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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

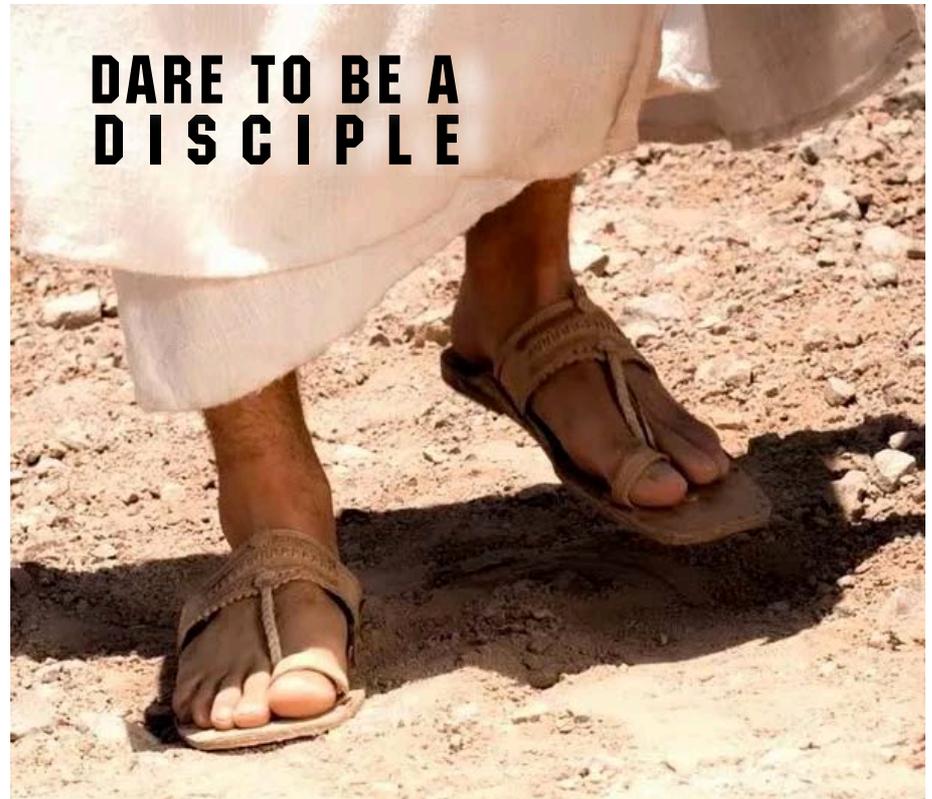
WEEKEND MASSES

Kingscote at 9.30am

CONFESSION

Kingscote at 9.00am

(prior to Mass)



FIRST READING

Jeremiah 17:5-8

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust
in man, who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord. He is
like dry scrub in the wastelands: if
good comes, he has no eyes for it, he
settles in the parched places of the
wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his
trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his
hope. He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 1:1-4

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what
has been preached, how can some of
you be saying that there is no
resurrection of the dead? For if the
dead are not raised, Christ has not
been raised, and if Christ has not been

raised, you are still in your sins. And
what is more serious, all who have
died in Christ have perished. If our
hope in Christ has been for this life
only, we are the most unfortunate of
all people. But Christ has in fact been
raised from the dead, the first-fruits of
all who have fallen asleep.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Rejoice and be glad; your reward will
be great in heaven.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and
stopped at a piece of level ground
where there was a large gathering of
his disciples with a great crowd of
people from all parts of Judaea and
from Jerusalem and from the coastal
region of Tyre and Sidon who had
come to hear him and to be cured of
their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples
he said:

'How happy are you who are poor:

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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Bill Roestenburg, Peter Weatherstone, Maureen Slagter, Melanie Howson

Recently deceased: John Lavers

February anniversaries: Heather Barrett, Joan Marie Berden, Mary Clark, Phillip Deakin, Allice Ellick, Alfred Gray, Bernadette Hehir, Kenneth Howard, Ron King, Jamie Larcombe, Frank May, Tom Meaney, Allan Moray, Pat Pawelski, Horace Riley, Christopher Riley, Bert Willson. 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.

PARISH ROSTERS

| | Comm | Reader | Cleaning |
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| 13/2 | K Hammatt | A Gibbs | A Clark |
| 20/2 | A Gibbs | P Bennett | A Clark |
| 27/2 | S Semler | P Clark | C Berden |

| Covid Marshal | | | |
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| 13/2 | A Clark | 20/2 | P Bennett |
| 27/2 | W Bennett | | |

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

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| 13/2 | Fr Sam |
| 20/2 | TBA |
| 27/2 | Fr Anthoni |

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Prayers for Healing and Renewal gatherings - Thursdays at 9.30am

SPECIAL COLLECTION

A special collection will be taken up next weekend in support of the work undertaken by Birthline Pregnancy Support, Mothers without Medicare & Genesis Pregnancy Support Inc. The Day of the Unborn Child assists us to focus on those people in our families and communities who have experienced any sort of child-bearing loss, whether miscarriage, still-birth, the death of a baby soon after birth, or abortion.

