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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

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,
Israel, shout aloud!

Rejoice, exult with all your heart,
daughter of Jerusalem!

The Lord has repealed your sentence;
he has driven your enemies away.

The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your
midst; you have no more evil to fear.
When that day comes, word will come
to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do
not let your hands fall limp.

The Lord your God is in your midst,
a victorious warrior.

He will exult with joy over you, he
will renew you by his love; he will
dance with shouts of joy for you
as on a day of festival.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Isa 12:2-6

*Cry out with joy and gladness: for
among you is the great and Holy One
of Israel.*

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy
in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is
your happiness. Let your tolerance be
evident to everyone: the Lord is very
near.

There is no need to worry; but if there
is anything you need, pray for it,
asking God for it with prayer and
thanksgiving, and that peace of God,
which is so much greater than we can
understand, will guard your hearts and
your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Isa 61:1

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he
sent me to bring Good News to the
poor. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Luke 3:10-18

When all the people asked John,
'What must we do?' he answered, 'If
anyone has two tunics he must share
with the man who has none, and the
one with something to eat must do the
same.' There were tax collectors too
who came for baptism, and these said
to him, 'Master, what must we do?'
He said to them, 'Exact no more than
your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in
their turn, 'What must we do?' He
said to them, 'No intimidation! No
extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown
among the people, who were
beginning to think that John might be
the Christ, so John declared before
them all, 'I baptise you with water,
but someone is coming, someone who
is more powerful than I am, and I am
not fit to undo the strap of his sandals;
he will baptise you with the Holy
Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is
in his hand to clear his threshing-floor
and to gather the wheat into his barn;
but the chaff he will burn in a fire that
will never go out.' As well as this,
there were many other things he said
to exhort the people and to announce
the Good News to them.

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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
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

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)

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.

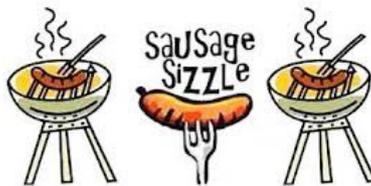
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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

COVID VACCINATION

We have received a letter from the Archbishop regarding vaccination.

“I am writing to strongly recommend that all Clergy, Staff and Volunteers engaged with Parishes and Communities ensure they are vaccinated.

This is particularly important, and now legislated, for those who regularly enter Schools, Private Hospitals, Aged Care Facilities and Nursing Homes to work, and for anyone who is a Member of a School College Board. It is likely this will soon extend to Public Hospitals. Anyone carrying out public ministry

- Clergy, Chaplains, Holy Communion Ministers, those visiting the sick etc. - are expected to have the vaccine. It would be my preference to move to this by agreement rather than having to make it a mandated requirement.

The Church’s position is clear both on a global and national level that the common good must prevail.

We continue to welcome all in our premises for the celebration of Mass and I do not expect that we would move to mandatory vaccination for those entering our Churches. This would only occur in relation to a legislative requirement.

I ask for your continued cooperation on this important matter.

In Domino,
+Patrick O’Regan
Archbishop of Adelaide”

THE SOUTHERN CROSS

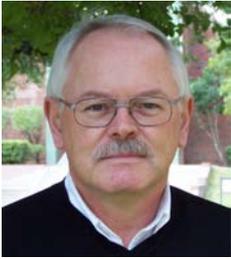
December issue

The December/Christmas edition of The Southern Cross will appear as an insert in The Advertiser on Saturday and will also be delivered to parishes this week for distribution at weekend Masses. The paper includes Christmas Mass times around the State and all the latest news relating to Church, faith, education and community services. Copies provided to parishes are FREE.

CHRISTMAS MASS

Christmas Day Mass will be available from St Francis Xavier’s Cathedral on Channel 44 on Saturday, December 25 at 5pm.





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

HUMAN(KIND) ASHLEE EILAND

I could never be a literary critic, not because I can't tell good literature from bad, but because I lack the hard edge. If I dislike a book, I hesitate to say so. Conversely, if I like a book, I tend to be more its cheerleader than its critical assessor. Be that as it may, I want to strongly endorse Ashlee Eiland's new book, *Human(Kind) – How Reclaiming Human Worth and Embracing Radical Kindness Will Bring Us Back Together*.

This is not some sentimental, feel good book on how we need to be kind to each other. It's more like a Sermon on the Mount for our time, or at least how we might work towards living the Sermon on the Mount. How do we remain soulful, warm, and human inside all the things that tend to unhealthily either inflate or embitter our hearts? Here's how she describes her book.

"This is my story – a story of a black woman who grew up in the South and who discovered some wholeness and some holes along the way. As I looked back over my life, there were moments I remembered so vividly. Upon reflection, they were vivid because they mattered. They marked me in both beautiful and painful ways. But as I sat with these moments and memories, I realized they mattered because they taught me to be kind to my own worthy self. Recalling them helped me acknowledge the good gifts I've been given, the gifts I now hope to give to others, and enabled me to see the painful and hard moments as opportunities to be more fully human, to remind myself to receive grace where there's been grievance."

The book is a series of stories from her life, all of them told by a gifted

storyteller and all of them written with an aesthetics that never sinks into sentimentality or self-pity. And they are stories both of being graced and being wounded. Eiland's life has been one of contrasts.

