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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 2 sqm) we are only permitted up to 78 people in our Church.



FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 50:3-4, 12-15

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

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GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we

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PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Lynne McArdle, Michelle Glynn

March anniversaries: Peter Beinke, 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

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
21/3 C Pahl	K Hammat	C Berden
28/3 S Semler	W Bennett	C Berden
4/4 Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
11/4 K Hammat	L Grant	H Mumford

COVID Marshal

21/3	W Bennett
28/3	A Clark
4/4	Volunteer
11/4	J Fernandez

Volunteers required for the various Easter ministries. If you will be home and can help out, please put your name on the Easter ministries sheet on the back table.

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

21 March	Deacon Andrew
28 March	Fr Dev
Easter services	Fr Paul Gahnem

EASTER MASS TIMES



• Holy Thursday, 1 April

7.00pm - Mass of the Lord's Passion

• Good Friday, 2 April

9.30am - Stations of the Cross

3.00pm - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

• Holy Saturday, 3 April

7.30pm - Easter Vigil

• Easter Sunday, 4 April

9.30am - Easter Day Mass

EASTER RAFFLE



The Ladies Guild is holding an Easter Raffle. Tickets will be \$1.00 each. Donations gratefully received. Please contact Christine Weatherstone.

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER

"Rebuild my Church"

Lenten Prayer will be held at the Church on Tuesdays at 6.00pm. All parishioners are warmly invited to take part.

PROJECT COMPASSION



Halima is raising her two children in a refugee camp in Bangladesh while caring for her mother, who has a disability. Widowed at 21, Halima fled violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State and arrived at the camp with nothing. Caritas Australia, through Caritas Bangladesh, helped Halima out with a shelter, cooking equipment, hygiene and sanitation training. She took on the role of community trainer herself, organising the cleaning of washrooms, wells and toilets.

Halima aspired to 'Be More'. She is proud that she is now able to earn a small income while maintaining the health of her family and the cleanliness of the camp community.

Please donate to Project Compassion

2021 to so this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them.

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

DATES

1 Apr	Holy Thursday
2 Apr	Good Friday
3 Apr	Holy Saturday
4 Apr	Daylight saving ends 3.00am
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 BIG WEEK FOR SR CARMEL

Sr Carmel celebrates her 80th birthday on 24th March.

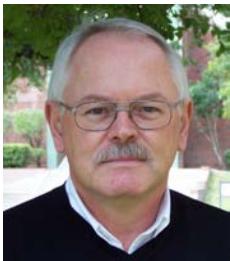
She will also celebrate her Diamond Jubilee this Saturday (20 March), along with seven others at St Ignatius Church, Norwood and then back home to Cowandilla. Sadly, due to Covid restrictions she is only able to invite four of her relatives and friends to celebrate with her, though she has said she would love to invite everyone.

Many Islanders would remember her fondly. She and her fellow jubilarians ask that we pray for them on that day and that they will include a prayer for us during their Jubilee Mass.

"That through your Spirit, our families, friends and colleagues may feel deeply our love and gratitude for their trusted companionship over this long journey in faith we pray."

Below: Sr Carmel with two young relatives





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.

AN UNLIKELY AFFINITY

One of Dorothy Day's favorite saints was Therese of Lisieux, Therese Martin, the saint we call "the Little Flower". At first glance, this might look like a strange affinity. Dorothy Day was the ultimate activist for justice, protesting in the streets, being arrested, going to prison, and starting a community and a newspaper, the *Catholic Worker*, in service of the poor. Therese of Lisieux was a contemplative nun, hidden away in an obscure convent in a small town in France. Indeed, during her whole life, except for one brief trip to visit to Rome with her family and parish, she never left her small town and, at her death, was probably known by fewer than two hundred people. Moreover, in her writings, one finds precious little that might be considered explicitly prophetic in terms of social justice. She wrote as a mystic, with a focus on the interior life and on our personal intimacy with Jesus. Not exactly the stuff of protests in the streets. So why did Dorothy Day, whose life looks so different, have an affinity for this young recluse?

