



Welcome to

# Kangaroo Island Catholic Community

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### PARISH NEWSLETTER

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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

*1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19*

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.'

So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 39: 2, 4, 7-10*

*Here I am, Lord;*

*I come to do your will.*

## SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20*

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God.

You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

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**PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS**

*January anniversaries*

Eunice Airton, Eileen Bateman, Dorothy Brook, Monica Buick, May Cairney, Dominic Cash, Marlene Cummins, Jim Dodgson, Lucy Edwards, Colin Fahey, Margaret Flemming, Ralph Florance, Catherine Glynn, Alec Goodwin, Edward Hughes, Ida Jackson, Christina James, Jack Kindellan, Ettie McDonald, Irene Northcott, Ottaviano Orsi, Marj Phillips, Una Reynolds, George Rowen, Ann Smith, Sheila Tabor, Lorraine Laher Storfer, Mary Weatherstone.

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
17/1	J Fernandez	K Wales	K Brinkley
24/1	K Hammat	P Clark	K Brinkley
31/1	S Semler	A Gibbs	A Clark

**COVID Marshal**

17/1	M Slagter
24/1	J Fernandez
31/1	C Weatherstone

**JANUARY PRIEST ROSTER**

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

17 January	Communion Service
24 January	Fr Dev
31 January	Fr Prathap



**QR CODES FOR ALL PARISH COMMUNITIES**

From the beginning December it is mandatory for all public activities with a Covid-Safe plan to display a QR code.

A QR code is like a barcode, consisting of black and white squares. When you arrive at a venue or business, you will use the COVID SAfe Check-In feature in an app on your smart phone to scan the business' unique QR code instead of signing in manually. If you do not have a smart phone, a paper record

will still be available for you to provide your details.

If you would like more details about the QR code, please go to this link: [https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0004/329413/20101130-COVID-SAfe-Check-In-FAQs-for-Individuals-final.pdf](https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0004/329413/20101130-COVID-SAfe-Check-In-FAQs-for-Individuals-final.pdf)

**THE SPIRIT OF THE LITURGY**

*(a short course presented by Dr Jenny O'Brien of the Archdiocese's Office for Worship)*

Held across five evenings, commencing on Thursday 11 February, the course explores the feasts and seasons of the Liturgical Year and looks at the various liturgical ministries commonly undertaken within the parish community.

The course will be held in the Hall of St Francis Xavier's Cathedral in the city at a cost is \$50 per person. To register your interest, please contact the Office for Worship on 8210 8130 or visit our website [www.ofw-adelaide.org.au](http://www.ofw-adelaide.org.au)

**WALK FOR LIFE**

Extreme abortion legislation allowing abortion up to birth is before the South Australian Parliament. [Walk for Life](#) will be held on Saturday 6 February at Pennington Gardens (Opposite St Peter's Cathedral) walking to Parliament House from 10.00am – 12.00pm. For more information contact [www.loveadelaide.org.au](http://www.loveadelaide.org.au)

**REFLECTION**

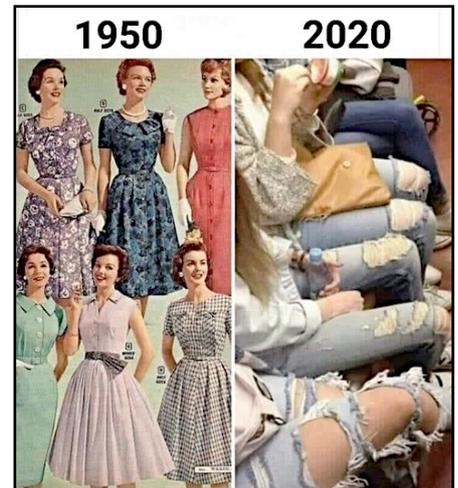
During the course of our lives we have lots of encounters with people. Most of these turn out to be of little significance, and are soon forgotten. You could meet some people every day, but never get close to them. Surface meets surface. You could talk to some people for hours, even years, without feeling that you had ever revealed your true self to them. You could live for years in the same community as people and never get to know them, or talk about the deeper things of life with them. Some contacts with others throw us back on ourselves poorer than when we left. This is one of the great sadnesses of life.

But other encounters turn out to be of great significance; they enrich our lives and sometimes change them utterly. You may have just one meeting with someone, and an immediate bond is formed. You are

able to reveal yourself in a true and clear light. This is one of the most delightful and rewarding things in life. When a friendship is born there is no tangible change in one's life, just an awareness that one's life is different, and that one's capacity to love and care has miraculously been enlarged without any effort on one's own part. It is wrong to think that love comes from long companionship and persevering courtship. According to Kahlil Gibran, 'Love is the offspring of spiritual affinity, and unless that affinity is created in a moment, it will not be created in years or even generations.'

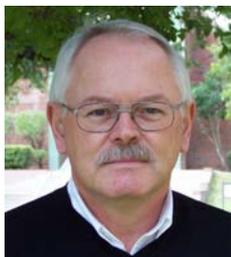
Many significant encounters appear to happen by accident. Some people will tell you that this was how they met their marriage partner: the circumstances of that first encounter are never forgotten. Once we come to love or hate someone, we remember almost every detail of that first encounter.

This helps us in understanding the importance of that first meeting between Jesus and three of the men who later became his apostles—Peter, Andrew and John. It's clear that they had a wonderful encounter. Years later when John came to write his Gospel he could remember the exact time of day in which the encounter took place, it was about the tenth hour (four o'clock in the afternoon).



