



Welcome to

# Kangaroo Island Catholic Community

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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.



### **FIRST READING**

#### **1 Kings 17:8-16**

And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, 'Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.' So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks. Addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please', he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

Jar of meal shall not be spent,  
jug of oil shall not be emptied,  
before the day when the Lord sends  
rain on the face of the earth.'

The woman went and did as Elijah  
told her and they ate the food, she,  
himself and her son. The jar of meal  
was not spent nor the jug of oil  
emptied, just as the Lord had foretold  
through Elijah.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

#### **Ps 63:1-8**

*My soul clings to you; your right hand  
holds me fast.*

### **SECOND READING**

#### **Colossians 3:12-17**

As the chosen of God, the holy people  
whom he loves, you are to be clothed  
in heartfelt compassion, in generosity  
and humility, gentleness and patience.  
Bear with one another; forgive each  
other if one of you has a complaint  
against another. The Lord has forgiven  
you; now you must do the same.

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## PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Bill Roestenberg, Carmel Northcott, Nick Hacker

**August anniversaries:** Mary Banner, Joyce Bowbridge, Jimmy Browne, Steven Browne, Terence Browne, David Buick, Irene Darcy, Don Christie, John Commerford, David Cooper, Allan Forst, Paul Glynn Jr, Henry Hughes, Annemie Huys, Mary Kildea, Hazel Keitel, Daniel Lydon, Dot May, John Mertens, Rebecca Murch, Lorna Murphy, Winifred O'Daly, Margaret Rich, Joseph Ryan, Simon Slagter, Chris Slattery, Kathy Slotegraaf, Florence Tabor, Bracken Walker, Bill Willson, Owen Willson and all the faithful departed.

### ROSTERS

	Comm	Reader	Cleaning
8/8	M Glynn	N Clark	C Berden
15/8	C Pahl	K Hammat	C Berden
22/8	S Semler	W Bennett	H Mumford
29/8	K Hammat	L Grant	H Mumford

### COVID Marshal

8/8	W Bennett	15/8	J Fernandez
22/8	M Slagter	29/8	C Weatherstone

### PRIEST ROSTER

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

8/8	Fr Prathap	15/8	Fr Josy
22/8	Fr Dev	29/8	Fr Prathap

### PRAYER FOR HEALING

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

### COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

The only change from last week is that the density we are allowed is now 1 person per 2 sqm. Please read the most up-to-date information on page 4 of this bulletin.

### MASKS ARE MANDATORY



### AUSTRALIAN CENSUS 2021

*Census night - Tuesday, 10 August*

For more information go to:  
[www.census.abs.gov.au](http://www.census.abs.gov.au)

### VISIT OF ARCHBISHOP

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will be coming to KI for confirmation on 31 October. More details later.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend we will be having a special collection - the **Appeal for Vocations**.

Each year the Archdiocese takes a special collection to support Vocations to the Priesthood in the Archdiocese. The money collected serves to defray the costs of student priests for the Archdiocese.

### THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The August edition is now available.

### ADELAIDE DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

*17 & 18 September  
Cabra Dominican College*

The Archdiocese of Adelaide will be holding a Diocesan Assembly this September. The Assembly is a meeting of representatives from parishes, schools, communities and groups to discuss the life of our local church, discern a new vision for the diocese and prepare for the upcoming Plenary Council. Individuals and groups are invited to respond to the pre-assembly consultation question, "What do you think are the most important things to discuss at the Diocesan Assembly?"

For more information on the Diocesan Assembly, and to share your response to the consultation question, visit: [www.adelaidediocesanassembly.org](http://www.adelaidediocesanassembly.org) or contact Sarah Moffatt in the Diocesan Office (8210 8100).

### WOMEN AND THE AUSTRALIAN CHURCH

August 11 at 6pm "WATAC Presents A Synodal Church: What This Means For The People of God" with guests Elissa Roper and Debbie Edwards. More information is in the attached [media release](#). Feel free to share the Facebook event: <https://fb.me/e/3ESPg4VU8>. Register: <https://zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?meeting/register/tJlk-2prj4vHNWQYCnV8bJHo06id4JGOoDK>

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter invites couples for a virtual marriage encounter weekend to enrich and revitalize your sacrament of service.

