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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.

With the introduction of Level 3
restrictions (1 person per 2sq.m) we
are permitted up to 78 people in our
Church, so there will be no need to
book in ahead.



FIRST READING

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence
in her, from her he will derive no
little profit.

Advantage and not hurt she brings
him all the days of her life.

She is always busy with wool and
with flax, she does her work with
eager hands.

She sets her hands to the distaff, her
fingers grasp the spindle.

She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.

Charm is deceitful, and beauty
empty; the woman who is wise is the
one to praise.

Give her a share in what her hands
have worked for, and let her works
tell her praises at the city gates.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 127:1-5

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write
anything to you, brothers, about
'times and seasons', since you know

very well that the Day of the Lord is
going to come like a thief in the
night. It is when people are saying,
'How quiet and peaceful it is' that
the worst suddenly happens, as
suddenly as labour pains come on a
pregnant woman; and there will be
no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the
dark, my brothers, for that Day to
overtake you like a thief. No, you
are all sons of light and sons of the
day: we do not belong to the night or
to darkness, so we should not go on
sleeping, as everyone else does, but
stay wide awake and sober.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15:4,5

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Live in me and let me live in you,
says the Lord; my branches bear
much fruit. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his
disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven
is like a man on his way abroad who
summoned his servants and entrusted
his property to them. To one he
gave five talents, to another two, to a

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PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Roy Gatton

November anniversaries: Jim Airton , Francis E Bannan, Vic Banner, Clorice Bates, Toni Berden, Leon Bourke , Imogen Brinkley, Harold Burgess, Donald Chalmers, Tim Clark, Evelyn Drane, John and Diene Hendrix, Carmel Higgins, Agnes Hughes, Margaret Hughes, Peggy Imboden, Andrew Kelly, Thomas Lydon, John McDonald, Colleen Moore, Roger Pahl, Teresa Panizza, Sam Perkins, Roy Rayson, Helen Redden, Patricia Ross, Harold Semler, Marie Slagter, Pat Smith, Graham Turner, Gwen Willson and all the faithful departed.

May all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ through our actions and His healing presence.

ROSTERS

	Reader	Prayers	Cleaning
15/11	N Clark	S Semler	C Berden
22/11	A Gibbs	A Clark	H Mumford
29/11	K Hammat	L Grant	H Mumford

OCTOBER PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

15 November	Fr Kevin Matthews
22 November	Fr Kevin Matthews
29 November	Fr Kevin Matthews

MASSES FOR NOVEMBER

Fr Kevin Matthews will be with us for the next three weekends. This Friday (16 Nov) he will be saying Mass at 5.00pm and again on Saturday morning (17 Nov) at 9.00am. For the remainder of his stay he will be celebrating Mass each weekday at 9.00am.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Help the many Australian at breaking point, who face spending this Christmas in poverty

The Vinnies Christmas Appeal will be held this weekend. If you would like to donate online, please go to: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-appeal>



You can now contribute to the first and second collections via your mobile phone.

Download the Adelaide Archdiocese Find a Mass app or go to <https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/app-home> to make a one-off donation or set up recurring donations to the parish (second collection) and for the support of the clergy (first collection) as well as to special collections held throughout the year.

MOVING ON

I had a friend whose father worked a lot of evenings and also travelled a lot for his job. He once told me, “I was always relieved when I heard Dad’s footstep on the stairs coming up to our unit. Life never seemed quite right when he was away, and for a while I found myself becoming withdrawn and depressed during his absences”.

Though God never leaves us, there are times we experience the absence of God. This week’s gospel begins by saying that the landowner was leaving - going on a journey. The story revolves around what happens in the landowner’s absence. Some people stay busy and involved in life, putting their “talents” to really good use. Others withdraw from life and get disengaged.

Perhaps one of the best benefits of

having faith, even in those times when we don’t feel God’s presence, is that it gives us the confidence to continue to function well in life - physically, emotionally, and spiritually - despite our uncertainties.

This is one of the biggest gifts that parents can nurture in their children - the ability to have faith even in times of doubt. We will all go through times of confusion. But the worst thing we can do at such times is to withdraw our gifts and our talents from the world. For it is putting them to good use that we’re most likely to hear God’s footsteps and know that all is well.

GPBS eNews

GOSPEL SERIES
Christmas: The Jesus of Matthew and Luke

The opening chapters of the Gospels of Luke and Matthew are proclaimed during Advent, Christmas and in January. This one hour Zoom will present an overview of the portraits of Jesus which the two evangelists offer us in the first two chapters of their respective Gospels. Their insights can accompany us this Christmas as we seek light, joy and peace in our troubled and suffering world. Please join us having read the first two chapters of each of the Gospels.

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Tue - Nov 17th, 2020
6:30 - 7:30pm

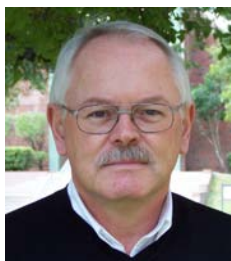
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Don't wear headphones while vacuuming. My friend finished the whole house before realizing the vacuum wasn't plugged in.



Ron Rolheiser column

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THE LAW OF GRAVITY AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

God is erotically charged and the world is achingly amorous, hence they caress each other in mutual attraction and filiation.