On the one hand, her life has been one of privilege – loving parents, the opportunity for a first-rate education, never economically desperate, and always with a supportive family and community around her. On the other hand, she has lived as a black woman inside a world of injustice and inequality. She has had to live as one who must forever be conscious of the color of her skin, who every time she walks into a room needs to look around to see how many others like her are in the room. She also had to endure the ultimate racial slur being shouted in her face. And so, as she says, she has been deeply scarred both in beautiful and painful ways.

For example, one of her stories recounts an incident in which she went out to a restaurant with some Asian friends for a Korean specialty of pork dumplings. The evening went well and driving back from the restaurant and laughing with each other in the car, she felt a life-long weight lift from her. "For the first time, I didn't feel as if I had to qualify the conversation with a reminder to my friends – or to myself – of my actual race. ... Before that day, I felt I had to tiptoe out of one world into another. But that kind of posture, I realized, is laced with shame. It allows the 'not fully enough' narrative to run rampant, terrorizing what is oftentimes the best part about sharing our lives with one another."

We need her narrative. We live in a time of bitterness and division, when civil discourse and respect have broken down, where we demonize each other, where injustice,

inequality, and racism still define us more than their opposites, and where kindness is often seen as a weakness. Moreover, there is an ever-intensifying hypersensitivity where even a well-intended word is a potential landmine. Paranoia has replaced metanoia, bringing out the worst in us.

Ashlee Eiland gives us a formula for bringing out what is best in us. How do we react to injustice, offense, and demonization? For example, here is how she reacted after trying to be good to someone and being repaid for her effort by the ultimate racial taunt being hurled in her face: "Humiliated, I went about my day, doing as much good as I could for an afternoon ... but knowing that sometimes even doing good is not enough. Sometimes we just have to sit with what's hard and humiliating about the difficult work of unity and do our best not to let it kill us. Instead, we need to let it shape us in some other way that sobers us up and forces us to take off our rose-colored glasses, to admit that sometimes moving closer and trying to do good and closing the gaps between us and others doesn't work out the way we want. But maybe it's worth showing up anyway."

Lacking the critical edge, I'm not always sure of what constitutes "soul music", but I can still recognize "soul literature".

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

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 07 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.

COVIDSAFE
Let's continue to be a church

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LESSONS IN JOY

No doubt about it: John the Baptist was an amazing, impressive, charismatic figure in his generation. Yet he did everything in his power to direct the attention away from himself and toward the One yet to come. His teaching, even his baptising, was mere preparation for the Christ. John knew he was a big player in a cosmic story.

Being human, we often fail to look past the messenger to the message. How many of us have become unglued when our favourite pastor or principal is transferred, when an admired spiritual leader falls from grace, when a hero we've followed across the years dies or disappears from view. We may find we've pinned our faith to the wrong source, settling for the herald instead of the heralded. Human beings will always disappoint, but God never does.

If our joy is to be complete, we can't fasten it to anything material. Rust sets in and moths destroy, but Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. If lasting joy is what we want, we have to find it in the One whose life and love endures.

Who or what is the source of your joy? People of Gaudete share their joy in acts of kindness. Recall a kindness you may have withheld. There's still time to offer it. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns.

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FIERY TEARS

It isn't what John the Baptist meant, but the term "baptism of fire" came into military parlance to refer to a soldier's first time in battle and later to anyone who is tested in a new role.

My friend Stephen dropped the phrase in conversation recently while talking about his own war stories. He is a disabled veteran who struggles mightily with pain from injuries sustained while serving hundreds of missions in mostly Iraq and Afghanistan. He's in his 30s, a single dad raising a young daughter on his own, but despite his challenges, he manages to volunteer in the community, which is how I know him. He and I often talk about political

issues, and I asked him about his views on the fall of Afghanistan. He's usually very opinionated, but he just shook his head and his eyes welled up with tears. I wanted to hug him, but as COVID-careful as he is because of his fragile health, I didn't. "What should I do?" I thought. I don't know if it was the right thing, but I nodded and held him in spirit with my silent attention and my own watery eyes and hopes that could quench a tiny bit of what he felt.

The Commissioning: Time for a change! We will speak out when we find injustice! Time for a change! We will work carefully to nurture community! Time for a change! We will face loss with gentleness, and reality! Time for a change! We will forgive the deepest hurts gradually! Time for a change! We will prepare for the coming of Christ thoroughly!

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DID YOU KNOW?

- Tax collectors at the time of Jesus were disliked immensely for two reasons. They collaborated with the Roman oppressors and they skimmed additional monies from the people for themselves.
- The Jewish people of this time were hopeful that a Messiah would come to overthrow the tyranny of the Roman Empire and set them free.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(December 13 - 19)

- **Monday, 13:** St Lucy, (Num 24:2-7, 15-17; Mt 21:23-27)
- **Tuesday, 14:** St John of the Cross (Zeph 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32)
- **Wednesday, 16:** Wednesday, 3rd week Advent (Is 45:6-8, 18, 21-25; Lk 7:19-23)
- **Thursday, 17:** Thursday, 3rd week Advent (Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30)
- **Friday, 18:** Friday, 3rd week Advent (Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17)
- **Saturday, 19:** Saturday, 3rd week Advent (Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-24)
- **Sunday 20:** FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT (Micah 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-44)

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).