

Welcome to

# Kangaroo Island Catholic Community

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**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - YEAR B**

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Mr Peter Clark (8559 5131, [paclark@muckra.com.au](mailto:paclark@muckra.com.au))

(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

*Daniel 7:13-14*

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man.

He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence.

On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 92:1-2, 5*

*The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.*

## SECOND READING

*Apocalypse 1:5-8*

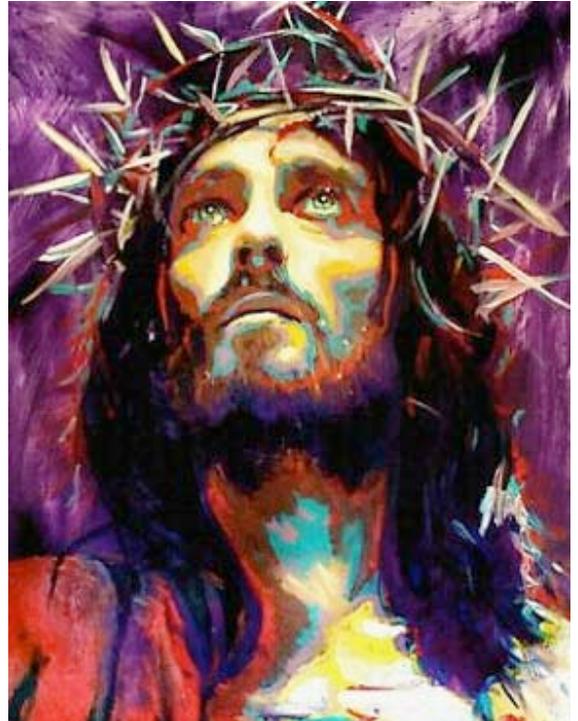
Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mk 11:9, 10*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!*



## GOSPEL

*John 18:33-37*

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

## WHO CAN HANDLE THE TRUTH?

Pilate, like most of us, is a guy who can't handle the truth because it means accepting that our world is

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# Bulletin Board

## PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Bill Roestenburg, Sr Carmel Clarke, Fr Peter Milburn, Melanie Howson, Nick Hacker, Peter Weatherstone and Carmel Northcott

**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, Roy Gatton, John and Dien Hendrix, Carmel Higgins, Agnes Hughes, Margaret Hughes, Peggy Imboden, Andrew Kelly, Thomas Lydon, John McDonald, Colleen Moore, Roger Pahl, Teresa Paniza, Sam Perkins, Roy Rayson, Helen Redden, Patricia Ross, Harold Semler, Marie Slagter, Pat Smith, Graham Turner, Gwen Willson and all the faithful departed.

**Recently deceased:** Jean Clark

*Please pray for all the faithful departed and may all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ.*

## ROSTERS

	Comm	Reader	Cleaning
21/11	J Fernandez	A Gibbs	A Bevan
28/11	M Glyn	L Grant	K Brinkley

## COVID Marshal

21/11	C Weatherstone
28/11	P Bennett

## PRIEST ROSTER

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

21/11	Fr Anthony Kaine
28/11	Fr Leon Czechowicz
05/12	Fr Brian Angus

# Christmas

## MASS TIMES

- 7.30pm Christmas Eve (Fri 24)
- 8.30am Christmas Day (Sat 25)
- 9.30am Holy Family (Sun 26)

## PRAYER FOR HEALING

Parishioners are invited to a Prayer for Healing and Renewal gathering on Thursdays: 9.00am - 9.30am.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

The Kingscote Catholic Church will be holding sacramental preparation beginning in March, 2022.

If you have a child who is ready to make their First Holy Communion or Confirmation, please ring Helen Mumford on 0408 367 009

*Helen Mumford*

## NOVEMBER REFLECTION FOR YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Please click: [November reflection for the series of Year of St Joseph](#) articles.

This month's contribution is from Fr Paul Nulley, a priest of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn who serves in a parish dedicated to St Joseph. It is entitled "St Joseph – A Powerful Intercessor".

The reflection has also been uploaded to the Conference's Year of St Joseph web page: <https://www.catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>, which is where you can find earlier reflections and other resources for the Year of St Joseph.

## ADVENT 2021 WITH BRUCE DOWNES

### *The Catholic Guy*

You are invited to 'Expect the Unexpected' this Advent. Join me each day for a short, free Advent Daily Devotional Video that will guide you on a life-changing journey.

