



Welcome to

# Kangaroo Island Catholic Community

(Part of the Adelaide Cathedral Parish)

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### **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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

## **CHILD PROTECTION**

We are a Child Safe Organisation  
which is committed to the care, well-  
being and protection of children and  
young people.

Mrs Helen Mumford

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Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

## **WEEKEND MASSES**

Kingscote at 9.30am

## **CONFESSION**

Kingscote at 9.00am

(prior to Mass)

## **PRAYERS FOR HEALING**

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



## **FIRST READING**

**Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18**

God put Abraham to the test.

‘Abraham, Abraham’ he called. ‘Here I am’ he replied. ‘Take your son,’ God said ‘your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.’

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. ‘Abraham, Abraham’ he said. ‘I am here,’ he replied. ‘Do not raise your hand against the boy’ the angel said. ‘Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.’ Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. ‘I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as

the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.’

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps 115:10, 15-19**

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living.*

## **SECOND READING**

**Romans 8:31-34**

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God’s right hand he stands and pleads for us.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Mt 17:5**

*Glory and praise to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ!*

*From the shining cloud,  
the Father’s voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.*

*Glory and praise to you,*

*Lord Jesus Christ!*

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# Bulletin Board

## PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Sue Semler, Brianna Chudlee, Peter Weatherstone, Kay Florance, John Slagter, Annette Roestenburg.

**February anniversaries:** Heather Barrett, Joan Marie Berden, Mary Clark, Phillip Deakin, Alice Ellick, Alfred Gray, Bernadette Hehir, Kenneth Howard, Ron King, Jamie Larcombe, Frank May, Tom Meaney, Allan Moray, Pat Pawelski, Horace Riley, Christopher Riley, Bert Willson

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

## PARISH ROSTERS

	Prayers	Reader	Cleaning
25/2	L Grant	P Clark	C Berden
3/3	W Bennett	S Semmler	C Berden
10/3	P Clark	L Grant	C Berden
17/3	M Glynn	M Slagter	C Berden
24/3	P Bennett	A Clark	A Bevan

## PRIEST ROSTER

*(Often this roster changes*

*if something unforeseen crops up)*

25/2	Fr John Stuart-James
3/3	Fr Jack Otto
10/3	Fr Chris Horvat
17/3	Fr Lancy D'Silva
24/3	Palm Sunday Fr John Stuart-James
28/3	Maundy Thursday Fr Jack Otto
29/3	Good Friday Fr Jack Otto
30/3	Holy Saturday Fr Jack Otto
31/3	Easter Sunday Fr Jack Otto

## WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

For those of you who wish to make your weekly contributions to the first and second collections by direct debit, these are the banking details for each.

1st Collection:  
BSB 085 005  
A/c No 585353994  
Reference: K Island or 765

2nd Collection:  
BSB 085 005  
A/c No 918111484  
Reference: Your name

Thank you for your ongoing support of our priests and parish facilities.

## KI LADIES GUILD

The next Guild meeting is the AGM on Monday 4 March at 9.30am in the Parish House.



## Regional Assembly

### "OUR CHURCH"

The Regional Assemblies, building on the 2021 and 2022 Diocesan Assemblies, aim to enhance local participation, communion, and mission. They provide an avenue for parishes, communities, and schools to engage in mutual listening, address shared needs, and collaborate for action.

This is an invitation to participate in our Regional Assembly for the South, to discuss Our Church, Our Community, Our Faith and Our Call. Archbishop O'Regan will be in attendance for part of the day. Lunch will be provided.

9th March, 2024

Cardijn College (Marian Campus)

9.30am until 4.30pm

followed by a Mass

Register online at [www.trybooking.com/CNDKK](http://www.trybooking.com/CNDKK) or provide your details after Mass to register manually.

Kangaroo Island Parish contact for more information: Paul Bennett



## PROJECT COMPASSION

Ronita is 22. She lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines.

Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family but, thankfully, she heard about the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Australia's local partners in the Philippines.

Through the FCJ, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies and continue learning in a safe and flexible

environment – even with the arrival of her second child.

After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre and is looking to a brighter future for her whole family.

"I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself," she said. "I feel hopeful for the future... Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream... Thank you."