Dorothy Day was drawn to Therese's spirituality because she understood it beyond its popular misconception. Among all known saints, Therese of Lisieux stands out as one of the most popular saints of all time and as one of the most misunderstood saints of all time, and her popularity is part of the problem. Popular devotion has encrusted her person and spirituality in an over-simplistic piety that generally serves to hide her real depth. Therese termed her spirituality "the little way". Popular piety, for the most part, thinks of her "little way" as a spirituality that invites us to live quiet, humble, simple, anonymous lives wherein we do everything, especially the small humble tasks asked of us, with fidelity and graciousness,

unassuming, childlike, grateful to God just to be of service. While there is a lot of truth in that understanding, it misses some of the depth of Therese's person and spirituality.

To understand Therese's "little way" and its connection with justice for the poor, we need to understand certain things in her life that helped constellate the vision that lay behind her "little way".

Therese of Lisieux had a very complex childhood. On the one hand, her life was touched by deep sadness, not least the death of her mother when Therese was four years old and several bouts of clinical depression from which she nearly died. She did not have an easy walk through childhood. On the other hand, she had an exceptionally graced childhood. She grew up in a family of saints who loved her deeply and honored (and often photographed) her every joy and pain. She was also a beautiful young girl, attractive and graced with a disarming warmth and sensitivity. Her family and everyone around her considered her special and precious. She was much loved; but this did not make for a spoiled child. We can never be spoiled by being loved too much, only by being loved badly. Her family loved her purely, and the result was a young woman who opened her heart and person to the world in an exceptional way.

Moreover, as she matured, she began to notice something. She noticed how when she was a child her every tear was noticed, valued, and honored, but that this was not the case for many other people. She recognized that countless people suffer heartbreaks and injustices, endure abuse, are humiliated, live in shame, and shed tears that no one notices and no one cares about. Their

pain is not seen, not honored, not valued. From this insight, she articulated this ground metaphor that undergirds her "little way".

Her words: One Sunday, looking at a picture of Our Lord on the Cross, I was struck by the blood flowing from one of his divine hands. I felt a pang of great sorrow when thinking this blood was falling on the ground without anyone's hastening to gather it up. I was resolved to remain in spirit at the foot of the Cross and to receive its dew. ... I don't want this precious blood to be lost. I shall spend my life gathering it up for the good of souls.

From this, we see that her "little way" is not about privatized piety, but about noticing and responding to the pain and tears of our world. Metaphorically, it is about noticing and "gathering up" the blood that is dripping from the suffering face of Christ which this face is presently suffering in our world in the faces of the poor, the faces of those who are bleeding and shedding tears because of heartbreak, injustice, poverty, lack of love, and lack of being deemed precious.

Dorothy Day walked the streets of the poor, noticing their blood, drying their tears, trying in her own way to gather them up. Therese did the same thing mystically, deep inside the body of Christ. It is no surprise that Dorothy Day took her as her patron saint.

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

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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should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.'

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

DID YOU KNOW?

- In the gospels, Jesus often refers to himself as the Son of Man, a mysterious expression that both reveals and conceals his identity. It is a term which comes from the Book of Daniel.
- The festival referred to here was the Passover (Jn 12:1). Observant Jews who were able to come from far and wide to celebrate this great festival at the Temple in Jerusalem. The city was over-

flowing with pilgrims from many lands and regions.

- Often, people stayed outside the city because accommodation was very stretched at the times of the pilgrimage festivals. They came into the city each day to celebrate and then returned outside the walls to sleep, either in a nearby village or, often, under the stars.
- This is exactly what Jesus did on his final Passover visit to Jerusalem. After celebrating the meal he was returning to Bethany where his friends Mary, Martha and Lazarus lived. On the way, he stopped to pray at the Garden of Gethsemane and there accepted his fate.
- The Passover is just one of the three great pilgrimage festivals of Judaism.

SHARING THE TRADITION

Death is a part of life. Humans are the only ones of God's creatures who live much of their lives knowing they will die.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(22- 28 March)

- **Monday, 22:** Monday 5th week of Lent (Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11)
- **Tuesday, 23:** Tuesday 5th week of Lent (Num 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30)
- **Wednesday, 24:** Wednesday 5th week of Lent (Dan 3:14-20, 24-25, 28; Jn 8:31- 42)
- **Thursday, 25:** ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Friday, 26:** Friday 5th week Lent (Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42)
- **Saturday, 27:** Saturday 5th week Lent (Ezek 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-46)
- **Sunday 28:** PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD (Entrance: Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47)

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).