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(All items for the newsletter must be received no later than Tuesday evening.)

CHILD PROTECTION

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WEEKEND MASSES

Kingscote at 9.30am

CONFESSION

Kingscote at 9.00am

(prior to Mass)



FIRST READING

Exodus 3:1-8,13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' he answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said, 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the

miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11

The Lord is kind and merciful.

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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

March anniversaries: Peter Beinke, Kieren Berden, Ellen Clarke, Peter Clark, Ellen Denholm, Inez Frawley, Kathleen Gannon, Archbishop Gleeson, Alec Grant, Keith Hornby, Gladys Leurn, Jean Lonzar, Patrick Lyden, Kath Northcott, Stephen Northcott, Denis O'Brien, James Palmer, Dilly Reynolds, Richard Semler, Sylvester Shannon, Peter Slagter, Cathy Smythe, Eunice Trethewey, Edie Willson, Glad Nash ... 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
13/3	A Clark	W Bennett	A Bevan
20/3	L Grant	S Semmler	A Bevan
27/3	M Glynn	P Bennett	H Mumford

Covid Marshal

20/3 W Bennett 27/3 P Bennett

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes

if something unforeseen crops up)

20/3	Fr Anthoni
27/3	Fr Anthoni
03/4	Fr My Tran
10/4	Fr Chris Hovat
Holy Thursday	Bishop Greg O'Kelly
Good Friday	Bishop Greg O'Kelly
Holy Saturday	Bishop Greg O'Kelly
17/4	Bishop Greg O'Kelly

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Prayers for Healing and Renewal in the Church - Thursdays at 9.00am

FROM FR ANTHONI

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



The Gospel for this third Sunday of Lent (cf. Lk 13: 1-9) speaks to us about God's mercy and of our conversion. Jesus recounts the parable of the barren fig tree. A man has planted a fig tree in his vineyard, and

with great confidence, each summer, he goes in search of its fruits, but he finds none because that tree is barren. Spurred by this disappointment which has recurred for at least three years, the man considers cutting down the fig tree in order to plant another. So he calls the field hand who is in the vineyard and tells him of his disappointment, ordering him to cut down the tree so as not to use up the ground needlessly. But the vinedresser asks the master to be patient and asks him for one more year during which the vinedresser himself would take special and delicate care of the fig tree, so as to stimulate its productivity.

The master represents God the Father and the vinedresser is the image of Jesus, while the fig tree is the symbol of an indifferent and insensitive humanity. Jesus intercedes with the Father in favour of humanity — and he always does so — and implores him to wait and to give it more time so that it may bring forth the fruits of love and justice. The fig tree that the master in the parable wants to uproot represents a sterile existence that is incapable of giving, incapable of doing good. It is the symbol of one who lives for himself, sated and calm, enjoying his own comforts, incapable of turning his gaze and his heart to those beside him who find themselves in conditions of suffering, poverty and hardship. This attitude of selfishness and spiritual barrenness, is compared to the vinedresser's great love for the fig tree. He asks the master to wait. He is patient, knows how to wait, and devotes his time and his work to it. He promises the master to take special care of that unfortunate tree.

During the time of Lent, the Lord invites us to convert. Each of us must feel addressed by this call, and correct something in our lives, in our way of thinking, of behaving and of living our relationships with others. At the same time, we must imitate the patience of God who trusts in everyone's ability to "rise again" and to continue the journey. God is Father and does not extinguish the weak flame, but rather, accompanies and cares for those who are weak so that they may gain strength and bring their contribution of love to the community. *(Pope Francis' Homilies)*

Fr Anthoni

PROJECT COMPASSION



Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, living in a remote community in the Northern Territory. As elders grow older and pass away, she knows she must share her knowledge with the younger generation. However, the community faces multiple challenges, including a lack of jobs, limited educational opportunities, and socio-economic which can lead to young people becoming disconnected from culture. With your help, Caritas Australia supports Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, which operates a centre for traditional and contemporary Aboriginal arts and culture, providing employment and generating income for local communities.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA UKRAINE APPEAL

In a matter of weeks, millions of people have fled the conflict in Ukraine. Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground, supporting people in need during this unfolding humanitarian crisis. Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance including shelter, food, clean water, medicine and psychological support to people affected by this crisis.

Donate today at [Ukraine | Caritas Australia](#) or call 1800 024 413 toll free. Keep up to date on the latest activities by Caritas agencies on the ground - <https://www.caritas.org.au/news/latest-news/ukraine-latest/>

The Archdiocese has suggested that if you would like your donation to Project Compassion to go specifically towards the Appeal for the Ukraine, you should write "Ukraine" on your envelope or box and the funds will be partitioned for this purpose. Otherwise, Project Compassion funds will be directed as they always are, across their many international aid and development programs.

FLOOD APPEALS

The Appeals mentioned by the Archbishop are:

1. Flood Appeal for people who would like to donate in support of Northern NSW. Details can be found here: [Catholic Diocese of Lismore \(lismorediocese.org\)](#)
2. The St Vincent de Paul Society - details of this Appeal can be found here: [Flood appeal - St Vincent de Paul Society - Good Works \(vinnies.org.au\)](#)

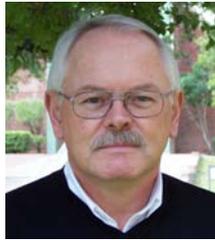
LENTEN STUDIES

The Inter Church Committee are proposing to have Lenten Studies involving all our Churches. The studies will run until 14th April. The study book "Repairing the Breach", by Anglican Board of Missions, costs \$10. Forms are available at the back of the Church if you would like attend.

