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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



FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fullers' alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 23:7-10

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord.

1. O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! <R>
2. Who is the king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war. <R>
3. O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory. <R>
4. Who is he, the king of glory? He, the Lord or armies, he is the king of glory. <R>

SECOND READING

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 2:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

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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 Laundy, Rebecca Semler, Simon Laundy, Chris Heath, Josh Semler

February anniversaries: Heather Barrett, Joan Marie Berden, Mary Clark, Phillip Deakin, Allice Ellick, Alfred Gray, Bernadette Hehir, Kenneth Howard, Ron King, Jamie Larcombe, Frank May, Tom Meaney, Allan Moray, Pat Pawelski, Horace Riley, Christopher Riley, Bert Willson

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 |
|------|-----------|---------|----------|
| 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

2 February Fr Charles Lukati

JUBILEE YEAR – CELEBRATION OF CONSECRATED LIFE

2 February, 2025

This weekend (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.

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)*

WALK FOR LIFE

The Vicar General Fr Dean Marin is encouraging everyone to attend the upcoming 'Walk for Life' which will be held on Saturday February 8 at Pennington Gardens, opposite St Peter's Cathedral, from 10am till 12 noon. This year's theme is "Love the Next Generation". Join us as we walk for life to bring an end to abortion.

\$5 Donation - Parking Free Tickets

Adelaide Oval trybooking.com/CVHLE Enter from Pennington Tce, Gates Open 9am. Don't forget to bring a drink bottle and remember the sunscreen.

Please wear a white shirt. No megaphones or personal signs, Love Adelaide will provide official signs. Please follow the direction of the marshals and police and walk peacefully with love.

loveadelaide.org.au

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Pope Francis has designated February 8, the feast of St Josephine Bakhita, as the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human trafficking.

CALENDAR 2025

- 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



GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

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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

ECUMENISM: THE IMPERATIVE FOR WHOLENESS INSIDE THE BODY OF CHRIST

For more than a thousand years, Christians have not experienced the joy of being one family in Christ. Although there were already tensions within the earliest Christian communities, it was not until the year 1054 that there was a formal split, in effect, to establish two formal Christian communities, the Orthodox Church in the East and the Catholic Church in the West. Then, with the Protestant Reformation in the sixteenth century, there was another split within the Western Church and Christianity fragmented still further. Today there are hundreds of Christian denominations, many of whom, sadly, are not on friendly terms with each other.

Division and misunderstanding are understandable, inevitable, the price of being human. There are no communities without tension and so it is no great scandal that Christians sometimes cannot get along with each other. The scandal rather is that we have become comfortable, even smug, with the fact that we do not get along with each other, no longer hunger for wholeness, and no longer miss each other inside our separate churches.

In almost all our churches today there is little anxiety about those with whom we are not worshipping. For example, teaching Roman Catholic seminarians today, I sense a certain indifference to the issue of ecumenism. For many seminarians today this is not an issue of particular concern. Not to single out Catholic seminarians, this holds true for most of us in all denominations.

But this kind of indifference is inherently unchristian. Oneness was close to the heart of Jesus. He wants all his followers at the same table, as we see in this parable.

A woman has ten coins and loses one. She becomes anxious and agitated and begins to search frantically and

relentlessly for the lost coin, lighting lamps, looking under tables, sweeping all the floors in her house. Eventually she finds the coin, is delirious with joy, calls together her neighbors, and throws a party whose cost no doubt far exceeded the value of the coin she had lost. (Luke 15, 8-10)

Why such anxiety and joy over losing and finding a coin whose value was probably that of a dime? Well, what's at issue is not the value of the coin; it's something else. In her culture, nine was not considered a whole number; ten was. Both the woman's anxiety about losing the coin and her joy in finding it had to do with the importance of wholeness. A wholeness in her life that had been fractured and a precious set of relationships was no longer complete.

Indeed, the parable might be recast this way: A woman has ten children. With nine of them, she has a good relationship, but one of her daughters is alienated. Her nine other children come home regularly to the family table, but her alienated daughter does not. The woman cannot rest in that situation, cannot be at peace. She needs her alienated daughter to rejoin them. She tries every means to reconcile with her daughter and then one day, miracle of miracles, it works. Her daughter comes back to the family. Her family is whole again, everyone is back at the table. The woman is overjoyed, withdraws her modest savings, and throws a lavish party to celebrate that reunion.

