



Welcome to

# Kangaroo Island Catholic Community

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

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## **KANGAROO ISLAND CATHOLIC PARISH**

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## **PARISH TEAM CONTACTS PARISH PRIEST**

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## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

Mr Peter Clark (8559 5131,  
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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.

Due to current COVID-19  
restrictions (1 person per 2 sqm) we  
are only permitted up to 78 people in  
our Church.



## **FIRST READING**

### ***Exodus 20:1-17***

God spoke all these words. He said,  
'I am the Lord your God who  
brought you out of the land of Egypt,  
out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a  
carved image or any likeness of  
anything in heaven or on earth  
beneath or in the waters under the  
earth; you shall not bow down to  
them or serve them. For I, the Lord  
your God, am a jealous God and I  
punish the father's fault in the sons,  
the grandsons, and the great-  
grandsons of those who hate me; but  
I show kindness to thousands of  
those who love me and keep my  
commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the  
Lord your God to misuse it, for the  
Lord will not leave unpunished the  
man who utters his name to misuse  
it.

'Remember the sabbath day and  
keep it holy. For six days you shall  
labour and do all your work, but the  
seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord  
your God. You shall do no work that

day, neither you nor your son nor  
your daughter nor your servants,  
men or women, nor your animals nor  
the stranger who lives with you. For  
in six days the Lord made the  
heavens and the earth and the sea  
and all that these hold, but on the  
seventh day he rested; that is why  
the Lord has blessed the sabbath day  
and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your  
mother so that you may have a long  
life in the land that the Lord your  
God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness  
against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your  
neighbour's house. You shall not  
covet your neighbour's wife, or his  
servant, man or woman, or his ox, or  
his donkey, or anything that is his.'

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

### ***Ps 18:8-11***

*Lord, you have the words  
of everlasting life.*

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**PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Sick:** Lynne McArdle, Michelle Glynn

**February anniversaries:** Peter Beinke, Ellen Clarke, Peter Clark, Ellen Denholm, Inez Frawley, Kathleen Gannon, Archbishop Gleeson, Alec Grant, Keith Hornby, Gladys Lurn, Jean Lonzar, Patrick Lyden, Kath Northcott, Denis O'Brien, James Palmer, Dilly Reynolds, Richard Semler, Sylvester Shannon, Peter Slagter, Cathy Smythe, Eunice Trethewey, Edie Willson, Glad Nash.

**Recently deceased:** Stephen Northcott

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

**PRIEST ROSTER**

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

- 7 March Fr Prathap
- 14 March Fr Josy
- 21 March Deacon Andrew
- 28 March Fr Dev

**PROJECT COMPASSION**



Oliva, 22, didn't have the opportunity to go to school, and was embarrassed that she was unable to read, write or count. Her business was losing money because she couldn't add up. Then Oliva enrolled in Caritas Australia's literacy and numeracy classes. She also set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours for free, because they were too shy to attend larger classes.

Oliva has now graduated, attendance at her classes is growing, her kiosk is thriving and she is helping her children with their homework. She aims to become a pastor and run for leadership in the next local election - to help her community to 'Be More.'

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and support people like Oliva's

gain access to education to build a brighter future and live in communities that upholds everyone's dignity.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**

The next Parish Pastoral Council will follow Mass on Sunday 14 March.

**EASTER RAFFLE**



The Ladies Guild is holding an Easter Raffle. Tickets will be \$1.00 each. Donations gratefully received. Please contact Christine Weatherstone if you can help out.

**HOAX EMAILS**

Some parishioners in the Cluster have received hoax emails that appear to come from Fr Josy asking them to contact him asap. The emails look genuine - they come from "Fr. Josy Sebastian <[churchpastor88@gmail.com](mailto:churchpastor88@gmail.com)> and the subject is something like "Peace to You" and then your name.

The email may read:

*"Good morning, how are you doing?  
I need a favor from you, email me as soon as you get this message.  
God bless,  
Fr. Josy  
Parish Priest."*

If you answer this email, you will be asked to send money to a bogus worthy cause.