What: Virtual weekend via Zoom  
When: September 10-12  
Time: Commencing at 7pm on Friday September 10 – concluding 4pm Sunday September 12  
Contact: Julie & Zyg Staszyc: (0437 388 513), email: [sabookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:sabookings@wwme.org.au). Visit: <https://www.wwme.org.au> for testimonies and update. Click here for [WWME Weekend Flyer](#).

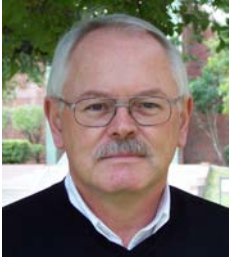
### DATES

- 15 Aug Assumption of Virgin Mary
- 15 Aug Appeal for Vocations
- Sep 1-30 Catholic Charities Month
- 24 Sep Last day School Term 3
- 4 Oct Labour Day holiday
- 11 Oct First day School Term 4
- 17 Oct World Mission Day Appeal
- 31 Oct Confirmation
- 1 Nov All Saints' Day
- 2 Nov All Souls' Day
- 14 Nov Vinnies Christmas Appeal
- 21 Nov Christ the King
- 28 Nov First Sunday of Advent
- 5 Dec Second Sunday of Advent
- 10 Dec Last day School Term 4
- 12 Dec Third Sunday of Advent

### COUNCIL FOR INTEGRAL ECOLOGY INVITATION

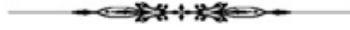
Date: August 24 2021  
Time: 7pm – 8.30pm  
Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89735125099?pwd=Y3JKckQ1S0lPNzcvZmxUclV0SjW9IZz09> Click on [Council for Integral Ecology Invitation](#).





## 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.



### WHO IS CLOSE TO GOD'S HEART?

Who has God's sympathy? For whom especially should we be praying? For whom should we be asking God's blessing?

We are in the middle of the Olympic Games. What we see there are the healthiest bodies in the world, beautifully adorned with colorful spandex and youthful smiles. The Olympic Games are a celebration of health. Whatever else might surround or lie underneath these games (commercialism, ambition, illegal drugs, whatever) our first reaction to them may only be one of blessing: "Wow! Beautiful! This says something wonderful about life and about God."

Moreover, what we see there are not just the athletes. They are surrounded by spectacular billion dollar venues, a host country showcasing its finest, television networks sending out colorful coverage around the world, and everywhere the carefully calculated display of youth, health, beauty, and affluence, as if it were these alone that made the world go round.

Sadly, health, beauty, and affluence are not born equally, distributed equally, and shared equally. Flip a channel or two on your television and you see the polar opposite: news channels replete with images of suffering, poverty, injustice, hunger, devastation, millions fleeing violence, millions living in squalor, and millions living with little hope on our borders everywhere. And, that's just what we see openly on the news. What we don't see are the millions of sick, the millions of unemployed, the millions who are victims of violence and abuse, the millions with physical and mental challenges of every kind, and the millions with terminal diseases

facing imminent death. What do these lives and these bodies say matched against the lives and bodies of our Olympic athletes? A good question.

How does one assess this seemingly bitter contrast between what we see in the Olympic Games and what we see on world news? Where does this leave us in terms of our prayer and sympathy? Does the suffering of the poor so spiritually dwarf the health of the rich that our hearts and prayers are meant to embrace only the poor? If so, would this not cast negative light on the wonderful gifts of health and wholeness?

We can learn something here from the offertory prayers at a Eucharist. At a Eucharist, the priest offers two elements to God to represent bread, wine, and us asking God to bless each equally. They represent two very different aspects of our world and of our lives. To quote Pierre Teilhard de Chardin: "In a sense the true substance to be consecrated each day is the world's development during that day – the bread symbolizing appropriately what creation succeeds in producing, the wine (blood) what creation causes to be lost in exhaustion and suffering in the course of that effort."