We thank you in anticipation for your generous support of those who work tirelessly with individuals and families who require these important resources and services.

FROM FR ANTHONI

On behalf of Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish, I extend a warm welcome to all the families, friends, visitors and holiday makers.



As we reflect on the Beatitudes this weekend, let us reflect from the Catechism of the Catholic Church 1716-1729, teaching on the Beatitudes.

The Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' preaching. They take up the promises made to the chosen people. The Beatitudes fulfil the promises by ordering them no longer merely to the possession of a territory, but to the Kingdom of heaven.

The Beatitudes respond to the natural desire for happiness. The desire is of divine origin; God has placed it in the human heart in order to draw man to the One who alone can fulfil it. The Beatitudes reveal the goal of human existence, the ultimate end of human acts: God calls us to his own beatitude. This vocation is addressed to each individual personally, but also to the Church as a whole, the new people made up of those who have accepted the promise and live from it in faith.

God put us in the world to know, to love, and to serve him, and so to come to paradise. Beatitude makes us "partakers of the divine nature" and of eternal life. With beatitude, man enters into the glory of Christ and into the joy of the Trinitarian life. The beatitude we are promised confronts us with decisive moral choices. It invites us to purify our hearts of bad instincts and to seek the love of God above all else. It teaches us that true happiness is not found in riches or well-being, in human fame or power, or in any human achievement - however beneficial it may be - such as science, technology, and art, or indeed in any creature, but in God alone, the source of every good and of all love.

The Beatitudes respond to the desire for happiness that God has placed in the human heart. The Beatitudes teach us the final end to which God calls us: the Kingdom, the vision of God, participation in the divine nature,

eternal life, filiation, and rest in God. The beatitude of eternal life is a gratuitous gift of God. It is supernatural, as is the grace that leads us there. *Fr Anthoni*



Palms Australia 60+ years of Intercultural Partnerships

Now that restrictions on international travel are starting to ease, Palms Global Mission is redoubling its efforts to respond to overseas communities' requests to assist them through skills exchange. Those considering a Global Mission placement can be advised of the following support:

- The Archdiocese will support the preparation costs of participants at Palms' Orientation Courses and a re-entry weekend on their return from mission placement.
- Catholic Bishops support a Lay Missionary Gratuity Fund that provides a payment of \$2500 for each year one is on this mission.
- Palms negotiations with Catholic schools assures great support and benefits for teachers giving up to two years for this mission. Teachers should talk with Palms about the details.

For more information, visit www.palms.org.au/current-opportunities/

AUSTRALASIAN CATHOLIC COALITION FOR CHURCH REFORM

- Webinar: Our Voices - Wed Feb 16 7.30 – 8.30pm (AEDT)
- Introduction: Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv
- Presentation: Dr Elissa Roper *'It's not too late: Synodality and Change'* Australian theologian specialising in synodality and the work of Pope Francis
- Moderator: Dr Eleanor Flynn, Women's Wisdom in the Church. Eleanor will then lead a conversation with Elissa, Andrea Dean

(Women and the Australian Church) and Kevin Liston (SA Catholics for an Evolving Church). The Chat Box will be open for comments and questions during the conversation.

To register: Click [Free Registration](#). You will receive the Zoom link on Tuesday, February 15 by email. If unavailable on the evening, register to receive the video later.

For more information: visit www.acccr.com.au or 0411 197 829 Please refer to attachment: [Our voices webinar](#)

SYNOD OF BISHOPS LOCAL CONSULTATION

Hundreds of groups and individuals across the country have shared their stories about how all members of the Catholic Church can walk together to carry out our mission as Christians. Have you?

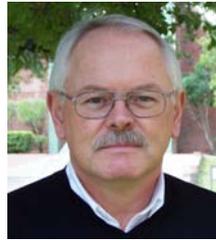
The local consultation process for the global Synod on Synodality is open for two more weeks – until Sunday February 27. Join with family, friends, parishioners or participate yourself.

Find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch

STANDING ON LEVEL GROUND

The Sermon on the Mount is the most recognised passage of the gospel. Matthew's gospel pictures Jesus on a hillside preaching. Luke tells us Jesus delivered this famous sermon on a plain. Does it matter whether this is the Sermon on the Mount or the Plain? Scholars have speculated that Luke didn't know any better. As a Greek convert to the faith, he may have never been close enough to the geography of Israel to know the difference.

But in the context of Luke's whole story, it's a shrewd move to have Jesus



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

GOD'S PLEASURE IN OUR ACTION

Eric Liddell, the runner whose story is featured in the Oscar-winning movie, *Chariots of Fire*, makes clear that in his quest to win an Olympic gold medal was motivated more by his faith than by his own ego.

His faith had him believe that, since God gave him this unique talent, God, not unlike any proud parent, took a genuine delight in seeing him use that gift. In his heart, he sensed that God was pleased whenever he exercised that talent to its optimum. Moreover, that inner sense that God was happy with his use of his talent filled him, Eric, with a wonderful energy whenever he ran.

