



Welcome to

# Kangaroo Island Catholic Community

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## KANGAROO ISLAND

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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

*Ezekiel 17:22-24*

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.

Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 91:2-3, 13-16*

*Lord it is good to give thanks to you.*

## SECOND READING

*2 Corinthians 5:6-10*

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and

not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The seed is the word of God,*

*Christ is the sower;*

*all who come to him will live forever.*

*Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*Mark 4:26-34*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know.

Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the

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# Bulletin Board

## PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Michelle Glynn, Bill Roestenberg, Carmel Northcott

**June anniversaries:** Dorothy (Mardi) Atkison, William (Bill) Bauer, Shirley Black, Doris Bosanko, Norma (Aileen) Cartel, Tony Cairney, William Christopher, Craig Feltus, Mary Alice Grace, Benjamin Hayes, Henry Hughes, Sarah Hughes, Fr P P Kelly, Alan Lashmar, Ann McAnnally, James McAnnally, Lillian Murphy, Laurence O'Daly, Dean Page, Ruth Perkins, Molly Polly, Edna Rayson, Mary - Douglas Rosentreter, Henry Tabor, Michael Wilcox, Alice Willson, Brian Willson

**Recently deceased:** Jaunito Cruz (*father of Lina*), Fay Cussans, Wandah Johnstone

*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.*

## ROSTERS

Comm	Reader	Cleaning
13/6 K Hammat	L Grant	H Mumford
20/6 J Fernandez	A Gibbs	H Mumford
27/6 M Glynn	P Bennett	A Bevan

## COVID Marshal

13/6 P Bennett |  
20/6 A Clark  
27/6 W Bennett

## PRIEST ROSTER

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

13/6 Fr Josy  
20/6 Fr Prathap  
27/6 Fr Dev

## PRAYER FOR HEALING

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



## DATES

Jun 27 Holy Father's Appeal  
 Jul 2 Last day, School Term 2  
 Jul 4 NATSICC Appeal  
 Jul 18 Apostleship of the Sea  
 Jul 19 First day School Term 38  
 Aug Feast of St Mary of the Cross  
 15 Aug Assumption of Blessed 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  
 1 Nov All Saints' Day  
 2 Nov All Souls' Day  
 14 Nov St Vincent de Paul 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

## 'MINDFULNESS & MEDITATION' (via ZOOM)

Saturday 19 June  
10am-3pm (AEST)

When we are present to the 'now', centredness and relaxation become a natural part of life, and we know how to act from a heart of love. This is a day of reflection in the practice of Mindfulness & Meditation, and we invite you to come prepared to be still and journey within.

Facilitated by Paola Cheng. Cost \$50. Book and pay via website [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne) or email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne).



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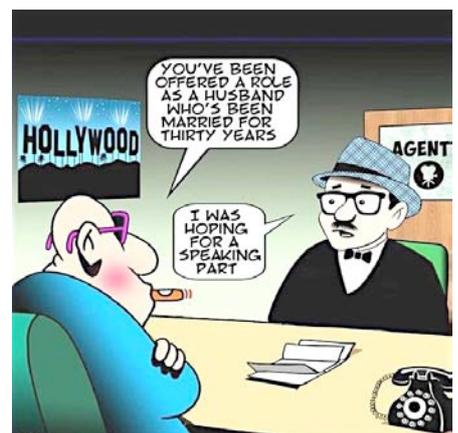
## PRUNING THE TREE

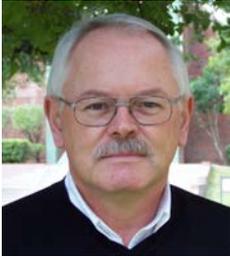
In our little city backyard my dad cultivated a pear tree that was there when he bought the house and a transplanted apricot tree that started as a pit someone spit out and grew unnoticed next to the wall of the house. Neither was anything great to look at. They didn't grow very tall and they didn't produce much shade, due to Dad's frenzied trimming of both trees every year. By the time he was done all that remained was the trunk and a few large branches.

They looked dead but every spring new shoots would grow out of those stumps, flower and produce more fruit than you thought possible. He'd tell us that this way the juice of the roots would be concentrated on making the fruit and not on keeping useless branches alive. Maybe he learned that from listening to the readings about the cedar God plants and the kingdom in a mustard seed.

In any case it might be a good idea to ask ourselves what needs to be trimmed away in our lives so that we will have grace enough to bear the fruit that God expects and desires of us. *GPBS eNews*

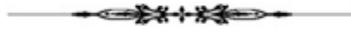
- *Why must I prove that I am me to pay my bills over the phone? Do strangers call to pay my bills? And if they do, why don't you let them?*
- *I want go jogging, but Proverbs 28:1 says "The wicked run when no one is chasing them." .... so there's that ....*





## 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.



### HOME

Home is more than a house or a place on a map. It's a place in the heart, the place where you most want to be at the end of the day. The metaphorical idea of home can help us sort out many things, not least how sex connects to love.

Sex can never be simply casual, purely recreational, something which does not touch the soul. Sex always touches the soul, for good or for bad. It's either sacramental or harmful. It's either building up the soul or tearing it apart. When it's right, it's making you a better person and when it's wrong, it's making you less of a person. Metaphorically, when it's right, it's taking you home; when it's not, it's taking you away from home. Sex is designed by God and nature to take you home. Indeed, it's meant (metaphorically) to be your home. If you are going home after sex, something is very wrong. This is not, first of all, a moral judgment, but an anthropological one on behalf of the soul.