In essence, the offertory prayer asks for a double blessing, *God of all Creation, we hold up for you today all that is in this world, both of joy and of suffering. We offer you the bread of the world's achievements, even as we offer you the wine of its failure, the blood of all that's crushed as those achievements take place. We offer you the powerful of our world, our rich, our famous, our athletes, our artists, our movie stars, our entrepreneurs, our young, our healthy, and everything that's creative and bursting with life, even as we offer you those who are weak,*

*feeble, aged, crushed, sick, dying, and victimized. We offer to you all the pagan beauties, pleasures, and joys of this life, even as we stand with you under the cross, affirming that the one who is excluded from earthly pleasure is the cornerstone of the community. We offer you the strong, along with the weak, asking you to bless both and then stretch our hearts so that they, like you, can hold and bless everything that is. We offer you both the wonders and the pains of this world, your world."*

God has a preferential love for the poor, the suffering, the sick, and the weak, and so must we. Our faith assures us that the poor enter the Kingdom more easily than the rich and the strong. However, while that is true, this does not imply that somehow it is bad to be affluent, healthy and strong. These bring dangers, for sure. Being young, healthy, strong, physically attractive, and talented is often (though not always) a formula for a conceit that sees its own life as more special than the lives of others. Few people carry extraordinary gifts well.

Despite that, however, we must still affirm that God smiles, positively, with pride and with satisfaction, on vibrancy, on those places where life is flourishing, healthy, young, talented, and physically attractive. God smiles on our Olympic athletes. God's preferential love for the poor doesn't negate God's love for the strong. Like a good parent, God is proud of his over-talented children, even as there is a special affection for the child who is suffering.

At every Eucharist, we hold up both, our Olympic athletes and our refugees on our borders.

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 5 August, 2021)

- The density requirement has changed to 1 person per 2 sqm. Weddings and funerals are capped at 50 people (depending on SA Gov approved maximum number - call the Parish Office for details).
- Wearing of masks is mandatory for indoor places. Wearing of masks is strongly recommended for Parish Offices.
- Choirs and congregational singing are not permitted. A single distanced singer is permitted.
- Recommendation from Archdiocesan Office that tea/coffee after Mass be suspended.
- 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, 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 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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Over all these clothes, put on love, the perfect bond. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together in one body. Always be thankful. Let the Word of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and whatever you say or do, let it be in the name of the Lord Jesus, in thanksgiving to God the Father through him.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mt 27:55*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him.*

*Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

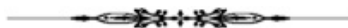
*Matthew 6:25-34*

Jesus said to his disciples: I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and what you are to wear. Surely life is more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, however much you worry, add one single cubit to your span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin: yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his royal robes was clothed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the wild flowers growing in the field which are there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you have so little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? What are we to wear?" It is the gentiles who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on God's saving justice, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

## EXPLORING THE WORD

As you know, the gospel texts for Year B normally come from the Gospel of Mark, but this week a text from Matthew is used because of the special feast that is commemorated today, 8 August, which may or may not fall on a Sunday.

This particular text from Matthew is chosen because it speaks so well to St Mary of the Cross and her overarching vision for her ministry: that God would provide what was needed for her important work, especially among the rural poor, to thrive and prosper. In this text, Matthew reminds his community that they should not overly concern themselves with the material world. To do so is to be distracted from those things that are far more important. 'Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well.' If God provides all that is needed for the birds of the air and the flowers of the fields, surely he will provide everything for those who follow the way of truth and faith. Excessive concern for material comfort, wealth or splendour will not ensure salvation. Only trusting in God and setting our hearts on the kingdom will achieve this lofty result. Do not be distracted by the things of the world! In what ways do you experience God providing all that you need?



### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(August 09 - 15)

- **Mon, 09:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Deut 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27)
- **Tues, 10:** St Lawrence (2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26)
- **Wed, 11:** St Clare (Deut 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20)
- **Thur, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Joshua 3:7-11, 13-17; Mt 18:21 - 19:1)
- **Fri, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Joshua 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12)
- **Sat, 14:** St Maximilian Mary Kolbe (Joshua 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15)
- **Sun 15:** The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Apoc 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; 1 Cor 15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56)

### 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).