



Welcome to

Kangaroo Island Catholic Community

(Part of the Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Cluster of Catholic Parishes)

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - YEAR A

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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

THERE WILL BE NO MASSES OR PUBLIC LITURGIES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE SEE THE NEWSLETTER ON OUR WEBSITE.

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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



GOSPEL

(Read at the procession before Mass)

Matthew 21:1-11

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately'. This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

'Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass'.

The disciples went and did as Jesus directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted,

'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!'

And when he entered Jerusalem all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee'.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are,

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PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Mei Kuen Sexton, Fr Peter Milburn, Toni Langridge, Damian Baynes, Charles Gorman, Dalton Baynes, Roy Gatton

Recently deceased: Maureen Dunn

April anniversaries: Josephine Bannan, Ray Bannan, Elizabeth Black, Wilma Buick, Karen Cairney, Gwen Chalmers, Ambrose Clark, Robert Clark, Francis Clarke, Catherine Commerford, Sarah Cunningham, Jamie Larcombe, Jimmy Dow, Tate Furniss, Monika Gibbs, Mary O'Brien, Norah Ridge, Verna Trethewey, Beryl Williams, Albert Willson, Keith 'Hoppy' Willson, and all the faithful departed

May all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ through our actions and His healing presence.

DIRECT PAYMENTS

If you prefer to organise your Church donations via bank transfer there are several ways you can go about this.

1. Go to www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/donation - and follow the prompts. If you wish to donate to both the first and second collections, you will need to do this twice. For the first collection select *First Collection* and for the second collection, select *General*.

2. If you bank online, you can set up periodic, direct payments yourself. Again, you will need to do this twice - once for the first collection and again for second.

Acc: Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish
BSB: 085-005
Acc No: 918 111 484
Ref: Your surname, initials and *First* or *General*

3. Periodic regular payments may also be organised with your bank. Take the account details (above) with you and bank staff can set it up for you.

NB: *First* collection is for the support of our Priests and *General* (second at our Masses) is for the support of our Parish.

If you wish to proceed and need more information or help, please contact Helen Mumford or Peter Clark.

LIVE STREAMING and TV BROADCAST of EASTER MASSES

Palm Sunday Mass will be live-streamed from St Francis Xavier's Cathedral this Sunday April 5 at 10am. Live streaming of Daily Mass will commence from next Monday at 12.10pm. Live and on-demand screenings are available from the home page of www.adelaide.catholic.org.au. It will also be available via Facebook or YouTube.

The following Easter services will be broadcast on free-to-air-television on Channel 44, a community television station, at the following times:

- Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper, 6.30pm - 7.30pm
- Good Friday - of the Lord, 3pm - 4pm
- Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, 6pm - 7pm
- Easter Sunday, 9am - 10am

The Passionist Community at Glen Osmond, has pre-recorded the 2020 Stations of the Cross. This can be viewed on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/l26jKw-KHwM>

"THE SOUTHERN CROSS"

will be inserted in "The Advertiser" this Saturday (4 April). No hard copies will be printed. As usual, you can also access "The Southern Cross" online at: www.thesoutherncross.org.au

DAYLIGHT SAVING

Daylight Saving ends in SA this weekend (5 April). At 3am our clocks turn back an hour. For the first time since Daylight Saving was introduced in 1971, we won't have to stress about getting to Mass at the right time!

PROJECT COMPASSION



Dominic, 47 is a former teacher and father of six from Papua New Guinea. In 2016, he became involved with the Caritas Australia's Safe House and Family

Anonymous programs and turned a difficult life and an unhappy relationship around. The program provides gender-based violence prevention training, counselling services and safe accommodation for women and children survivors of violence. Now a community trainer, he works with other men to help them to change their behaviour and build more harmonious family lives. Dominic and his wife, Christophylda say that their relationship has been

transformed – and their family life is now harmonious, happy and safe.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help support the Safe House project and help bring greater harmony to families in Papua New Guinea. Donate by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or by phoning 1800 024 413. You can also donate via the Archdiocese donations link - www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/donation.

IT WASN'T ALL BAD

Venice's canals have turned a vivid clear blue, owing to the lack of traffic. Normally, a stream of taxi-boats, vaporetto water buses and gondoliers churn up sediment, making the water murky. But with the tourists all gone, and residents in lockdown, the water has grown so clear, fish can be seen swimming in it. In Rome, ducks have been photographed taking advantage of the rare peace of the Trevi Fountain.



In the Lombardy region of Italy, a priest asked his 5,500-strong congregation to send him photos of themselves, and taped them to the pews so he could still celebrate Mass with them.

Reports from "The Week" UK

WHAT IF THEY CLOSE THE GROCERY STORES?

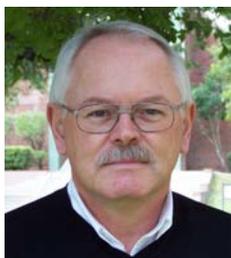
WE'LL HAVE TO HUNT FOR OUR FOOD.

I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE DORITOS LIVE..

Home schooling going well two students suspended for fighting one teacher fired for drinking on the job

Many parents are just about to discover the teacher was not the problem.





Ron Rolheiser column

Ronald Rolheiser, a Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is president of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas. 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.

THE DISPELLING OF AN ILLUSION

We don't much like the word *disillusionment*. Normally we think of it as a negative, something pejorative, and not as something that does us a favor. And yet disillusionment is a positive, it means the dispelling of an illusion and illusions, unless we need one as a temporary tonic, are not good for us. They keep us from the truth, from reality.

