



Welcome to

# Kangaroo Island Catholic Community

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## KANGAROO ISLAND

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

### SPONSORSHIP

KANGAROO ISLAND  
TRANSFERS (0427 887 575)  
generously donate transport for our visiting Priests.

### CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

### WEEKEND MASSES

This weekend Mass will be held at Kingscote at 9.30am.



### FIRST READING

*Baruch 5:1-9*

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be,  
'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.'

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 125*

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

### SECOND READING

*Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11*

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Lk 3:4, 6*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!*

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# Bulletin Board

## PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Bill Roestenburg, Peter Weatherstone and Melanie Howson

**December anniversaries:** Prudence Brook, Margaret Chapman, Ann Comerford, Ernest Comerford, George Frauley, Annie Griffith, Graham Hammat, Franziska Hilz, Scott Imboden, Geraldine Kent, Nora Kerin RSJ, Eileen Johnson, John Kreffel, Anne Livingstone, Marcellina Mamogay, Frederick Moore, Valma Mumford, Sheila Norman, Denise Pettigrew, Ernie Reynolds, Joel Riley, Vernice Southern, Kevin Steinwedel, Eric Tabor, Mary Tully, John Wallace, Willard Wickham, Veronica Rue, and all the faithful departed.

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

## ROSTERS

Comm	Reader	Cleaning
5/12 K Hammat	A Gibbs	H Mumford
12/12 M Slagter	P Bennett	A Clark
19/12 S Semler	P Clark	A Clark
25/12 Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
26/12 A Clark	M Slagter	C Berden

## COVID Marshal

5/12 A Clark	12/12 W Bennett
19/12 M Slagter	25/12 Volunteer
26/12 H Mumford	

## PRIEST ROSTER

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

5/12 Fr Brian Angus
12/12 Fr Josue Moran
19/12 Fr Dev
25/12 Fr William Loh
26/12 Fr William Loh

## Christmas

### MASS TIMES

- 7.30pm Christmas Eve (Fri 24)
- 8.30am Christmas Day (Sat 25)
- 9.30am Holy Family (Sun 26)

## PRAYER FOR HEALING

Parishioners are invited to a Prayer for Healing and Renewal gathering on Thursdays: 9.00am - 9.30am.

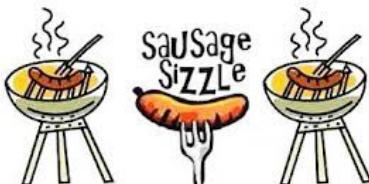
## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

The Kingscote Catholic Church will be holding sacramental preparation beginning in March, 2022.

If you have a child who is ready to make their First Holy Communion or Confirmation, please ring Helen Mumford on 0408 367 009

*Helen Mumford*

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE



The Parish is hosting an evening get-together for 38 young adults who are doing a pilgrimage to Kangaroo Island with Fr Josue Moran. Fr Josue will also be celebrating Mass on Sunday 12. The group has offered to entertain us with music and songs.

**WHEN:** Saturday 11 December from 5.30pm

**WHERE:** The Parish House back garden area

**COST:** A gold coin donation and something sweet to share

## REASONS TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

There are seasons in life, and these should be on a regular cycle, that are meant precisely for enjoyment, for family, for friends, for color, for tinsel, and for good food and good drink. There is even the occasional time for some prudent excess. Jesus gave voice to this when his disciples were scandalized by a woman's excess in anointing his feet with perfume and kisses.

All cultures, not least those who are economically poor, have times of festival where, explicitly or implicitly, they take seriously the words: The poor you will always

have with you, but today it is time to celebrate. Christmas is such a time, meant for festival.

There is a God-given pressure inside of us that pushes us to celebrate and instills in us an irrepressible sense that we are not meant for poverty, gloom, and carefully measured-out relationships, but that we are meant ultimately for the feast, the dance, the place of lights and music, and the place where we don't measure out our pennies and our hearts on the basis of having to survive and pay mortgages. The celebration of festival and carnival, even with their excesses, help teach us that.

