



Welcome to

# Kangaroo Island Catholic Community

(Part of the Adelaide Cathedral Parish)

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### **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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

## **CHILD PROTECTION**

We are a Child Safe Organisation  
which is committed to the care, well-  
being and protection of children and  
young people.

Mrs Helen Mumford

(KI contact - 0408 367 009)

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

## **WEEKEND MASSES**

Kingscote at 9.30am

## **CONFESSION**

Kingscote at 9.00am

(prior to Mass)

## **PRAYERS FOR HEALING**

Prayers for Healing and Renewal in  
the Church - Thursdays at 9.00am

## **FIRST READING**

*1 Kings 19:9, 11-13*

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Ps 84:9-14*

*Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.*

## **SECOND READING**

*Romans 9:1-5*

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.



## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Ps 129:5*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I hope in the Lord,*

*I trust in his word. Alleluia!*

## **GOSPEL**

*Matthew 14:22-33*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered.

'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.'

'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water,

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# Bulletin Board

## PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Stephanie Langridge, Carmen Northcott, Joella Davidson

**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 Bill Roestenburg.

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

## PARISH ROSTERS

	Comm	Reader	Cleaning
13/8	M Glynn	M Slageter	A Clark
20/8	S Semler	P Bennett	C Berden
27/8	L Grant	P Clark	C Berden
03/9	K Hammat	H Mumford	A Bevan

## PRIEST ROSTER

*(Often this roster changes*

*if something unforeseen crops up)*

13/8	Fr Jack Otto
20/8	Fr Roderick O'Brien
27/8	Fr Anthoni Adimai

## WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

For those of you who wish to make your weekly contributions to the first and second collections by direct debit, these are the banking details for each.

1st Collection:

BSB 085 005

A/c No 585353994

Reference: K Island or 765

2nd Collection:

BSB 085 005

A/c No 918111484

Reference: Your name

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

Dr Jenny O'Brien, Liturgy Educator for the Archdiocese recently taught that a short silence at the end of the First Reading and the Second Reading is an essential part of the Liturgy of the Word. During this short silence we are meant to listen inwardly to what God's Word may be saying to us personally.

## BLESSING OF MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*Sunday September 17*

If you, or someone you know, is celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60 years), we invite you to let the Parish Office know of the details so they may be acknowledged at the Anniversaries Mass on that weekend.

## NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

This Sunday throughout the Church in Australia, we celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week. This week we affirm and pray for all the baptised who are uniquely called by God. We acknowledge the Single Life, Married Life and Family Life, as well as all Lay Ministries within the Church.

**Today there will be a leaving collection for Vocations.**

## KANGAROO ISLAND PARISH FUNDRAISER

Adelaide Catholic Cathedral Parish invites you to a fundraiser for the Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish to watch the upcoming Hercule Poirot film, "A Haunting in Venice". There will be raffle prizes too.

Tickets \$25 (incl movie, choc top, popcorn and bottle water) on September 24, 2.00pm at Regal Theatre, 275 Kensington Road  
Purchase tickets: (08) 8210 8155 or [acp@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:acp@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

## FR TOM GLEESON - 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Fr Tom was Parish Priest on KI for two years (1985 - 1987). He will be celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination on Friday, 1 September.

You are invited to join with others to help him celebrate this significant event with an evening meal at "The Alma" Hotel, 15 Hill Street, Willunga - 6.00pm for 6.30pm start Please ring Marie Andrews 0423 302 746 for more details and/or to book a place.

## MINISTRY FORMATION - INTRODUCTION TO PASTORAL CARE

On Saturday August 19 the Ministry Formation Program will be hosting an Introduction to Pastoral Care

Intensive. It will be held at the Catholic Education Office (Rooms 7 and 8), 116 George Street, Thebarton, 9.30am - 1.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Online participation via Teams will be available for remote/regional participants - please advise if required. Morning tea will be offered, please advise of any dietary requirements. RSVP to: [mfpadmin@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:mfpadmin@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

## UNDERSTANDING THE VOICE TO PARLIAMENT

Organised by Churches Together SA, with Noel Pearson and Rev Tim Costello as guest speakers. Sunday 20 August 5.00 - 6.30pm, Pilgrim Uniting Church, Adelaide

## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*Feast Day 15 August*

The Assumption signals the end of Mary's earthly life and marks her return to heaven to be reunited with Jesus.