Please donate to Project Compassion. 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 [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

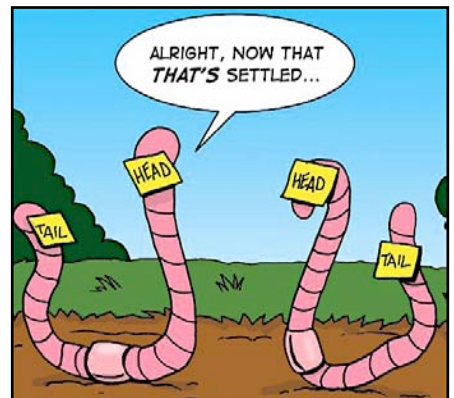
## FREE ONLINE COURSE ON SYNODALITY FROM BOSTON COLLEGE:

*Toward a Constitutively*

*Synodal Church - 2 - 15 March*

How does synodality work in the everyday realities of the Church? You are invited to participate in a free online course from Boston College School of Theology and Ministry to explore the practices and dimensions of practical synodality.

All videos will be facilitated virtually in March 2024 and will be offered at no cost to participants worldwide. Lectures which are pre-recorded and available in Spanish, English, Portuguese, French, Italian, Polish and German can be watched at any time throughout the month of March. The detailed programme and registration is also available at <https://bit.ly/3S79GKc>





## 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*

### AFTER THE BLOOM HAS LEFT THE ROSE

What is our deepest center?

Normally we take that to mean the deepest part of our heart, the deepest part of our soul, our affective center, our moral center, that place inside of us which Thomas Merton called *le pointe vierge*. And that is a good way of imagining it. But there's another.

The classical mystic John of the Cross saw things differently. For him, the deepest center of anything is *the furthest point attainable by that object's being and power and force of operation and movement*. What does he mean by that? In essence, this is what he is saying: *The deepest center of anything, be it a flower or a human being, is the furthest point to which can grow before it dies.*

Take a flower for example: It begins as a seed, then grows into a tiny bud that sprouts into a young plant. That plant eventually bursts forth in a beautiful bloom. That bloom lasts for a while and then begins to dry out and wither. Eventually, what was once the substance of a beautiful bloom turns into seeds, and then in its very act of dying, the flower gives off those seeds to leave new life behind.

Thus, for John of the Cross, the deepest center for a flower is not its moment of spectacular beauty, its bloom, but its last moment when its bloom has turned to seed and it is able to give off that seed in its very act of dying.

There's a lesson in which goes against how we commonly assess things. When are we the most generative potentially? When do we have the greatest capacity to use our lives to give off the seeds for new life? What is our deepest center of growth?

Normally, of course, we think of the deepest center as the bloom, namely, that period or moment in our lives when a combination of good health, physical attractiveness, talent, achievement, and influence make us someone who is admired and perhaps envied. This is the time in our lives when we look our best and, as they say, are at the peak of our game. This is our bloom! The best we will ever look!

John of the Cross wouldn't denigrate that moment in our lives. Indeed, he would challenge us to be in that moment, to enjoy it, be grateful to God for it, and to try to use the advantages and privileges that come with that to help others. But, he wouldn't say this is the peak moment of our generativity, that this is the moment or period of our lives when we are giving off the most seeds for new life. No, like a flower that gives off its seeds in its very act of dying, we too are potentially most generative after the bloom has given way to the grey of age and our achievements have given way to a different kind of fruitfulness.

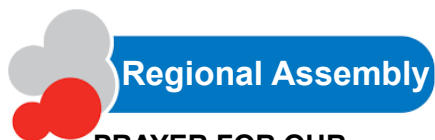
Imagine a young woman who is beautiful and talented and becomes a famous movie actor. At the height of her career, she is in full bloom and is given the gaze of admiration. Indeed, she is adulated. Moreover, in her life outside of the movies she may be a generous person, a wonderful wife, a dedicated mother, and a trusted friend. However, that bloom is not her furthest point of growth, her deepest center, that time in her life when she is giving off the most vis-a-vis generating new life. Instead, when she is an aged grandmother, struggling with health issues, her physical looks diminished, facing the prospect of assisted living and imminent death that, potentially, like the flower whose bloom has dried and turned to seed, she can give her life away in a manner that helps create new life in a way she couldn't

do when she was young, attractive, admired, envied, and in full bloom.