Starting November 28 you'll receive short inspirational videos each day from Bruce Downes, full of real life stories and practical ways to become all that God has created you to be!

Register now, or for more information: <https://brucedownes.org/registerforadvent/>  
Email: [info@brucedownes.org](mailto:info@brucedownes.org)

*Bruce Downes*

*There's nothing scarier than that split second when you lose your balance in the shower and you think, "They are going to find me naked."*

## THE SWORD IN THE STONE

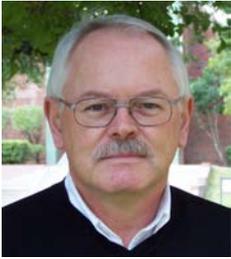
The legend of the sword in the stone used to make me shiver when I was young. A poor, helpless child, valued by no one, abused by everyone, could become a king! The selection of the king was made, not by worldly evaluations, but by divine revelation. The choice was made clear by the ability to pull the sword from the stone. Sheer human brawn couldn't do it. Nor could cleverness. You had to be the one, chosen by an unseen hand, to be able to release the sword.

Pilate looks for signs of kingship in Jesus, but he sees only with worldly eyes. Jesus does not have the dress or swagger of the kings of earth. He's not accompanied by servants, nor protected by armies. If there's a kingdom belonging to him somewhere, it doesn't seem to be of much assistance to him now.

Pilate focuses on all the things he can't see that might make Jesus the kind of king he understands. But he fails to see that Jesus is holding the truth in his hands. Jesus brandishes the truth before him plainly, but Pilate doesn't recognise it. As he will bluster later in this passage, "What is truth?" Truth is the difference between the kings of earth and the reign of God. The polite fiction that is human authority can be seen with the eye. The kingdom to come is revealed only by those who know the truth when they hear it. *GPBS eNews*

*I think the worst time to have a heart attack is during a game of charades. .... Demetri Martin*





## 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*

### THE NOTION OF A VOCATION

I was raised in a generation that taught that God gave each of us a vocation to live out. In the religious ethos of that time, particularly in Roman Catholic spirituality, we believed that we were put on this earth with a divine plan for us, that God gave us each a special vocation to live out. Moreover, this was not something we were free to choose for ourselves; it was God-given. Our task was to discern that vocation and give ourselves over to it, even at the price of having to renounce our own dreams. We remained free to accept or not, but at a peril. To be unfaithful to your vocation meant a misguided life.

There's an important truth in that notion, though it needs some critical nuances. First, in that spirituality, they thought of vocations in a very restrictive sense, essentially envisaging only four basic vocations: priesthood, religious life, marriage, and single life. Further, they tended to put too much gravity on the choice, namely, if you chose wrong or if you resisted your God-given vocation, it might endanger your eternal salvation. There were some unhealthy fears connected to the choice.

I saw that first-hand when I served as the provincial superior for our religious order for six years. One of my tasks was to apply to Rome for the laicization of priests leaving the priesthood. I saw how many of those leaving the priesthood had chosen that vocation under undue pressure and false fear. Their choice had not been a free one.

That being said, the old notion of vocation is essentially still true and is too easily lost in a world and culture that generally puts personal freedom above all else. We need to

learn again the importance of finding one's vocation and giving oneself over to it. Admittedly, vocation needs to be defined more widely than choosing between priesthood, religious life, marriage, and single life. Instead, it needs to be defined as an obedience to the inner dictates of our soul, our gifts, our talents, and the non-negotiable mandate inside us to put ourselves in service to others and the world.

James Hollis, a Jungian therapist writing from a purely secular viewpoint, highlights precisely this point. "Our real desires and our destiny are not chosen for us by our ego, but by our nature and 'the divinities'. . . . Something within us knows what is right for us and its insistence on expression is what keeps us awake at night, nudges us from within during our busiest hours, or causes us to envy others. Vocation is a summons of the soul. . . . It's as if we were sent to this land with a royal assignment, and if we have only dithered about and forgotten the task, then we have violated our reason for being here." How true.

Columnist David Brooks, also speaking from a secular place, strongly agrees. A vocation, he writes, is an irrational factor wherein you hear an inner voice that is so strong that it becomes unthinkable to turn away and where you intuitively know that you don't have a choice, but can only ask yourself, what is my responsibility here? As well, the summons to a vocation is a holy thing, something mystical, a call from the deep. Thus, discerning your vocation is not a matter of asking what you expect from life but rather what life expects from you.