While the bodies of both Jesus and Mary are now in heaven, there is a difference between the Assumption and the Ascension.

Where Jesus arose from the tomb and ascended into heaven by his own power, Mary's body was taken up to heaven by the power of her Son. For this reason we use different words to describe each event. One is the Ascension of Christ and the other, the Assumption of Mary.

*(Excerpt: Catholic Diocese Sydney)*





## 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

### THE ILLUSION OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY

A number of years ago, I attended the funeral of a man who died at the age of ninety. From every indication, he had been a good man, solidly religious, the father of a large family, a man respected in the community, and a man with a generous heart. However, he had also been a strong man, a gifted man, a natural leader, someone to whom a group would naturally look to take the reins and lead. Hence, he held a number of prominent positions in the community. He was a man very much in charge.

One of his sons, a Catholic priest, gave the homily at his funeral. He began with these words: Scripture tells us that the sum of a man's life is seventy years, eighty for those who are strong. Now our dad lived for ninety years. Why the extra twenty years? Well, it's no mystery. He was too strong and too much in charge of things to die at seventy or eighty. It took God an extra twenty years to mellow him out. And it worked. The last ten years his life were years of massive diminishment. His wife died, and he never got over that. He had a stroke which put him into assisted living and that was a massive blow to him. Then he spent the last years of his life with others having to help him take care of his basic bodily needs. For a man like him, that was humbling.

But this was the effect of all that. It mellowed him. In those last years, whenever you visited him, he would take your hand and say, "help me". He hadn't been able to say those words since he was five years old and able to tie his own shoelaces. By the time he died, he was ready. When he met Jesus and Saint Peter on the other side, I'm sure he simply reached for a hand and said, "help me". Ten and twenty years ago, he would, I'm sure, have given Jesus and Peter some advice as to how

they might run the pearly gates more efficiently.

That's a parable that speaks deeply and directly about a place we must all eventually come to, either through proactive choice or by submission to circumstance; we all must eventually come to a place where we accept that we are not self-sufficient, that we need help, that we need others, that we need community, that we need grace, that we need God.

Why is that so important? Because we are not God and we become wise and more loving when we realize and accept that. Classical Christian theologians defined God as *self-sufficient being*, and highlight that only God is self-sufficient. God alone has no need of anything beyond Himself. Everything else, everything that is not God, is defined as *contingent*, as not self-sufficient, as needing something beyond itself to bring it into existence and to keep it in existence every second of its being.

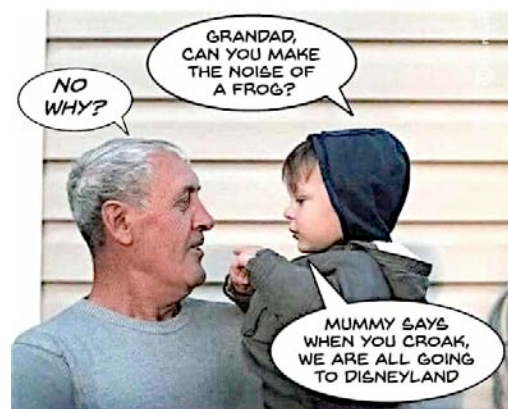
That can sound like abstract theology, but ironically it's little children who get it, who have an awareness of this. They know that they cannot provide for themselves and that all comes to us as gift. They know they need help. However, not long after they learn to tie our own shoelaces this awareness begins to fade and as they grow into adolescence and then adulthood, particularly if they are healthy, strong, and successful, they begin to live with the illusion of self-sufficiency. I provide for myself! And, that in fact serves them well in terms of making their way in this world. But it doesn't serve truth, community, love, or the soul. It's an illusion, the greatest of all illusions. None of us will enter deeply into community as long as we nurse the illusion of self-sufficiency, when we are still

saying, I don't need others! I choose who and what I let into my life!

G.K. Chesterton once wrote that *familiarity is the greatest of all illusions*. He's right, and what we are most familiar with is taking care of ourselves and believing that we are sufficient onto ourselves. As we know, this serves us well in terms of getting ahead in this life. However, fortunate for us, though painful, God and nature are always conspiring together to teach us that we are not self-sufficient. The process of maturing, aging, and eventually dying is calibrated to teach us, whether we welcome the lesson or not, that we are not in charge, that self-sufficiency is an illusion. Eventually for all of us there will come a day when, as it was with us before we could tie our own shoelaces, we will have to reach out for a hand and say, "help me".

