



Welcome to

# Kangaroo Island Catholic Community

(Part of the Adelaide Cathedral Parish)

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(All items for the newsletter must be received no later than Tuesday evening.)

## CHILD PROTECTION

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## WEEKEND MASSES

Kingscote at 9.30am

## CONFESSION

Kingscote at 9.00am

(prior to Mass)

## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 43:16-21*

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 125*

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

## SECOND READING

*Philippians 3:8-14*

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the



way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Joel 2:12-13*

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

*With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.*

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

## GOSPEL

*John 8:1-11*

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught

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# Bulletin Board

## PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Bill Roestenburg, Peter Weatherstone, Maureen Slagter, Melanie Howson, Joelle Davidson

**April anniversaries:** Josephine Bannan, Ray Bannan Elizabeth Black, Wilma Buick, Karen Cairney, Gwen Chalmers, Ambrose Clark, Robert Clark, Tony (Noxy) Clark, Francis Clarke, Catherine Commerford, Sarah Cunningham, Jimmy Dow, Tate Furniss, Monika Gibbs, Lynne McArdle, Mary O'Brien, Norah Ridge, Verna Trethewey, Beryl Williams, Albert Willson, Keith 'Hoppy' 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

Comm	Reader	Cleaning
03/4	A Clark	K Hammat H Mumford
10/4	W Bennett	A Gibbs K Brinkley
EASTER - List - back of Church to volunteer		
24/4	M Glynn	S Semmler K Brinkley

### Covid Marshal

03/4	H Mumford	10/4	P Bennett
24/4	A Clark		
EASTER - List - back of Church to volunteer			

## PRIEST ROSTER

*(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)*

27/3	Fr Anthoni
03/4	Fr My Tran
10/4	Fr Chris Hovat
Holy Thursday	Bishop Greg O'Kelly
Good Friday	Bishop Greg O'Kelly
Holy Saturday	Bishop Greg O'Kelly
17/4	Bishop Greg O'Kelly



## EASTER TIMES

- **Holy Thursday (14 April)**  
Mass of the Last Supper 7.00pm
- **Good Friday (15 April)**  
Stations of the Cross 9.30am  
Passion of Our Lord 3.00pm
- **Holy Saturday (16 April)**  
Easter Vigil 7.30pm
- **Easter Sunday (17 April)**  
Mass 9.30am

## PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Prayers for Healing and Renewal in the Church - Thursdays at 9.00am

### FROM FR ANTHONI

On behalf of Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish, I extend a warm welcome to all the families, friends, visitors and holiday makers.



The Gospel of this Fifth Sunday of Lent (cf. Jn 8:1-11) is so beautiful, I really enjoy reading and rereading it. It presents the episode of the adulterous woman, highlighting the theme of the mercy of God, who never wants the sinner to die, but that the sinner convert and live. The scene unfolds on the Temple grounds. In fact, they did not come to the Teacher to ask his opinion — they were bad people — but to ensnare him. Indeed, were Jesus to follow the stringent law, approving that the woman be stoned, he would lose his reputation of meekness and goodness which so fascinated the people; however, were he to be merciful, he would be flouting the law, which he himself said he did not wish to abolish but fulfil (cf. Mt 5:17). This is the situation Jesus is placed in.

This wicked intention was hidden behind the question that they asked Jesus: "What do you say about her?" (Jn 8:5). Jesus did not respond; he kept silent and made a mysterious gesture: he "bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground" (v. 7). Perhaps he was drawing, some said that he wrote down the sins of the Pharisees... however, he was writing, as if he were elsewhere. In this way he helped everyone to calm down, not to act on the wave of impulsiveness, and to seek the justice of God. But those wicked men persisted and waited for him to answer. They seemed to thirst for blood. Then Jesus looked up and said: "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her" (v. 7).

This response confounded the accusers, disarming all of them in the true sense of the word: they all lay down their "weapons", that is, the stones ready to be thrown, both the visible ones against the woman and

those concealed against Jesus. While the Lord continued to write on the ground, to draw, I don't know.... The accusers went away, one after the other, heads down, beginning with the eldest, most aware of not being without sin. How much good it does us to be aware that we too are sinners! When we speak ill of others — something we know well — how much good it will do us to have the courage to drop down the stones we have to throw at others, and to think a little about our own sins!