A similar case might be made for a star male athlete. At the height of his career, winning a championship, becoming a household name, his envied youthful athletic image seen everywhere in ads and on billboards, he is in full bloom; but at that time, he is not optimally generative in terms of his life giving off seeds to bring about new life. That can happen later, in his old age, when his achievements no longer define him, and he, like everyone else, with his hair greying, is facing physical diminishment, marginalization, and imminent death. It's then, after the bloom has left the rose, that in his dying he can give off seeds to create new life. We tend to identify a spectacular bloom with powerful generativity. Fair enough, that bloom has its own importance, legitimate purpose, and value. Indeed, one of our challenges is to give that bloom the gaze of admiration without envy. Not easy to do, and something we often don't do well. The bigger challenge however is to learn what we ourselves are called to do after the bloom has left the rose.

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





## Regional Assembly

### PRAYER FOR OUR REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Creator of all that is, we call on you to open our hearts to new life as we take part in our Regional Assembly through our presence and our prayer.

Jesus, our Companion on the journey, empower us to care for each other and our world with compassion as you have done.

Holy Spirit, Breath of Life inspire us with wisdom to hear your call and the courage to respond.

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.

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### KIDS' CORNER

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them. (Mark 9:2)

These disciples have travelled with Jesus. They've eaten with him and spent their days learning from him. They know this man. But Jesus is much more than just a man. He is God too. On the mountaintop, Jesus gives the disciples a glimpse of his holy power, and they realise that the friend they know is also the God they love.

### DATES

25 Feb	2nd Sunday of Lent
1 Mar	World Day of Prayer
3 Mar	3rd Sunday of Lent
3 Mar	Clean up Australia Day
9 Mar	Regional Assembly
10 Mar	4th Sunday of Lent
17 Mar	5th Sunday of Lent
18 Mar	St Patrick's Day
24 Mar	Palm Sunday of the Passion
28 Mar	Thursday of Lord's supper
29 Mar	Friday of Passion of the Lord
30 Mar	Holy Saturday
31 Mar	Sunday of the Resurrection
12 Apr	Last day School term 1
25 Apr	ANZAC Day
29 Apr	First day School term 2

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### GOSPEL

#### Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

### BELOVED

#### (Mark 9: 2 - 10)

The film Dead Man Walking tells the story of a nun (Sr. Helen Prejean) as she accompanies a man (Robert) during the months leading up to his execution in the United States. Noticing how Robert tried to win the confidence of one of the wardens, who was a kind and fatherly figure, Sister Helen reflected:

Robert never really had a father. His father spent 27 of his 53 years in prison. It makes me think of my own father. It has to be one of life's most precious feelings to know that your dad is proud of you. I was my daddy's scholar, his scribe who kept the travel diary on family holidays. He always had a special tone in his voice when he introduced me to friends and colleagues. "And this is my daughter, Helen." In the presence of strangers I would fall silent, standing close to him, my hand holding on tightly to his. Afterwards, I would squeeze his hand tighter than ever and delight once more with chatter and questions. A child can sail to the moon with that feeling of security from a father.

This may help us to understand something of what the Tabor experience meant for Jesus. It came at a very difficult time in his life, a time of uncertainty and fear of the future. He was headed for Jerusalem, where he sensed that the same fate awaited him as befell all the prophets – a violent death. Naturally he recoiled from such a fate. In order to reflect on it and pray about it, he climbed to the top of Mount Tabor.

We don't know exactly what happened on the mountain. But it seems that he had an intense experience of the presence of God. He heard those marvellous words: "You are my beloved Son." On Tabor Jesus felt himself comforted and affirmed. He knew that God was pleased with him, and would give him the strength to face a dark and threatening future. With God on his side, he could face anything.

At times life can become dark for all of us. There are a lot of voices which say to us: "You're good, but only if you're popular." But there is a still small voice which whispers to us in our hearts: "You are my beloved son/daughter." This is the voice we need to pay attention to. We must recognise that we are God's beloved children, and try to live our lives by the light of this truth.

GPBS eNews

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(26 February - 04 March)

- **Monday, 26:** Monday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent (Dan 9:4-10; Lk 6:36-38)
- **Tuesday, 27:** Tuesday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent (Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12)
- **Wednesday, 28:** Wednesday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent (Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28)
- **Thursday, 01:** Thursday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent (Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31)
- **Friday, 02:** Friday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent (Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46)
- **Saturday, 03:** Saturday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent (Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32)
- **Sunday 04:** THIRD SUNDAY of LENT (Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25)

### 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