What would Jesus say? As we know, Jesus was fond of teaching in parables and his parable of talents (Matthew 25 and Luke 19) is

ultimately about living out one's God-given vocation. In that parable, those who use their talents thrive and are given even more talents. Conversely, those who hide their talents are punished. In essence, the message is this: If we use our God-given talents, we will find meaning and blessing in our lives; on the other hand, if we don't use our talents, those very gifts will snakebite us, poison our happiness, and generally embitter our spirits. Show me a man who is bitter and envious, and most times you will see a gifted man who, consciously or unconsciously, is frustrated because he has not used his talents or has used them in a manner that doesn't serve others. Bitterness and envy are often the unhappy residue from being snake-bitten by our own unused or misused intelligence and gifts.

There's a voice inside us issuing forth from the depths of our souls that speaks for our talents, our temperament, our unique circumstance in life, our moral and religious sensitivities, and even for our wounds. This voice is gentle, but firm and unrelenting, as it tells us that we are not free to do anything we want with our lives. We need to surrender them to something higher than ourselves.

And, indeed there's a peril in not listening, though what's at stake is not our eternal salvation, but our happiness and generativity on this side of eternity.

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

## COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 16 November, 2021)

- Places of Worship are restricted to 3 people per 4 square metres with social distancing of 1.5 metres. The number of people at a Private Activity has increased from 50 people to 150 people, provided density requirements are met. If more than 50 people are present, there must be an independent COVID Marshal. QR codes and/or handwritten logs are essential.
- Wearing of masks is mandatory. (A doctor's certificate must be produced on request, if claiming an exemption.)
- Attendees at indoor religious services may sing during worship and members of choirs or chorus groups may perform or rehearse indoors, if they wear masks while doing so.
- Social distancing is mandatory - DO NOT CONGREGATE at entry/exit and outside.
- 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.

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upside down and inside out.

Open your eyes to the truth and you'll see that power, prestige, and security are only temporary and the world is based on false assumptions and miscalculations. Who wants to hear that? Like the former CEOs of today's corporations in crisis, most of us are out to protect our interests and are willing to whitewash reality and cook the books to prevent reports that our stock in ourselves is overrated - and that God and neighbour come above all else.

Start listening to the truth and next thing you know, you're living in the desert eating locusts and honey, or taking in strangers and trying to solve all the world's problems. No thank you.

But for all the crazy fears that surround accepting the truth, each of us is given a glimpse of the freedom that comes with it whenever we are overwhelmed by the love and warmth in a hug or kind gesture. The temporary loss of all cares and woes in those small moments is everlasting when you completely embrace the truth.

The Commissioning: We go from here as those who will find the Christ. We will find the Christ speaking up for the poor and listening to the careworn. We will find the Christ challenging the well-heeled to share, and the deprived to use their voices. We will find the Christ meeting neighbourhood needs through local churches, and our world's needs through generous giving. We will find Christ bringing refugees to our country. We will find the Christ lobbying governments to provide sufficient affordable housing. We search out and find the Christ.

GPBS eNews

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Pontius Pilate was the prefect or governor of the Roman province of Judea. He held this office from 26 to 36 AD. He had a reputation for being insensitive to Jewish religious practices and was all too

ready to use brutal force to repress any dissent against Roman rule. He was ultimately removed from office and sent back to Rome after a brutal attack on a gathered crowd in Samaria.

- Pilate's normal place of residence was in the coastal city of Caesarea. He was in Jerusalem at this time because the Passover was one of the 'pilgrimage festivals' of Judaism when many people travelled to the city to celebrate the feast at the Temple. The population of Jerusalem swelled greatly and this was a time when the Romans feared an outbreak of rebellion. Because of this, the Roman legions travelled to Jerusalem to reinforce the troop numbers stationed in the city.

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(November 22 - 28)

- **Monday, 22:** St Cecilia (Dan 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4)
- **Tuesday, 23:** Weekday, Ord Time 34 (Dan 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11)
- **Wednesday, 24:** Sts Andrew Dūng-Lac and companions (Dan 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19)
- **Thursday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 34 (Dan 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28)
- **Friday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 34 (Dan 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33)
- **Saturday, 27:** Weekday, Ord Time 34 (Dan 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36)

### ADVENT

New liturgical year begins:  
Sunday Cycle C, Weekday Cycle 2

- **Sunday 28:** FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thess 3:12-4:2; LK 21:25-28, 34-36)



### 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).

**COVIDSAFE**  
Let's continue to be a church