Only the woman and Jesus remained: misery and mercy. How often does this happen to us when we stop before the confessional, with shame, to show our misery and ask for forgiveness! "Woman, where are they?" (v. 10), Jesus said to her. This question is enough, and his merciful gaze, full of love, in order to let that person feel — perhaps for the first time — that she has dignity, that she is not her sin, she has personal dignity; that she can change her life, she can emerge from her slavery and walk on a new path.

*Fr Anthoni*

## PROJECT COMPASSION



**Shaniella 23**, grew up in a remote village in the Solomon Islands in a province which has limited educational and job opportunities — and one of the country's highest poverty rates. After leaving school, she decided to move closer to the capital city, Honiara, to study hospitality and tourism. However, her vocational training school was hit by a landslide and cyclone in quick succession, destroying its water supply system and the vegetable garden that it relies on for food. With your generous support, Caritas Australia has helped the school to install water tanks, re-establish its garden and provided training in



disaster risk reduction. Shaniella can now complete her job skills training and the school has enough food and water for its students.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.

### MARIAN PROCESSION

**Sunday, 22 May, 2.00pm**

Each year the Archdiocese hosts the annual Marian Procession in honour of Our Lady. This event has been running for almost 75 years and is one of the longest standing consecutive events in the Australian Catholic Church.

This year, in support of our Ukrainian brothers and sisters, the image that will lead our procession is *Vyshhorodska - Mother of God* carried by the Ukrainian Community in Adelaide. Assembly of Parishes will begin at 1.30pm and the procession will follow at 2.00pm. After a very successful change of location in 2021, the Procession will again be held at the Adelaide Showgrounds.

Those who wish to can book in online via this link [www.trybooking.com/BPJAN](http://www.trybooking.com/BPJAN). The Procession will take place in the Main Arena. However, if the weather is inclement, the procession will be moved to the Wayville Pavilion.

### HOLY PLACES APPEAL

**Good Friday, April 15**

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday - 15 April. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and hours.

Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and keep them in your prayers.

### “THE SOUTHERN CROSS”

**Easter edition**

The April edition of “The Southern Cross” will be inserted into “The Advertiser” on Saturday April 9 and



## 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*

### GOING ON AHEAD

“I go on ahead to prepare a place for you!” Jesus speaks those words to his disciples on the eve of his death as he sits at table with them and senses their sadness as they grapple with his dying, his going away.

Jesus’ words are meant to console them and give them the assurance that they aren’t being abandoned. It’s just that he is going on ahead to prepare a place for them to come and join him later.

But this isn’t a lesson only about dying. This image, I go on ahead to prepare a place for you, is a metaphor which defines the essential task of our adult, mature years. Our task of as “elders”, whether that be as a mother or father, an older brother or older sister, an uncle or an aunt, a teacher, a clergyman, a nurse, a worker, a colleague, or a friend, is to live in such a way so as to create a place where the young can follow. Our task as adults is to show the young how to live at a place where they’ve never been as yet.

And it is both a noble and humble task. Most of us cannot live up to the lofty ideals we see lived out in the lives of the great saints, though their lives have created an ideal place for us. However,

while not everyone can live as Mother Teresa did, perhaps they can live like you do and your life can be their exemplar for meaning, wholeness, anonymous sanctity, and dying without unnecessary fear.

I’ve been graced to be at the deathbed of a goodly number of ordinary people who died very ordinary looking deaths, with no choirs of angels silently chanting in the background, no alleluias on their lips, with pain and thirst dominating their concerns, with their hands being tightly grasped by loved ones, and their hearts still very much focused on the pain of leaving this world. And that’s not a bad way to die. In how they managed their deaths they prepared a place for me. Looking at how they died, I am far less fearful and can more readily say: I can do this!

What a grace to have someone go on ahead to prepare a place for you!

You can read, or download, Ron Rolheiser’s weekly columns from his website at: [www.ronrolheiser.com](http://www.ronrolheiser.com)

distributed to parishes for distribution that same weekend. Copies of this edition are free.