Christian faith demands that, like that woman, we need to be anxious, diseased, figuratively lighting lamps, and searching for ways to make the Church whole again. Nine is not a whole number. Neither is the number of those who are normally inside our respective churches. Roman Catholicism isn't a whole number. Protestantism isn't a whole number. The Evangelical Churches aren't a whole number. The Orthodox Churches aren't a whole number. No one Christian denomination is a whole number. Together we make up a whole Christian number – and that is still not a whole faith number.

And so, we are meant to be anxious around these questions: Who no longer goes to church with us? Who is uncomfortable worshipping with us? How can we be comfortable when so many people are no longer at table with us?

Sadly, today, many of us are comfortable in churches that are far, far from whole. Sometimes, in our less reflective moments, we even rejoice in it: "Those others aren't real Christians in any case! We're better off without them, a purer, more faithful church in their absence! We're the one true remnant!"

But this lack of solicitude for wholeness compromises our following of Jesus as well as our basic human maturity. We are mature, loving people and true followers of Jesus, only when, like Jesus, we are in tears over those "other sheep that are not of this fold". When, like the woman who lost one of her coins, we cannot sleep until every corner of the house has been turned upside down in a frantic search for what's been lost. We too need to solicitously search for a lost wholeness – and may not be at peace until it is found.

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.



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):
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A/c No 100027201
Reference: Your name

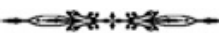
2nd Collection (Support for our Parish):
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A/c No 100000067
Reference: Your name

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

CHILD PROTECTION

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PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

As faithful Jews who obeyed the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph performed two ritual acts that the law prescribed after the birth of the first born son—Mary's ritual purification and Jesus' dedication.

The Presentation of the Lord is celebrated forty days after Christmas, marking the day that Mary and Joseph would have brought Jesus into the Temple. Though Mary was pure and free from sin from the moment of her conception, and though the Son of God did not need to be redeemed, Mary and Joseph fulfilled these ritual obligations.

We are invited to participate in Mary's ritual purification and Jesus' ritual redemption. Each of us is unworthy of entering the true Temple of the Lord in Heaven, yet we are invited to do so in union with Mary, our Blessed Mother. It was her consent to God's will that opened the door of God's grace to us all. By allowing Jesus to be born in our hearts by grace, we spiritually become Jesus' "mother." With her, we are now able to appear before God, purified and holy in His sight.

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Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

MARY'S YES: HUMILITY AND SORROW AT THE TEMPLE

At the Presentation of the Lord, Mary showed her obedience to God's law.

Although she was the Mother of God, she did not seek special treatment. The law required a sacrifice, and Mary humbly followed this rule, bringing two doves to the Temple. Her actions show her deep humility and her willingness to submit to God's will in all things. Mary lived her life in obedience, even when she could have claimed a unique exception as the mother of the Messiah.

When Simeon saw Jesus, he spoke of the joy and the challenges ahead. He called Jesus a "sign of contradiction" and warned that many would oppose Him. Then he turned to Mary and said a "sword will pierce your own soul." This was a prophecy of Mary's future sorrow as she shared in her Son's suffering. This moment earned Mary the title "Our Lady of Sorrows." Simeon's words prepared her for the pain she would feel as she watched Jesus' life unfold, especially at the cross.

Mary's humility and submission at the Presentation of the Lord serve as a powerful example for Catholics today. Mary did not always understand what God was asking of her, but she said "yes" without hesitation. She trusted God's plan even when it meant difficulty or pain. In this way, Mary shows us how to surrender to God's will with faith. Catholics can look to her example in their own struggles, learning to say "yes" to God in their own lives. young-catholics.com



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(03 - 09 February)

- **Monday, 03:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20)
- **Tuesday, 04:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43)
- **Wednesday, 05:** St Agatha (Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6)
- **Thursday, 06:** St Paul Miki and companions (Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13)
- **Friday, 07:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 4 (Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29)
- **Saturday, 08:** Saturday, Ord Time 4 (Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34)
- **Sunday, 09:** 5th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 6:1-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11)

PASTORAL CARE

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