The soul, as we know, is not some invisible spiritual tissue floating inside our bodies. A soul cannot be pictured imaginatively, but it can be grasped as a principle. As we see in the insights of philosophers like Aristotle and Aquinas, the soul is a double principle inside us. It's the principle of life (of all our energies) and it's the principle of integration (what holds us together). This may sound abstract, but it's not. If you have ever been present with someone who is dying, you know the exact moment when the soul leaves the body. Not because you see some spirit float up from the body, but because one minute the body is alive, an organism, and the next minute it is inert, lifeless, dead, and beginning to decompose. The soul keeps us alive and the soul keeps us glued together.

If this is true, and it is, then anything meaningful we do, anything that touches us at any depth, affects our soul, both its fire and its glue, either weakening them or strengthening them. Sex is no exception. Indeed, it's the preeminent example. Sex is powerful and that's why it can never be simply casual. It is either building up the soul or tearing it down.

Thirty years ago, teaching a night course at a college campus, I assigned my class a book of essays by Christopher de Vinck, *Only the Heart Knows How to Find Them – Precious Memories for a Faithless Time*. These essays are simple reflections by the author on his life as a young husband and father. They are warm, not unduly romantic, aesthetically crafted, and devoid of sentimentality. They make a strong case for marriage, not by making any apologetic arguments in its favor, but simply by sharing how marriage can make for a home, a calm place of mutual solitude that can take us beyond that overpowering restless search that besets us at puberty and drives us away from parents' home in search of our own home. Marriage and the marriage bed can bring us home again.

At the end of the semester, a student in the course, a woman in her late twenties, came into my office to drop off her term paper. She was carrying de Vinck's book and she shared this: *This is the best book I've ever read. I grew up without a lot of religious or ethical guidance and I have slept my way through a couple of Canadian provinces; but now I know what I really want. I want what this man has! I want the marriage bed. I want my sex to take me home, to become home.* Her insight merits repeating, not least today in a culture where sex is often divorced from marriage and home.

Earlier in my teaching and ministry, when I was still working more with young people who were sorting out what love means and who they might choose to marry and try to spend their lives with, the question often arose: how to does one recognize the kind of love on which you can build a marriage? It is a crucial question because love is not an easy thing to read or gauge. We can, and do, fall in love with all kinds of people, often with people who are all wrong for us, people we can enjoyably flirt with or have a honeymoon with, but with whom we could not share the rest of our lives.

What kind of love can you build a marriage on? It needs to be the kind of love that takes you home. You need a strong sense that with this other person you are at home because a marriage is quite different from a honeymoon. You go home from a honeymoon. In marriage, you are at home.

So too with sex. It's meant to be something that takes you home and is your home rather than something from which you go home.

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

## COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(June, 2021)

Different rules apply for Churches with fixed or non-fixed seating. Please check with your Church for details on how seating is handled.

- For fixed seating 100% of available seats may be used, provided 100% of attendees wear masks. If 75% of seats are used, masks are not necessary.
- The non-fixed seating capacity is worked on 3:4sqm. No masks are required for this density. Masks are essential for anything more than the capped density.
- Singing as a congregation may recommence, provided masks are worn.
- No beverage or food consumption (ie cup of tea after Mass)
- Social distancing is still recommended.
- 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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full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Parables are very short stories with a double meaning. They act like metaphors and can be interpreted very broadly. To understand the parables of Jesus we must be attentive to both the literal and metaphorical language used.
- The nearness of the kingdom (or reign) of God is the central plank of the teaching of Jesus in Mark's Gospel.
- The term 'kingdom of God' occurs only in the New Testament but similar expressions are found in the Old Testament. It refers to a time when God's will would be done on Earth.
- Matthew uses the term 'kingdom of heaven' as a way of avoiding the use of the sacred name of God.

### EXPLORING THE WORD

Parables provoke interpretation. They make us wonder what Jesus was referring to and what he really meant. At times, he is quite vague about the real meaning and his disciples are left wondering. Think for example of the parable of the Sower which Jesus must later explain (Mk 4: 13-20). At other

times, like the instances we have in this gospel reading, Jesus is quite explicit: he tells his hearers that he is talking about the kingdom of God. Even so, he must still explain his meaning to the disciples when he is alone with them. Unfortunately, Mark does not report for us what interpretation Jesus places on these parables.

In the Old Testament, the imagery of the reign of God had an apocalyptic dimension; it was to come to fullness at the end times when the wicked would be punished and the faithful vindicated. Only then would there be a new heaven and a new Earth. The message in Mark's Gospel however, is quite different. Jesus proclaims that the kingdom of God has already begun. It is among us now. 'This is the time of fulfilment. The kingdom of God is at hand' (Mk 1:15). Like the seed planted, it takes root and grows mysteriously into something much larger than itself. The kingdom or reign is a gracious gift from God brought near in Christ and demanding a response of faith from those who recognise the truth of his word. The kingdom offers a challenge; like the man who sowed the seed, we must be ready to cooperate in God's work when the harvest time comes.

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(14 - 20 June)

- **Monday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (2 Cor 6:1-10; Mt 5:38-42)
- **Tuesday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (2 Cor 8:1-9; Mt 5:43-48)
- **Wednesday, 20:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (2 Cor 9:6-11; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)
- **Thursday, 21:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (2 Cor 11:1-11; Mt 6:7-15)
- **Friday, 22:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Mt 6:19-23)
- **Saturday, 23:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (2 Cor 12:1-10; Mt 6:24-34)
- **Sunday 24:** 12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Job 38:1, 8-11; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41)

### PASTORAL CARE

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