Seen from that perspective, we see that the root and source of his motivation and pleasure in running was, ultimately, not his desire to win gold medals and popular adulation, though clearly no one is immune to these. Rather he was motivated by an inner sense that God had given him a special gift, that God wanted him to use that gift to its fullest, and that God was happy when he optimized that gift. Like everyone else who is human, he, no doubt, enjoyed the adulation he received for his |

successes, but he knew too that the deepest joy he felt in using his gift had its ultimate source in God and not his own ego.

And this, I believe, is true for everybody of us. When anyone uses properly the gifts that God gave him or her, God will take pleasure in that. After all God gave us that gift and that gift was given us for a reason. I once was talking to a very gifted young teacher just beginning his teaching career. He shared about how much he enjoys teaching but how he worries too that the pleasure he derives from it is somehow too much connected to his ego. I gave him the Liddell quote, assuring him that, whenever he teaches well, God takes pleasure in it.

We shouldn't feel guilty for exercising the gifts that God gave us, even though our motivations will never be completely pure. Whenever we use a God-given talent to do something well, God takes pleasure in it ... and so too should we.

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

preaching on level ground. Jesus literally levels the playing field by blessing the poor with the advantages of the rich, promising satisfaction to the hungry, and laughter to those who grieve. He likewise assures those who've made it that "it's trouble ahead". If Jesus stands on a par with the crowds and doesn't enjoy a privileged place, we can be sure the justice of the kingdom will make no exceptions.

How are you, at this time in life, poor, hungry, sorrowing, or excluded? How are you rich, satisfied, celebrating, and admired?

Commit yourself to levelling the playing field. Share your surplus: money, time, love, joy, faith, talent, attention, respect. "There's trouble

ahead when you live only for the approval of others, saying what flatters them, doing what indulges them. Popularity contests are not truth contests – look how many scoundrel preachers were approved by your ancestors! Your task is to be true, not popular".

GPBS eNews



COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 7 February, 2022)

- Places of Worship are restricted to 3:4 sqm with social distancing of 1.5ms. A change in wording means that a wedding and funeral (previously viewed as a private activity) is taken to mean a defined public activity (in our circumstance a ceremony: religious/faith-based ceremony) and the 3:4sqm applies.
- Wearing of masks is mandatory. (An official medical certificate must be produced on request, if claiming an exemption.)
- Attendees at indoor religious services may sing during worship, if they wear masks while doing so.
- Social distancing is mandatory - DO NOT CONGREGATE at entry/exit and outside. No communal gathering after Mass.
- 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.

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yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets. 'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

A LOVING PARTNER

An 8-year-old child of a couple in the parish was devastated when their football team never made it to the semi-finals. He asked his father how there could be a God since no one answered his or all the other long-suffering fans' fervent prayers for the team.

Patiently, the father explained to his son that God has more important issues to deal with than the football semi-finals. The child grew quiet and then with tears in his eyes asked his father very softly, "Then how could have God allowed the Holocaust?" "Talk to your mother" was the only answer the father had left.

It's not easy to trust in God. We are consistently tempted to find facile answers and easy solutions to problems of incredible magnitude and complexity. We have the need to solve all problems, to sew up all the loose ends, to fold everything into a neat package.

Unfortunately, life isn't that predictable. Nothing reminds us of questions that lurk hidden inside us more than the reality of death, especially of a loved one for whom we have been praying. How much easier it is to believe in God and to relate to God when life is going well, when we appear to be getting all for which we pray.

In the reality that is our human

existence, God is a loving partner who struggles alongside us on life's journey, not some wish-fulfilling magician who capriciously changes what is going to be.

The Commissioning: We trust God. In the hard places of life and in life's celebrations, we trust God. In moments of despair and in moments of great joy, we trust God. When loved ones support us and when they forget us, we trust God. When we stand firmly for what is right and when we weakly compromise, we trust God. When we join with others in the work of Jesus Christ and when we go it alone, we trust God. Nothing can separate us from God or from God's love. Nothing in all creation. We trust God. *GPBS eNews*

EXPLORING THE WORD

Luke does not speak of 'the poor in spirit' or 'those who hunger and thirst for justice' as Matthew does. Luke is much more interested in the lived experience of those who are literally poor, hungry and suffering. They were the ones who were persecuted under the status quo of their day, and it was they who had an openness to the new order announced by Jesus' preaching of the kingdom. The powerful, who directed the established order of the day, could not bear such a challenge to their own position and thus they will 'drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal' for preaching the new order of God's kingdom. Such is the challenge to those who are disciples.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(14 - 20 February)

- **Monday, 14:** Sts Cyril and Methodius (James 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13)
- **Tuesday, 15:** Weekday, Ord Time 6 (James 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21)
- **Wednesday, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 6 (James 1:19-27; Mk 8:22-26)
- **Thursday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 6 (James 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33)
- **Friday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 6 (James 2:14-24, 26; Mk 8:34 - 9:1)
- **Saturday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 5 (James 3:1-10; 13:33-34; Mk 9:2-13)
- **Sunday, 20:** 7th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38)

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