**Generation Gap!**





## 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.



### WHAT IS LOVE ASKING OF US NOW?

“You can safely assume you’ve created God in your own image when it turns out that God hates all the same people you do.” Anne Lamott

Those are words worth contemplating, on all sides of the political and religious divide today. We live in a time of bitter division. From our government offices down to our kitchen tables there are tensions and divisions about politics, religion, and versions of truth that seem irreparable. Sadly, these divisions have brought out the worst in us, in all of us. Common civility has broken down and brought with it something that effectively illustrates the biblical definition of the “diabolic” – widespread lack of common courtesy, disrespect, demonization and hatred of each other. All of us now smugly assume that God hates all the same people we do. The polarization around the recent USA elections, the storming of the USA Capitol buildings by a riotous mob, the bitter ethical and religious debates about abortion, and the loss of a common notion of truth, have made clear that incivility, hatred, disrespect, and different notions of truth rule the day.

Where do we go with that? I am a theologian and not a politician or social analyst so what I say here has more to do with living out Christian discipleship and basic human maturity than with any political response. Where do we go religiously with this?

Perhaps a helpful way to probe for a Christian response is to pose the question this way: *what does it mean to love in a time like this?* What does it mean to love in a time when people can no longer agree on what

is true? How do we remain civil and respectful when it feels impossible to respect those who disagree with us?

In struggling for clarity with an issue so complex, sometimes it can be good to proceed via the *Via Negativa*, that is, by first asking what should we avoid doing. What should we not do today?

First, we should not bracket civility and legitimize disrespect and demonization; but we should also not be unhealthily passive, fearful that speaking our truth will upset others. We may not disregard truth and let lies and injustices lie comfortable and unexposed. It is too simple to say that there are good people on both sides in order to avoid having to make real adjudications vis-à-vis the truth. There are sincere people on both sides, but sincerity can also be very misguided. Lies and injustice need to be named. Finally, we must resist the subtle (almost impossible to resist) temptation to allow our righteousness morph into self-righteousness, one of pride’s most divisive modalities.

What do we need to do in the name of love? Fyodor Dostoevsky famously wrote that love is a harsh and fearful thing, and our first response should be to accept that. Love is a harsh thing and that harshness is not just the discomfort we feel when we confront others or find ourselves confronted by them. Love’s harshness is felt most acutely in the (almost indigestible) self-righteousness we have to swallow in order to rise to a higher level of maturity where we can accept that God loves those we hate just as much as God loves us – and those we hate are just as precious and important in God’s eyes as we are.

Once we accept this, then we can speak for truth and justice. Then truth can speak to power, to “alternative truth”, and to the denial of truth. That is the task. Lies must be exposed, and this needs to occur inside our political debates, inside our churches, and at our dinner tables. That struggle will sometimes call us beyond niceness (which can be its own mammoth struggle for sensitive persons). However, while we cannot always be nice, we can always be civil and respectful.

One of our contemporary prophetic figures, Daniel Berrigan, despite numerous arrests for civil disobedience, steadfastly affirmed that *a prophet makes a vow of love, not of alienation*. Hence, in our every attempt to defend truth, to speak for justice, and to speak truth to power, our dominant tone must be one of love, not anger or hatred. Moreover, whether we are acting in love or alienation will always be manifest – in our civility or lack of it. No matter our anger, love still has some non-negotiables, civility and respect. Whenever we find ourselves descending to adolescent name-calling, we can be sure we have fallen out of discipleship, out of prophecy, and out of what is best inside us.

Finally, how we will respond to the times remains a deeply personal thing. Not all of us are called to do the same thing. God has given each of us unique gifts and a unique calling; some are called to loud protest, others to quiet prophecy. However, we are all called to ask ourselves the same question: *given what is happening, what is love asking of me now?*

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

## COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(Current - updated 14 December)

- Attendance for Mass is capped at 100 people, whilst maintaining 1:4 sqm.
- Funerals are capped at 150 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- Weddings are capped at 150 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 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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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Jn 1:41, 17**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

**John 1:35-42**

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

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### DID YOU KNOW?

- Part of the celebration of the Passover festival was the ritual sacrifice of many lambs so that the Jews could eat the Passover meal. In the story of Exodus, the blood of the lamb was shed so that it could be daubed on doorposts and thus enable the people to escape the angel of death. John recognises that Jesus will be the one to give his life for the sake of all.
- 'Messiah' is a Hebrew word which means 'anointed one'. 'Christ' is the Greek word meaning the same thing.
- A disciple is a person who follows a particular teacher and shares his or her views.

## EXPLORING THE WORD

The movement in today's text is interesting. The Baptist and his disciples are standing still while Jesus is passing. John gives witness to Jesus as the Lamb of God, a term not normally used of a person. The disciples exhibit an interest in this man based on John's witness about him. They move away from John and towards Jesus. It is a movement of faith, although at this point they do not really understand who Jesus is. Jesus asks them a momentous question: 'What do you want?' It was normal for a teacher to gather students around him, so these two want to know where he lives so that they might come to hear his teachings. Instead they are invited, not just to listen to the teachings, but to share the life of Jesus.

Having entered into this, they recognise that Jesus is more than a teacher and give witness to him themselves: 'We have found the Messiah'. They draw others to Jesus, including Simon Peter, who is to become especially important as the story unfolds.

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### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(18 - 24 January)

- **Monday, 18:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 2 ( Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22)
- **Tuesday, 19:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 2 ( Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28)
- **Wednesday, 20:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 2 ( Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6)
- **Thursday, 21:** St Agnes (1 Sam 18:6-9, 1-7; Mk 3:7-12)
- **Friday, 22:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 2 ( Heb 8:6-13, Mk 3:13-19)
- **Saturday, 23:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 2 ( Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21)
- **Sunday 24:** THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20)

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### 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).