Please be aware that Fr Josy doesn't own this email address and has never sent such an email. If you happen to get one, trash it as soon as possible. If you are unsure, please contact Fr Josy directly.

**LENTEN EVENING PRAYER  
"Rebuild my Church"**

Lenten Prayer will be held at the Church on Tuesdays at 6.00pm. All parishioners are warmly invited to take part.

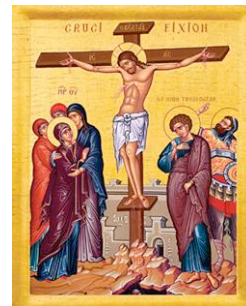
**LENTEN STUDIES**

The Inter-Church group are also holding Lenten Studies on Tuesdays at 1.30pm in the Uniting Church Hall. Again, everyone is most welcome.

**DATES**

- Tuesdays during Lent
- Lenten Evening Prayer - 6.00pm*
- 8 Mar Adelaide Cup Day
- 4 Mar Parish Pastoral Council
- 1 Apr Holy Thursday
- 2 Apr Good Friday
- 3 Apr Holy Saturday
- 4 Apr Daylight saving ends 3.00am
- 4 Apr Easter Day
- 5 Apr Easter Monday
- 9 Apr Last day School Term 1
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day
- 26 Apr ANZAC Day public holiday
- 27 Apr First day School Term 2
- 14 Jun Queen's birthday holiday
- 4 Oct Labour Day holiday

**ACCOMPANYING JESUS ON GOOD FRIDAY**



*With Rev Michael Trainor*  
**Zoom Session**  
**Tues 9 March,**  
**6.30pm -7.30pm**

Every year, for the 3.00pm celebration of the Lord's Passion, the passion of Jesus according to the Gospel of John is the focus.

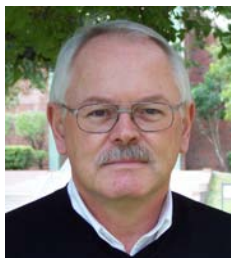
This one-hour Zoom presentation by Fr Michael Trainor will offer a summary overview of this important Gospel story, look at the Evangelist's careful literary structure behind the story, and highlight the rich theological symbolism in John's figure of the dying Jesus. We will discover that this Gospel story is not one of disaster but exaltation. Jesus' death becomes the moment of glorification, the birth of a new community of Jesus disciples and the source of the Church's sacramental life.

Please register by emailing [Adelaide.theology@acu.edu.au](mailto:Adelaide.theology@acu.edu.au)  
The ZOOM link will then be sent to you.

**"Vaping"  
back in  
my day.**







## 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

In 1986, Czechoslovakian novelist Ivan Klima published a series of autobiographical essays entitled, *My First Loves*. These essays describe some of his moral struggles as a young agnostic seeking for answers without any explicit moral framework within which to frame those struggles. He's a young man, full of sexual passion, but hesitant to act out sexually, even as all his peers, men and women, seemingly do not share that same reticence. He remains celibate, but isn't sure why; certainly it's not for religious reasons since he's agnostic. Why is he living as he is? Is he being responsible or is he simply uptight and lacking in nerve?

He's unsure and so he asks himself: if I died and there is a God and I met that God, what would God say to me? Would God chastise me for being uptight or would God praise me for carrying my solitude at a high level? Would God look at me with disappointment or would he congratulate me for going without consolation?

As he writes this book, Klima doesn't know the answer to that question. He's not sure what God would say to him and whether at any given moment God is smiling or frowning upon him. Irrespective of the answer, what's insightful here I believe, is how Klima frames his moral choice. For him, it's not a question of what's sinful or not, but rather a question of carrying his solitude and tension in a way that makes for nobility of soul. At first glance, of course, that can seem self-serving; trying to be special can also make for a pride that's very judgmental. However, true nobility of soul isn't something sought for its own sake but something sought for the good of others. One does not try

to be good to set oneself apart from others. Rather one tries to be good in order to create a beacon of stability, respect, hospitality, and chastity for others.