Jewish philosopher Martin Buber made that assertion, and while it seems to perfectly echo the opening line of St. Augustine's autobiography ("You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.") it hints at something more. St. Augustine was talking about an insatiable ache inside the human heart which keeps us restless and forever aware that everything we experience is not enough because the finite unceasingly aches for the infinite, and the infinite unceasingly lures the finite. But St. Augustine was speaking of the human heart, about the restlessness and pull towards God that's felt there.

Martin Buber is talking about that too, but he's also talking about a restlessness, an incurable pull towards God, that's inside all of nature, inside the universe itself. It isn't just people who are achingly amorous, it's the whole world, all of nature, the universe itself.

What's being said here? In essence, Buber is saying that what's felt inside the human heart is also present inside every element within nature itself, in atoms, molecules, stones, plants, insects, and animals. There's the same ache for God inside everything that exists, from a dead planet, to a black hole, to a redwood tree, to our pet dogs and cats, to the heart of a saint. And in that there's no distinction between the spiritual and the physical. The one God who made both is drawing them both in the same way.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, who was both a scientist and a mystic,

believed this interplay between the energy flowing from an erotically charged God and that flowing back from an amorous world, is the energy that undergirds the very structure of the universe, physical and spiritual. For Teilhard, the law of gravity, atomic activity, photosynthesis, ecosystems, electromagnetic fields, animal instinct, sexuality, human friendship, creativity, and altruism, all draw on and manifest one and the same energy, an energy that is forever drawing all things towards each other. If that is true, and it is, then ultimately the law of gravity and the Holy Spirit are part of one and the same energy, one and the same law, one and the same interplay of eros and response.

At first glance it may seem rather unorthodox theologically to put people and physical nature on the same plane. Perhaps too, it some might find it offensive to speak of God as "erotically charged". So let me address those concerns.

In terms of God relating to physical nature, orthodox Christian theology and our scriptures affirm that God's coming to us in Christ in the incarnation is an event not just for people, but also for physical creation itself. When Jesus says he has come to save the world he is, in fact, talking about the world and not just the people in the world. Physical creation, no less than humanity, is God's child and God intends to redeem all of his children. Christian theology has never taught that the world will be destroyed at the end of time, but rather (as St. Paul says) physical creation will be transformed and enter into the glorious liberty of the children of God. How will the physical world go to heaven? We don't know; though we can't conceptualize how we will go there either. But we know this: the Christ

who took on flesh in the incarnation is also the Cosmic Christ, that is, the Christ through whom all things were made and who binds all creation together. Hence theologians speak of "deep incarnation", namely, of the Christ-event as going deeper than simply saving human beings, as saving physical creation itself.

I can appreciate too that there will be some dis-ease in my speaking of God as "erotic", given that today we generally identify that word with sex. But that's not the meaning of the word. For the Greek philosophers, from whom we took this word, *eros* was identified with love, and with love in all its aspects. *Eros* did mean sexual attraction and emotional obsession, but it also meant friendship, playfulness, creativity, common sense, and altruism. *Eros*, properly understood, includes all of those elements, so even if we identify *eros* with sexuality, there still should be no discomfort in applying this to God. We are made in the image and likeness of God, and thus our sexuality reflects something inside the nature of God. A God who is generative enough to create billions of galaxies and is continually creating billions of people, clearly is sexual and fertile in ways beyond our conception. Moreover, the relentless ache inside of every element and person in the universe for unity with something beyond itself has one and the same thing in mind, consummation in love with God who is Love.

So, in reality, the law of gravity and the gifts of the Holy Spirit have one and the same aim.

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

COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(The following conditions apply for the time being)

- Attendance for mass is dependent on the 1 in 2 sq.m rule restriction. This number also applies for funerals and weddings.
- 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. Logs are located at the entrance to the Church.
- Hand sanitizer is to be available at church entrances.
- Singing as a congregation is to be avoided at this time.
- Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Collection plates will not be passed around but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- Offertory procession will be omitted.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- 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 taking 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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third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

‘The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

‘Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. “Sir,” he said “you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made.”

‘His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.”

‘Next the man with the two talents came forward. “Sir,” he said “you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.”

‘Last came forward the man who had the one talent. “Sir,” said he “I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back.” But his master answered him, “You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will

have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.”

DID YOU KNOW?

- A Jewish talent was a very substantial sum of money. A shekel contained about 14.5g of silver; a *talent* contained more than 43,000g! It was about the price of an ox.
- Being an absentee landlord was as common in the time of Jesus as it was in later history.
- The ‘talents’ are not equally distributed. In God’s plan all are endowed with different ‘talents’ so that we will recognise our need for each other and practice generosity, kindness and the sharing of the abilities we have.

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(16 - 22 November)

- **Monday, 16:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 33 (Apoc 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43)
- **Tuesday, 17:** St Elizabeth of Hungary (Apoc 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10)
- **Wednesday, 18:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 33 (Apoc 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28)
- **Thursday, 19:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 33 (Apoc 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44)
- **Friday, 20:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 33 (Apoc 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48)
- **Saturday, 21:** The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary (Apoc 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40)
- **Sunday 22:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46)

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