who have been here for a long time and those who are newcomers.

*Make us grateful for the beauty and bounty of our great south land where your Holy Spirit dwells, and help us always to be aware of our duty to take care of this land which you created. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen*

2025

26 Jan	Australia Day
27 Jan	Australia Day holiday
28 Jan	First day, School term 1
29 Jan	Lunar New Year (Year of the Wood Snake)
9 Feb	Day of Unborn Child Appeal
5 Mar	Ash Wednesday
5 Mar	Project Compassion
10 Mar	Adelaide Cup Day
12 Apr	Last day School term 1
13 Apr	Palm Sunday
17 Apr	Thursday of Lord's Supper
18 Apr	Good Friday
18 Apr	Holy Places Appeal
19 Apr	Holy Saturday
20 Apr	Easter Sunday
25 Apr	ANZAC Day
28 Apr	First day School term
18 May	St Vincent de Paul Appeal
9 Jun	King's birthday holiday
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

AN INVITATION TO SOMETHING HIGHER

What is a sin? Is it a sin to not go to church on Sunday? Is it a sin to cheat on your taxes? Is it a sin to get drunk? Is holding a grudge a sin? Is masturbation a sin? Is infidelity in marriage a sin?

For too long preachers, catechists, Sunday school teachers, church hierarchy, and moral theologians have been too focused on sin. Well, indeed there is sin around, but that should hardly be our focus in terms of understanding what it means to live a moral Christian life. Here we should take our cue from Jesus.

In his *Sermon on the Mount* (Matthew 5-7) Jesus says, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law and the prophets; I have come to fulfill them." What he is saying here is basically this: *I have not come to do away with the Ten Commandments; I have come to invite you to something higher.*

Unfortunately, we tend to think of living a moral life mostly in terms of keeping the Commandments and avoiding sin. What we call "moral theology" has classically been focused on ethical issues, what's right and what's wrong? But that's not what we hear from Jesus as a moral teacher. His *Sermon on the Mount* (perhaps the greatest moral code ever written) focuses instead on an invitation to do what's higher. It assumes we are already living the elementary essentials of morality, the Ten Commandments, and instead invites us to something beyond those essentials, namely, to be the adult in the room who helps the world carry its tension.

Jesus doesn't offer us moral theology in its classical or popular form. Rather he invites us into an ever-deepening discipleship (which is what moral theology, proper catechesis, and Sunday school are meant to do).

Here's an example of an invitation that lies at the very heart of the *Sermon on the Mount*. At one point, Jesus invites us to a "virtue that goes deeper than that of the scribes and the Pharisees." It's easy to miss the point here because, almost without exception, we tend to think that Jesus is referring to the hypocrisy of some of the scribes and Pharisees. He isn't. Most of the scribes and Pharisees were good, honest, sincere people who practiced a high virtue. For them, living a good moral and religious life meant keeping the Ten Commandments (all of them!) and being a man or woman who was scrupulously fair to everyone. It meant being a just person.

So, what's lacking here? If I am a person who keeps all the Commandments and am fair and just in all my dealings with others, what is lacking in me morally? Why isn't that enough?

Jesus' answer to that takes us further than the Ten Commandments and the demands of justice. He invites us to something beyond.

He points out that the demands of justice still permit us to hate our enemies, to curse those who curse us, and to execute murderers (*an eye for an eye*). He invites us to something beyond that, namely, to love those who hate us, to bless those who curse us, and to forgive those who kill us. That is the essence of moral theology. And note that it comes to us as an invitation, inviting us always to something higher. It's not concerned about what's a sin and what isn't (*thou shalt not*). Rather, it's a positive invitation beckoning us to reach higher, to transcend our natural impulses, to be more than someone who just keeps the commandments and avoids sin. I remember once hearing a lecture from the late Michael Hines in which he offered this image of God as forever inviting us to something higher: Imagine a mother coaxing a

toddler to walk. Squatting on the floor in front of the child, an arm's length away, her fingertips just inches away from the fingertips of the child, she gently coaxes the child to risk taking a step forward; then when the child takes that step, she moves her fingertips back a few inches, and again gently tries to coax the child into risking another step. And so, all the way across the floor.