This, I believe, can be a second starting point for moral theology and spirituality. The first starting point, of course, is more basic. It focuses on keeping the Ten Commandments, and most of these begin with a negative warning, "thou shalt not". At a base level, moral theology and spirituality are very much identified with ethics, with sorting out what's right and what's wrong, what's sinful and what's not. However, keeping the Ten Commandments and sorting out what's a sin and what's not, while a non-negotiable and critically important endeavor, is to moral theology and spirituality what elementary arithmetic is to higher mathematics, a necessary base, no more. Once that fundamental base has been essentially achieved, the real task starts, namely, the struggle to become big-hearted, to put on the heart of Christ, to become a saint so as to create a better world for others.

Let me risk an earthy example to try to illustrate this. When I was a seminarian studying moral theology, one day in class we were examining various questions within sexual morality. At one point, the question arose as to sinfulness or non-sinfulness of masturbation. Is this an intrinsic disorder? Seriously sinful or not anything serious? What's to be said morally about this question?

After weighing the various opinions of students, the professor said this: I don't think the important question is whether this is a sin or not. There's a better way of framing this. Here's where I land on this question: I disagree with those who say it's a serious sin, but also disagree with those who see no moral issue here

whatsoever. The issue here is not so much whether this is a sin or not; rather it's a question of what level, compensatory or heroic, we want to carry this tension. In the face of this issue, I need to ask myself; at what level do I want to carry my solitude? How noble of soul can I be? How much can I accept to carry this tension to make for a more chaste community inside the body of Christ?

At this second level, moral theology and spirituality cease being a command and become an invitation, one to a greater nobility of soul for the sake of the world. Can I be more big-hearted? Can I be less petty? Can I carry more tension without giving in to compensation? Can I be more forgiving? Can I love a person from whom I'm separated by temperament and ideology? Can I be a saint? Saints don't think so much in terms of what's sinful and what isn't. Rather they ask, what is the more loving thing to do here? What's more noble of soul and what's more petty? What serves the world better?

In the Synoptic Gospels, Jesus begins his preaching with the word *Metanoia*, a word that implies infinitely more than what's connoted in its English translation, *Repent*. *Metanoia* is an invitation to put on a higher mind, to be more noble of heart, and to leave paranoia, pettiness, and self-gratification behind.

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

## COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(Current for 23/24 January)

- Attendance for Mass is capped at 100 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- Funerals are capped at 200 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- Weddings are capped at 200 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- No beverage or food consumption (ie cup of tea after Mass)
- Singing as a congregation is to be avoided.
- Except for families and household groups, people should socially distance. There should be no physical contact outside one's family or household group.
- 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 to be 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 but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- All surfaces should be cleaned at least daily, with special attention given to frequently touched surfaces.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people should be encouraged not to attend.
- Care should be taken at the dismissal and on leaving the church to minimise social contact.
- The obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage.

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## SECOND READING

### 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Jn 3:16

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

## GOSPEL

### John 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- The only coins acceptable in the Temple were half shekels. Roman coins were not acceptable because they were imprinted with the image of the Emperor and the Commandments clearly state that there should be no graven images used by Jews. The money-changers were actually performing a necessary task for the proper functioning of the religious life of Israel.
- The trade in animals was necessary for sacrifice at the Temple. Ordinary people needed to sacrifice for a number of religious reasons; for example, to become ritually clean again after childbirth. But this trade was under a monopoly of the wealthy and elite Sadducees who controlled the Temple cult.

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(08 - 14 March)

- **Monday, 08:** Monday of 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Lent (2Kg 5:1-15; Lk 4:24-30)
- **Tuesday, 09:** Tuesday of 3<sup>rd</sup> of Lent (Dan 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35)
- **Wednesday, 10:** Wednesday of 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Lent (Deut 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19)
- **Thursday, 11:** Thursday of 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Lent (Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23)
- **Friday, 12:** Friday of 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Lent (Hosea 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34)
- **Saturday, 13:** Saturday of 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Lent (Hosea 5:15-16:6; Lk 18:9-14)
- **Sunday 14:** FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT (2 Chrs 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21)

## 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).