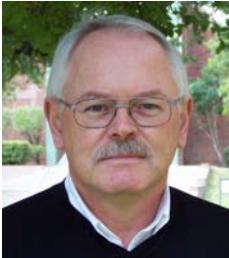
Christmas is such a festival. In the end, its celebration is a lesson in faith and hope, even when it isn't as strong a lesson in prudence.

To make a festival of Christmas, to surround Jesus' birthday with all the joy, light, music, gift-giving, energy, and warmth we can muster is, strange as this may sound, a prophetic act. It is, or at least it can be, an expression of faith and hope. It's not the person who says: "It's rotten, let's cancel it!" who radiates hope. That can easily be despair masquerading as faith.

It is the man or woman who, despite the world's misuse and abuse of these, still strings up the Christmas lights, trims the tree and the turkey, turns up the carols, passes gifts to loved ones, sits down at table with family and friends, and flashes a grin to the world, who is radiating faith, who is saying that we are meant for more than gloom, who is celebrating Jesus' birth.

*Ronald Rolheiser*





## 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

### LEAVING CHURCH

Why are so many people leaving their churches? There is no one answer to that question. People are complex. Faith is complex. The issues are complex.

Looking at the question, it can be helpful to distinguish among a number of groups. The *Nones*, the *Dones*, the *Spiritual-but-not-Religious*, the *Indifferent*, the *Angry*, and the *Marginalized*. While there is some overlap among these groups, each has its own set of issues with the church.

The *Nones* are those who refuse to identify with any religion or faith. Asked on a census form, what is your faith or religion? they answer “none”. Theirs is an agnostic stance. They are not necessarily atheistic or hostile to faith, religion, and the churches. Rather, it’s that at this time in their lives they refuse to identify themselves with any explicit faith or church. Some are humble about it, others arrogant; in the end, the stance is the same, an agnosticism about religion and faith.

The *Dones* are those who, in their own words, are done with religion and often with explicit faith as well. *Done with it!* They can consider themselves done for any number of reasons, from having had a bad experience with religion growing up, to anger at the church, to the intoxicating power of a culture that can seemingly offer itself as a sufficient substitute for religion. They have been there, considered religion, and moved on.

The *Spiritual-but-not-Religious* are those who believe in the value of spirituality but not of any church. They have chosen to pursue a spiritual path outside of any ecclesial community, believing that (at least for them) the spiritual journey is best done outside of organized religion. There can be many reasons for this kind of attitude, not least the overpowering ethos of individuality and personal freedom pervading our culture. In one’s faith journey today,

people prefer to trust only their own search and experience.

The *Indifferent* are just that, indifferent to religion (while perhaps still nursing some faith). There can be a myriad of reasons why these folks feel indifferent to religion and perhaps also to faith. Our culture, for all its goodness, is also a powerful narcotic that can, for most of the years of our lives, swallow us whole in terms of anesthetizing our religious instincts and having us believe in what Charles Taylor calls a *self-sufficient humanism*. For long periods of our lives, our world can seem enough for us and while this is the case, indifference to religion can be a real option.

The *Angry* are those who for reasons they can name, no longer go church. Any number of causes can be at play here – clerical sexual abuse, the church’s treatment of women, racism, the church’s failure to live out the gospels credibly, their own church’s involvement or non-involvement in politics, a bad history with their church, a bad pastor, or personal mistreatment in a pastoral situation. Persons inside this group sometimes end up seeking a new ecclesial home inside another denomination, but many just stay at home on a Sunday morning.

The *Marginalized* are those who feel themselves outside the understanding, empathy, and spiritual scope of the churches. This includes everyone from many inside the LGBTQ community, to the homeless on our streets, to countless thousands who feel (consciously or unconsciously) that the messiness of their lives somehow excludes them from ecclesial community. They feel like outcasts to religion and our churches.

People are leaving their churches for a multitude of reasons and this begs some further questions. When people are leaving their churches, what actually are they leaving? And, where are they going, if anywhere?

In a recent book, *After Evangelicalism, The Path to a New Christianity*, David Gushee asks this question about those leaving their churches. Are they clear on what they are actually leaving? *Do they know whether they are leaving church, leaving their denominations, leaving the faith, leaving Jesus, or just leaving?*

More importantly, he asks, what will be their endgame? Will they end up in another denomination, or as *Spiritual-but-not-Religious*, or as agnostic, or just as disillusioned?

