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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.

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions (1 person per 4 sqm) we are only permitted up to 39 people in our Church.

FIRST READING

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

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PSALM Ps 31:1-2, 5, 11

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

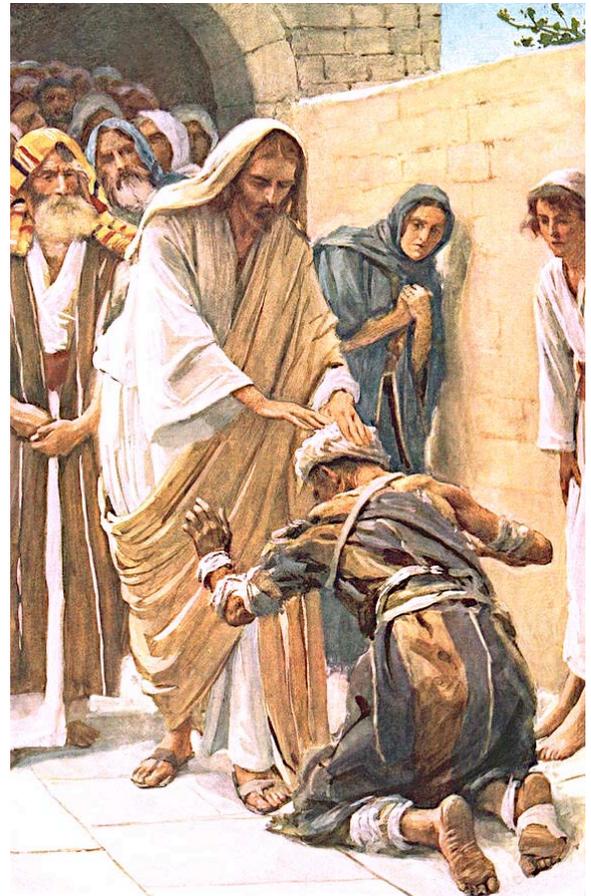
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL

Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.'

The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

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PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Lynne McArdle

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.

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
14/2	W Bennett	M Slagter	A Bevan
21/2	P Clark	J Fernandez	K Brinkley
28/2	P Bennett	S Semler	K Brinkley

COVID Marshal

14/2	A Clark
21/2	W Bennett
28/2	J Fernandez

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)
 14 February Fr Josy
 21 February Fr Prathap
 28 February To be organised

LENT – 2021

The season of Lent is a penitential season of prayer, penance and reaching out to others. In this way the whole Church prepares for the celebration of Easter with those who are to be Baptised.

Project Compassion is a practical means of enabling us to reach out in generosity to those in need. This year Caritas Australia is supporting the promotion of many food programs throughout the world where the risk of starvation is high.

What is Fasting and Abstaining?
 Fasting is for Catholics between the ages of 18 and 60 years, unless they have particular health requirements or are sick. Fasting is to have perhaps one meal for the day or to have two smaller meals that equal one meal (with no snacks). Remember to drink lots of water! Fasting is about being

more alert. It helps us to heighten our senses and consciousness (as the monks in the desert discovered centuries ago), to aid our prayer, and to name our deeper desires so that we can be ready to listen to God more openly.

Abstinence is for Catholics between the ages of 14 and 60 years, unless they have particular health requirements or are sick. We are to abstain from meat only on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday. Some people choose to do this every Friday of Lent, but this is not required by the Church!

SPECIAL COLLECTION

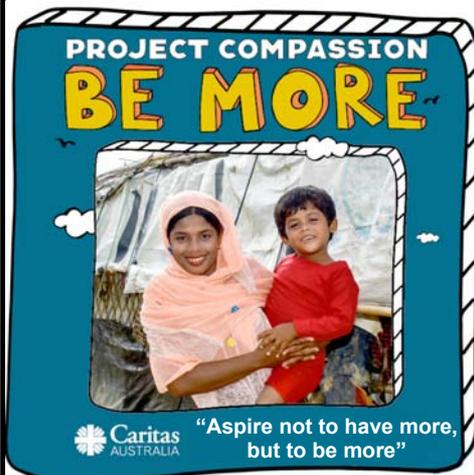
Day of the Unborn Child Appeal
 There is a Special Collection this weekend for the Day of the Unborn Child Appeal. The Day of the Unborn Child assists us to focus on those people in our families and communities who have experienced any sort of childbearing loss, whether miscarriage, stillbirth, the death of a baby soon after birth, or abortion.

PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY - 14 February

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "Be More". As Saint Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more."

Through your generosity and by aspiring to "Be More", you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities. Thank you for being more!

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



ASH WEDNESDAY

February 17

Each year, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. It focuses the Christian heart on repentance and prayer, usually through personal and communal confession.

FEAR SEPARATES, LOVE HEALS

The day after primary school ended my family moved, and all summer long I missed my friends back in the city. So, I invited my friend Billy to spend the weekend.

Our visit was a bit stilted at first. At 12 we were both changing so drastically. After walking around my new neighbourhood (where I knew no one) and playing some card games Billy had learned since I had moved, it was time to get ready for bed. Trying to be casual, Billy asked, "You don't sleep with a teddy bear, do you?"

"Heck no!" I replied, wondering if I'd hid my stuffed animals well enough in the laundry cupboard. "Oh," replied Billy. "I hope it doesn't bother you that I brought mine along". He pulled a small, worn bear from his overnight bag.

I felt horrible! I'd betrayed my best buddy and was still too afraid of appearing uncool to do the right thing and drag out my own favourite teddy bear. The rest of the weekend I felt a rift between us.

Years later, we met at a school reunion. It was great seeing Billy, now a police officer and a good man. We spent the whole time catching up and joking around like old times. Driving home, I reflected on all the time with Billy I'd lost - all because of fear.

The Commissioning

Speak peace, teach kindness, be glad. May God's blessings attend you this and every day. You are not alone.

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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.

PRAYING SO AS NOT TO LOSE HEART

One of the reasons we need to pray is so that we don't lose heart.

We lose heart whenever frustration, tiredness, fear, and helplessness conspire together to paralyze our energies, deaden our resiliency, drain our courage, and leave us feeling weak in depression.

There are many examples in scripture of men and women being driven to mountaintops or to their knees in prayer because they are paralyzed by fear, discouragement, or loneliness. Elijah had been a true and a courageous prophet, but at one point in his ministry he became dangerously disconsolate. His own people had ceased listening to his message, he had witnessed some of his fellow prophets being martyred, and his message had deeply upset Jezebel, the most powerful woman in the kingdom, who had now sent out men to kill him.

Elijah fled to Mount Horeb, retreating into a cave. He was confronted by God's voice, asking him what he was doing there. Elijah confessed his discouragement, his fear of losing his life, and his loss of heart. Having confessed his fears, Elijah retreated into the darkness of the cave, to sit paralyzed in his own fear and depression. But God, through the sound of a gentle breeze, lured him out to the mouth of the cave where Elijah again confessed his depression and fear, but this time in the form of a prayer. Through that prayer, he regained his strength of heart and came down the mountain ready to face his ministry and all its dangers with renewed energy and courage.

No matter who we are or how rich and blessed our lives may be, it is impossible to go through life

without, at times, feeling bitterly misunderstood, becoming deeply disconsolate, succumbing to a paralyzing tiredness, and simply losing heart. What becomes paralyzed inside of us is what's highest in us: our capacity to forgive, our capacity to radiate huge, generous hearts, our capacity for empathy and understanding, our capacity for joy, and our capacity for courage. Frightened and discouraged, like Elijah, we retreat into the inner darkness of a cave.

But in moments like this, we might understand ourselves this way: Like Elijah, we are in the darkness of a cave, paralyzed by loss of heart; but God is at the mouth of the cave, a gentle breeze, luring us back out where everyone we love will be back within our reach.

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



I WAS ABOUT TO GO FOR A JOG, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S GOING TO BE A STORM



SO I MIGHT SIT THIS ONE OUT

DATES

- Feb 14 Project Compassion begins
- Feb 17 Ash Wednesday
- Feb 21 First Sunday of Lent
- Mar 8 Adelaide Cup Day
- 1 Apr Holy Thursday
- 2 Apr Good Friday
- 3 Apr Holy Saturday
- 4 Apr Easter Day
- 5 Apr Easter Monday
- 9 Apr Last day School Term 1
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day
- 26 Apr ANZAC Day public holiday
- 27 Apr First day School Term 2
- 14 Jun Queen's birthday holiday
- 4 Oct Labour Day holiday

A DWELLING APART

Here's something curious: the leper and Jesus trade places in the story. At first, it's the leper who's forced into the wild by communal dread of his disease. In the end, it's Jesus who must retreat to the desert to avoid the crush of crowds brought on by publicity.