The philosopher Eric Mascall has an axiom that says we are neither wise nor mature as long as we take life for granted. We become wise and mature precisely when we take it as *granted* – by God, by others, by love.

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

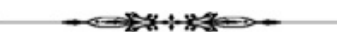


## COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 10/08/23)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- Procession of gifts has resumed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact



### EXPLORING THE WORD

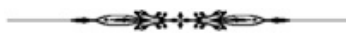
A little noticed phrase in this text adds significantly to the way we understand this story. Jesus told the disciples to cross to the other side of the lake. In doing this they were heading away from the Jewish region and into gentile territory. The boat is a symbol of the Church and as such, we can detect in this text a reflection of the situation of Matthew's community who have been forced out of the synagogue and away from traditional Judaism. More and more, it is gentiles who are coming to belief in Jesus. This is causing fear and concern for some in the community.

Matthew gives a prominent place to Peter whose actions do not make sense except as a combination of impulsive love and faith weakened by doubt. While his full attention is on Jesus, Peter is fine, but as soon as he allows what is going on around him to distract him from Jesus, he begins to sink.

This text offers a parable of the Church besieged and being tossed about. Peter's response is to be bold and step out into the unknown, yet he is vulnerable. The great comfort is in the risen Lord stretching out his hand to restore morale. This manifestation of the power of Christ is greeted by that great acclamation of faith: Truly you are the Son of God.

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but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'



### A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

(Matthew 14: 22 - 33)

Peter was a fisherman. He was long accustomed to the sea and its moods, and surely this was not the first stormy night he'd spent on the water. Peter knew how to compensate for wind and waves in choppy weather. He also knew there was a point beyond which negotiation with a tempest was impossible. But Peter had no experience at all with a ghost, or a man, walking on the waves. Like the others in the boat, he was afraid. But like the others, he was willing to negotiate with this new situation. Peter decided to take a walk on the wild side.

A fisherman who stays with his boat knows how to ride a wave. But with wind at his back and water under his feet, all Peter had for support was the steady view of his Lord. As his consciousness of the peril grew, his confidence in the Lord shrank. Many of us too have lost our faith in time of crisis. Our trust in God is steady within the boat, and up for grabs when life is less predictable. Peter scores points for risking a walk on the wild side, which the rest of the disciples were unwilling to do. An untested faith is worse than the "little faith" Peter showed. God can always plant a mustard seed.

When has your faith been tested by stormy events? How did your faith endure?  
*GPBS eNews*

### DON'T MIND THAT SINKING FEELING

Have you ever tried to teach someone to swim? That was part of my job description when I volunteered at a youth ministry camp back in my uni days. Some of the kids took to the water like little otters, slipping and swooshing around and having a ball.

Others sank like the sand-filled milk bottles we used as anchors for the camp rowboats. The difference in outcomes had little to do with athletic ability and almost everything to do with fear – or lack of it. The ones who were not afraid swam like fish. The ones who were afraid of the water tended to splash and splutter wildly and sink, sink, sink – which of course did nothing to allay their fear of the water.

Peter demonstrates this principle quiet effectively in this week's gospel. Impetuous as always, when Peter sees the astounding sight of Jesus walking toward his boat in the middle of the night, he rushes out to meet him. But quickly he begins to realise what he has just done. Like a cartoon character that ran too far off a short pier, he starts to sink. Luckily for him, Jesus is standing nearby and stretches out his hand, catches him up, and brings him to safety.

As you navigate your way through the stormy waters of life, does fear give you a sinking feeling? Learn from Peter. Know that Jesus is always nearby, ready to stretch out a hand a catch you up and bring you to safety. All it takes is a little faith.

*GPBS eNews*

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(14 - 20 August)

- **Monday, 14:** St Maximilian Mary Kolbe (Deut 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27)
- **Tuesday, 15:** The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Apoc 11:19, 12:1-6.10; 1 Cor 15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56)
- **Wednesday, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Deut 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20)
- **Thursday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Joshua 3:7-11, 13-17; Mt 18:21 - 19:1)
- **Friday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Joshua 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12)
- **Saturday, 19:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 19 (Joshua 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12)
- **Sunday 20:** 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28)

### PASTORAL CARE

If you need a priest for anointing prior to medical treatment, or if you are ill (not necessarily life-threatening) or for last rites please contact: (08) 8210 8155 or in an emergency 0417 080 955