### PROJECT COMPASSION

boxes and envelopes may be returned with either collection on Palm Sunday or with any of the Easter collections.

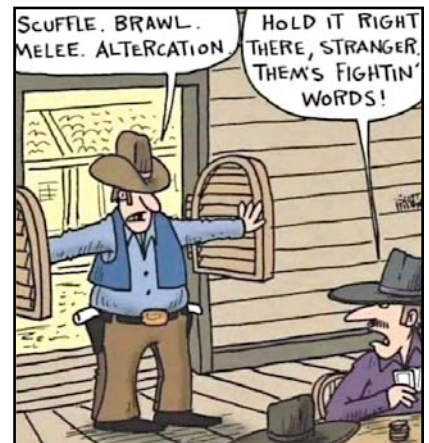
### CARITAS AUSTRALIA UKRAINE APPEAL

Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground providing shelter, food, clean water, medicine and psychological support. Donate now to help the people of Ukraine.

Donate today at [www.caritas.org.au/ukraine](http://www.caritas.org.au/ukraine) or call 1800 024 413 toll free. Keep up to date on how Caritas agencies are responding to this crisis - [www.caritas.org.au/ukraine-news](http://www.caritas.org.au/ukraine-news)

### ONE-LINERS

- *The man who invented Velcro has died. RIP.*
- *I can tell when people are being judgmental just by looking at them.*
- *Geology rocks, but geography’s where it’s at.*



## COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 29/3/22)

- As of March 12 there are no density limits for places of worship. Churches may return to full capacity.
- Wearing of masks is mandatory. (An official medical certificate must be produced on request, if claiming an exemption.)
- Attendees at indoor religious services may sing during worship, if they wear masks while doing so.
- Please keep in mind the importance of social distancing and good hygiene practices.
- There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- Every gathering must record contact details - either with the QR code for smart phones, or the handwritten log -both located at the entrance to the Church
- Hand sanitizer is available at Church entrances.
- Offertory procession will be omitted. Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Collection plates will not be passed around.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people should be encouraged not to attend.
- The Archdiocese recommends Covid vaccination for all (please check with your GP if you have concerns).
- Obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage. You may wish to access:  
[Mass for You at Home – The official website of Mass For You At Home, Australia](#) online and on Channel 10 every Sunday at 6 am.

**COVIDSAFE**  
Let's continue to be a church

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committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

### THE HIGH PRIVILEGE

What really happened to this woman? A group of men, scribes and Pharisees, bring a woman to Jesus. They claim to have caught the woman in the act of committing adultery. The accusation of adultery puts the woman at fault in the relationship – and at risk of being killed as punishment. The scribes and Pharisees push Jesus to agree with them: this woman should be stoned.

But what about the woman's point of view? We do not get the chance to hear the woman's version of what happened. She's gone down in biblical history as "the woman caught in adultery" – but what if another sin took place? What if the woman was actually the survivor of sexual harassment or abuse? What if the sinful actions were not committed by her, but by the other person – the man – caught in the act? As is often the case in such

situations, the public will never know exactly what happened. Most abuse happens behind closed doors. Jesus knows there is more to the story. He does not immediately side with the men in power. Jesus recognises the dignity of this woman and does not condemn her. May we, too, not be so quick to condemn – and instead, be quick to listen.

Think of a person in your acquaintance or in the media whom you've judged harshly. What does your condemnation of that person teach you about the state of your own heart?

Take some time to do a thorough examination of conscience. Make a list of things you want to change about yourself. Spend some time in prayer, thanking God for the call to go higher.

I didn't want some petty, inferior brand of righteousness that comes from keeping a list of rules when I could get the robust kind that comes from trusting Christ – God's righteousness. *GPBS eNews*

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(04 - 10 April)

- **Monday, 04:** Mon, 5<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11)
- **Tuesday, 05:** Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Num 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30)
- **Wednesday, 06:** Wed, 5<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Dan 3:14-20, 24-25, 28; Jn 8:31-42)
- **Thursday, 07:** Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Gen 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59)
- **Friday, 08:** Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Jer 20:10-13; Jn 31-42)
- **Saturday, 09:** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Ezek 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56)
- **Sunday, 10:** PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD (Entrance: Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56)

### 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