There are many, many negatives to the current coronavirus that's wreaking a deadly havoc across the planet. But there's one positive: Against every form of resistance we can muster, it's dispelling the illusion that we are in control of our lives and that, by our own efforts, we can make ourselves invulnerable. That lesson has come upon us uninvited. This unforeseen and unwelcome virus is teaching us that, no matter our sophistication, intelligence, wealth, health, or status, we're all vulnerable, we're all at the mercy of a thousand contingencies over which we have little control. No amount of denial will change that.

Granted, at one level of our consciousness we're always aware of our vulnerability. But sometimes after we have walked a dangerous ledge for a long time we forget the peril and are no longer aware of the narrowness of the plank upon which we're walking. Then too our sense of our vulnerability to a hundred million dangers is, like our sense of mortality, normally pretty abstract and not very real. We all know that like everyone else we are going to die one day; but normally this doesn't weigh very heavily on our consciousness. We live instead with the sense that we're not going to die just yet. Our own deaths aren't really real to us. They are not yet an imminent threat but only a distant, abstract reality.

Generally, such too is the vagueness of our sense of vulnerability. Yes, we know abstractly that we are vulnerable, but generally we feel pretty secure. But as this virus spreads, consumes our newscasts, and brings our normal lives to a halt, our sense of vulnerability is no longer a vague, abstract threat. We're now much more aware that we all live at the mercies of a million contingencies, most over which we have little control.

However, to our defense, our innate sense that we're in control and can safeguard our own safety and security should not be too-hastily and too-harshly judged. We can't help it. It's the way we're built. We're instinctually geared to hate our weaknesses, our vulnerability, our limitations, and our awareness of our own poverty and are instinctually geared to want to feel secure, in control, independent, invulnerable, and self-sufficient. That's a mercy of grace and nature because it helps save us from despondency and helps us to live with a (needed) healthy pride. But it's also an illusion; perhaps one that we need for long periods in our lives but also one that in moments of clarity and lucidity we're meant dispel so as to acknowledge before God and to ourselves that we're interdependent, not self-sufficient, and not ultimately in control. Whatever else about this virus, it's bringing us a moment of clarity and lucidity, even if this is far from welcome.

We were given the same lesson, in effect, with the downing of the Twin Towers in New York City on September 11th, 2001. In witnessing this single tragic incident we went from feeling safe and invulnerable to knowing that we are not able, despite everything we have achieved, to ensure our own safety and safety of our loved ones. A lot of people

relearned the meaning of prayer that day. A lot of us are relearning the meaning of prayer as we sit quarantined at home during this coronavirus.

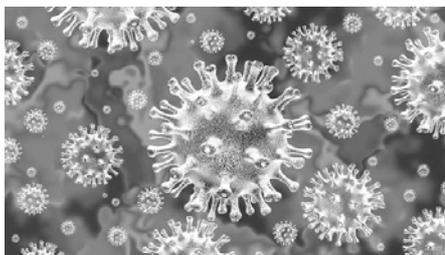
Richard Rohr suggests that the passage from childhood to adulthood requires an initiation into a number of necessary life-truths. One of these can be summarized this way: *You are not in Control!* If that is true, and it is, then this coronavirus is helping initiate us all into a more mature adulthood. We are becoming more conscious of an important truth. However, we may not see any divine intent in this. Every fundamentalist voice that suggests that God sent this virus to each of us a lesson is dangerously wrong and is an insult to true faith. Still we need to hear God's voice inside of it. God is speaking all the time but mostly we aren't listening; this sort of thing helps serve as God's microphone to a deaf world.

Illusions aren't easy to dispel, and for good reasons. We cling to them by instinct and we generally need them to get through life. For this reason, Socrates, in his wisdom, once wrote that "there is nothing that requires as gentle a treatment as the removal of an illusion". Anything other than gentleness only makes us more resistant.

This coronavirus is anything but gentle. But inside all of its harshness perhaps we might feel a gentle nudge that we help us dispel the illusion that we are in control

You can read, or download, Ron Rolheiser's weekly columns from his website at: www.ronrolheiser.com

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St Joseph, 12 St Judes Street

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he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even
to death, dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other
names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus
Christ, king of endless glory!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 26:14-27:66

(Heavily abridged)

The Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani', that is, "My God, my God, why have you deserted me?" ...But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom ... Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said, 'In truth this was a son of God'. And many were there watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and looked after him. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

When it was evening there came a rich man of Arimathaea, called Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to

Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate thereupon ordered it to be handed over ...

DID YOU KNOW?

- The words of Jesus from the cross in this text are in Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke.
- The name Barabbas literally means son (bar) of the father (abba). Here the crowd chooses the false son while condemning the true Son.
- This Sunday is also known as 'Palm Sunday' and commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Celebrations similar to those carried out in churches today (*in normal times*) were being held in Jerusalem as early as the fourth century.
- The narratives of the Passion of Jesus – the arrest, trial, crucifixion and death – are the earliest strands of what came to be written down as the gospels.
- Since the fourth century the site now marked by the Church of the Holy Sepulchre has been revered as the site of Calvary.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(06 - 12 April)

- **Monday, 06:** Monday of Holy Week (Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11)
- **Tuesday, 07:** Tuesday of Holy Week (Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38)
- **Wednesday, 08:** Wednesday of Holy Week (Is 50:4-9; Mt 26:14-25)
- **Thursday, 09:** HOLY THURSDAY readings
- **Friday, 10:** GOOD FRIDAY readings
- **Saturday, 11:** HOLY SATURDAY readings
- **Sunday 12:** EASTER SUNDAY (Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9)

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).