That's the image we need for Christian discipleship and moral theology. Our first concern should not be, is this a sin or not? Is it a sin to not go to church on Sunday? Is it a sin to entertain lustful thoughts? Is it sin to hold a grudge?

The question with which we need to challenge ourselves is rather, what am I being invited into? Where do I need to stretch myself toward something higher? Am I loving beyond my natural impulses? And more specifically: Am I loving those who hate me? Am I blessing those who curse me? Am I forgiving murderers?

I have not come to do away with the Ten Commandments; I have come to invite you to something higher – all the way across the floor.



"Aaaaaa! There goes another batch of eggs, Frank no wonder this nest was such a good deal!"

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

2nd Collection (Support for our Parish):
BSB 066-782
A/c No 100000067
Reference: Your name

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

CHILD PROTECTION

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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DID YOU KNOW?

... that after landing on the island of Vanuatu on the feast of Pentecost in 1606, Catholic Portuguese explorer Pedro Fernandez de Quiros declared that all land from Vanuatu to the South Pole was to be known as *Australia del Espiritu Santo* (southern land of the Holy Spirit)?

De Quiros never actually set foot on Australian soil, but his description of it as the "great south land of the Holy Spirit" has had a lasting impact on how Australia is seen by people of faith.

Given the long presence of Aboriginal people in Australia and the deep spiritual understanding of the sacredness of the land, de Quiros' description of Australia as the land of the Spirit is unknowingly quite accurate.

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How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage;

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted;

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied;

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them; Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God;

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God;

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

THE REAL TRAGEDY OF SIN

There's an axiom within certain schools of psychology which submits that every abuser was first abused.

Our spontaneous judgment on the perpetrator of a mass shooting or terrorist bombing most naturally expresses itself this way: "I hope he fries in hell!" What's wrong with that reaction is its failure to understand that this person was already frying in some private hell and this terrible acting out is an attempt to get out of hell or at least to take as many people as he can to hell with him.

Perpetrators of violence mostly want to ruin heaven for others since they themselves feel unfairly deprived of it. This isn't everywhere true of course since mental illness and the mystery of human freedom also play in, but it's true enough to challenge us towards a better understanding of why some people have bitter, sadistic hearts while others have gracious, loving ones.

Sin wounds others and shields us from having to own what's sick inside us because we have now inflicted our sickness onto someone else where it works at making that person ill.

Blessing does opposite. It relieves others of the sickness that was unfairly inflicted on them, helps turn their bitterness into graciousness, and soothes the very root of their wounds.

This is all still colored by the mystery of human freedom. Some people do come from abusive backgrounds, and some do suffer cruelty and bullying as a child and yet became one-in-million wounded healers, turning the very sin against them into a powerful healing grace. Unfortunately, they're the exception and their greatness lie in that exact achievement.

There are many challenges for us in this: First, we must not let our emotions sway us into making the kind of judgements where we would like to see someone "fry in hell". Second, we should be much less smug and arrogant about those whom we label as "losers".

We also need to learn that perhaps the ultimate human and spiritual challenge is to not let what we suffer from the sins and failings of others turn us bitter so that we in turn begin to inflict that same sin onto others.

Finally, and not least, understanding more deeply what's undeserved in our lives should lead us to a deeper gratitude towards God and towards all who have so, undeservedly, loved and gifted us. *Ronald Rolheiser*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(27 January - 02 February)

- **Monday, 27:** Weekday, Ord Time 3 (Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30)
- **Tuesday, 28:** St Thomas Aquinas (Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35)
- **Wednesday, 29:** Weekday, Ord Time 3 (Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20)
- **Thursday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 3 (Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25)
- **Friday, 31:** St John Bosco (Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34)
- **Saturday, 01:** Saturday, Ord Time 3 (Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41)
- **Sunday, 02:** The PRESENTATION of the LORD (Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40)

PASTORAL CARE

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