KNOWING WHERE YOU STAND

I'm a sucker for the strays of the plant world. I cultivate a small, shade-loving garden on my balcony, and there's not a plant out there that wasn't rescued from someone else's garbage. I wouldn't call it an attractive collection of life forms, but I have the satisfaction of knowing that every single stick out there owes me one. Some of them recover from original rejection and flourish, even blooming to the astonishment of my friends. Others waver between life and death for a season or longer. I'm very patient with my orphans. But even I have a limit to the amount of time I can allow my confined space to be taken up by a plant that refuses to give back even a little life for my efforts.

I have great sympathy for the gardener who defends the life of the tree for a



Ron Rolheiser column

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THE PASSION AND THE CROSS

Many years ago, my sister, Helen, an Ursuline nun, died of cancer.

Helen loved her vocation and was much loved within it. For most of the thirty years she was in religious life, she served as a den-mother to hundreds of young women who attended an academy run by her order. She loved those young women and was for them a mother, an older sister, and a mentor.

After our own mother died, she also served in that same capacity for our family, organizing us and keeping us together. Through all those years she was the active-one, the consummate-doer, the one that others expected to take charge. She loved doing things for others.

Nine months before she died, cancer struck her brutally and she spent the last months of her life bed ridden. Now things needed to be done for her and to her. Doctors, nurses, her sisters in community, and others, took turns taking care of her. Like Jesus from the time of his arrest until the moment of his death, her body too was humiliated, led around by others, stripped, prodded, and stared at by curious passers-by. Indeed, like Jesus, she died thirsty, with a sponge held to her lips by someone else.

This was her passion. The one who had spent so many years doing things for others, now had to submit to having things done to her. Like Jesus, she was able in that period of her life, when she was helpless and no longer in charge, to give life and meaning to others in a deeper way than she could when she was active and doing so many things for others.

There's great lesson in this, not the least of which is how we view the terminally ill, the severely handicapped, and the sick. There's a lesson too on how we might understand ourselves when we are ill, helpless, and in need of care from others.

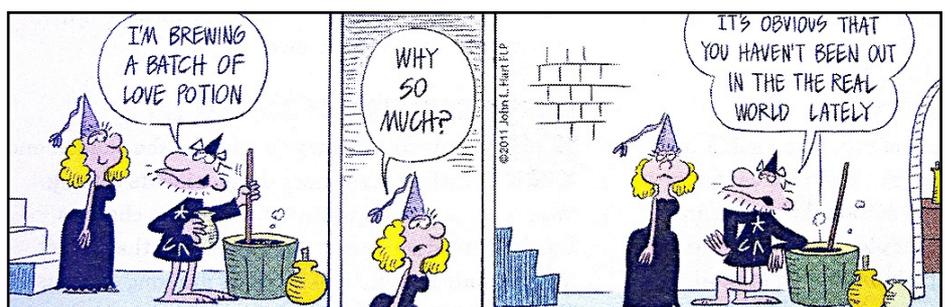
The cross teaches us that we, like Jesus, give as much to others in our passivity as in our activities. When we are no longer in charge, beaten down by whatever, humiliated, suffering, and unable even to make ourselves understood by our loved ones, we are undergoing our passion and, like Jesus in his passion, have in that the opportunity to give our love and ourselves to others in a very deep way.

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

fourth and final year. But if the tree continues to exhaust the soil with no return, it will be cut down, and even the gardener will agree it's time to give the spot to a tree with more promise. Those of us currently exhausting the soil to no purpose should wonder what time it, and where we stand in the gardener's forbearance. Which aspects of your

life – career, relationships, activities – are bearing fruit right now? How can you fertilise the parts that aren't?
GPBS eNews

Yesterday my husband thought he saw a cockroach in the kitchen. He sprayed and cleaned thoroughly. Today I'm putting the cockroach in the bathroom.



COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 16/3/22)

- As of March 12 there are no density limits for places of worship. Churches may return to full capacity.
- 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.
- Please keep in mind the importance of social distancing and good hygiene practices.
- 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.

COVIDSAFE
Let's continue to be a church

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SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ.

In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 4:17

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man

replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

CHANCE ENCOUNTERS

Those ubiquitous Post-It notes you use every day – to make a page, write a quick note to yourself, or place on a co-worker's desk – were a mistake. The 3M Company was trying to come up with a new kind of glue mixture and instead they created a glue that didn't really stick. How absurd! Such blunder! ... What a scathingly brilliant idea! You can almost hear the creators saying, "Just give us one more chance. We know his isn't quite right. But maybe we can make it work".

So, too, Jesus, as our advocate, says to God, just give this poor soul one more chance. Yes, there have been mistakes, but some good may come out of him or her yet.

Today's gospel is about second chances. We all need them – at our jobs, in families, with friends, in communities. Who among us is without sin? Not one of us. What distinguishes one sinner from another? Jesus tells us it's the level of repentance.

Ask for the second, third, fourth chance you need to be productive and fruitful. Let people know you are trying. Seek help. Don't succumb to despair. See your mistakes as golden opportunities to become that much better. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(21 - 27 March)

- **Monday, 21:** Monday, 3rd week Lent (2 Kg 5:1-15; Lk 4:24-30)
- **Tuesday, 22:** Tuesday, 3rd week Lent (Dan 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35)
- **Wednesday, 23:** Wednesday, 3rd week Lent (Deut 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19)
- **Thursday, 24:** Thursday, 3rd week Lent (Jer 7:23-32; Lk 11:14-23)
- **Friday, 25:** The Annunciation of the Lord (Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Saturday, 26:** Saturday, 3rd week Lent (Hosea 5:15-6:6; Lk 18:9-14)
- **Sunday, 27:** FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32)

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