Biblical desert is a land of many facets. Literally, it's a place where life is challenging and death is near. Theologically, it's the domain of the devil, where temptation roams free. Both physical and spiritual realities of the desert made it a place to avoid when possible. To be sentenced to live there, with lepers and other outlaws, was a lonely and dangerous existence.

Yet Jesus, we know, often chose the desert. The Spirit first drove him there to test himself against the devil. Later, Jesus often returned there to pray and gather strength. Because he tamed the desert at the start of his journey, it was no longer a land of danger for Jesus, but a refuge. In the same way, we can surrender the desert terrain of our lives to the Spirit's authority, and let it be transformed into a sacred place.

Where are the desert areas in your life? How can you be transformed?

Find a place apart where you can sit in stillness or walk in solitude. Bring nothing with you and don't "fill up" the time and space with an agenda. Wait for Jesus to come and join you.

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COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(Current for 23/24 January)

- Attendance for Mass is capped at 100 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- Funerals are capped at 200 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- Weddings are capped at 200 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- No beverage or food consumption (ie cup of tea after Mass)
- Singing as a congregation is to be avoided.
- Except for families and household groups, people should socially distance. There should be no physical contact outside one's family or household group.
- 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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EXPLORING THE WORD

This is yet another confrontation between Jesus and evil. In recent gospels, we have seen Jesus overcome possessing demons, sickness and social taboos; many of the themes merge in this text.

The leper takes an audacious step in approaching Jesus, defying all the rules and conventions of his society. Despite his exclusion and isolation, he has not lost hope. Jesus reacts in exactly the opposite way from that which may be expected. He is moved by pity not revulsion. Instead of sending the man away he responds with immense compassion to the man's courage and faith. He reaches out and touches him. This is not only an act of ritual impurity but of human foolhardiness! Not wanting to be known only as a miracle worker, Jesus orders the leper not to speak of his cure but to undergo the necessary rituals to enable him to re-enter the people of Israel. The priest should be able to recognise that, in the cure of the leper, the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled and the Messiah is among them. The great irony is that by curing the leper and allowing his re-entry into the community, Jesus places himself in a position where he is forced to go out into isolation in places where no-one lived.

DID YOU KNOW?

- As the first reading suggests, having or being suspected of having leprosy caused a person to live outside the community. They were considered unclean and had to warn of their approach so that they would not contaminate others. While this was a measure to protect the community, it must have been unbearable to live this way, not only sick but totally excluded.
- The very elaborate regulations about leprosy and becoming purified after its cure can be read in Leviticus 13 and 14. Leviticus is one of the first five books of the Hebrew Scriptures known as the

Torah or the Law. They are often referred to as the books of Moses.

- By responding to the leper and touching him, Jesus put himself 'outside the community' and is now forced to 'stay outside in places where nobody lived'.

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Mark's Gospel tells us that after this healing, it became difficult for Jesus to travel freely. There are several possible explanations for this. There might have been concern about the repercussions of Jesus' breach of social and religious norms. In touching the man with leprosy, Jesus made himself unclean. Mark's narrative, however, leads to the conclusion that Jesus' movement was hampered by his popularity. Despite his instructions, the cured man spread the word about Jesus' healing power. Even when Jesus was in deserted places, people sought him out in search of his healing.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(15 - 21 February)

- **Monday, 15:** Weekday, Ord Time 6 (Gen 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13)
- **Tuesday, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 6 (Gen 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21)
- **Wednesday, 17:** ASH WEDNESDAY (Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)
- **Thursday, 18:** Thursday after Ash Wednesday (Deut 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25)
- **Friday, 19:** Friday after Ash Wednesday (Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15)
- **Saturday, 20:** Saturday after Ash Wednesday (Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32)
- **Sunday 21:** FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Gen 9:8-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15)

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).