Perhaps that question is not so important for the *Nones*, the *Dones*, the *Spiritual-but-not-Religious*, the *Indifferent*, and for many of the *Marginalized* – but it is for the *Angry*, for those who feel alienated from their churches. Where do you go when anger keeps you away from your family table? Do you search for a more like-minded family? Do you give up on finding a family table? Do you just stay home on a Sunday morning? Are you okay to go to your deathbed still angry? Are you content to remain disillusioned?

Leaving church: two questions stare us in the face. Why are more and more people leaving their churches or simply not going to them? And, what’s the religious future of those who no longer go to church? The former is a question for the churches themselves, the latter a question to ponder for those no longer going to church.

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

## **COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS**

*(Current from 01 December, 2021)*

- Places of Worship are restricted to 3 people per 4 square metres with social distancing of 1.5 metres. The number of people at a Private Activity has increased from 50 people to 150 people, provided density requirements are met. If more than 50 people are present, there must be an independent COVID Marshal. QR codes and/or handwritten logs are essential.
- Wearing of masks is mandatory. (*A doctor's certificate must be produced on request, if claiming an exemption.*)
- Attendees at indoor religious services may sing during worship and members of choirs or chorus groups may perform or rehearse indoors, if they wear masks while doing so.
- Social distancing is mandatory - DO NOT CONGREGATE at entry/exit and outside.
- 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.



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### **GOSPEL**

#### **Luke 3:1-6**

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrach of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:  
Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.  
Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.



### **HOPE ON THE HORIZON**

Imagine the valleys of your life. Those times when yawning need was met by silence. When the desire for companionship found only absence. When there were bills to pay and only holes in your pockets.

Now reflect on the mountains. The tasks that seemed insurmountable. The illnesses that dragged on and on. The hurt that seemed to grow rather than diminish with time. The challenges that seemed to have been designed with someone bigger and stronger than you in mind.

The way of the Lord is the smooth way. No valleys, no mountains, just a journey through pleasant country. Never been there? Neither had Jesus on this earth. Jesus sums up his experience with a rather sad evaluation: "My kingdom is not of this world". This world has a rough topography, complete with sin, death, and crucifixion. Yet we trust the word of Jesus because he's travelled these same valleys and mountains on the road to salvation. We're never so lost that we can't be found on these wild roads.

*GPBS eNews*

### **ANSWER THE CALL**

It was one of those days. I had spent hours looking for my phone, which I didn't know had fallen out of my pocket into that black hole that exists between the driver's and passenger's front seat of all cars. Running late for a funeral prayer vigil, I finally stopped searching for it and drove to the church not realising how close it was.

Despite the pleas of the undertaker and my bouncing voice, hardly anyone listened to my prayers. I felt I had wasted my time. As I walked through the foyer, I was stopped by someone giving me a big hug and telling me that even though he didn't know how to reach me, he never lost hope that I would somehow make it to the service of his mother to console him and his family. Fortunately, the family name was posted since I didn't recognise the person at all. I looked at him and said that no way I would have missed being there for them and proceeded to pray with a much more responsive group of mourners.

It wasn't a wasted trip after all. I got back into my car. Thinking about all the hassle of having to get a new phone, I heard the familiar ring tone emanating from under the car seat. It had become a good day. Advent scripture encourages us not to lose hope, because we must be the source of hope fulfilled for others.

*GPBS eNews*

### **THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

*(December 06 - 12)*

- **Monday, 06:** Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> week Advent (Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26)
- **Tuesday, 07:** Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> week Advent (Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14)
- **Wednesday, 08:** The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30)
- **Thursday, 09:** Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> week Advent (Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15)
- **Friday, 10:** Friday, 2nd week Advent (Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19)
- **Saturday, 11:** Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> week Advent (Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:10-13)
- **Sunday 12:** THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT (Zeph 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18)

### **PASTORAL CARE**

If you need a Priest for anointing of the sick or last rites contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).