

Welcome to

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## KANGAROO ISLAND CATHOLIC PARISH

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### PARISH NEWSLETTER

Mr Peter Clark (8559 5131,  
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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.

With the introduction of Level 3  
restrictions (1 person per 2sq.m) we  
are permitted up to 78 people in our  
Church, so there will be no need to  
book in ahead.



## FIRST READING

*1 Kings 3:5, 7-12*

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Lord, I love your commands.*

## SECOND READING

*Romans 8:28-30*

We know that by turning everything

to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mt 11:25*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.*

*Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 13:44-52*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. (Continued page 4)

## PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Greg Turner, Toni Langridge, Damian Baynes, Charles Gorman, Dalton Baynes, Roy Gatton, Josh Semler

**July anniversaries:** Alma Adams, Eadie Adams, Sid Adams, Peg Anderson, Lill Buick, Phil Connell, John Connell, Henry Dravitzki, Leon Fahey, Paul Glynn, Joyce Grant, Mick Grant, Bill Higgins, Monica Hughes, Barry Jameison, Judith Jeffs, Leigh McDonald, Kym Moses, Cameron Muirhead, Ron Mumford, Alexander Nash, Alice O'Neill, Alice O'Driscoll, Jill Perkins, Charles Reynolds, Nora Ridge, Johnny Tully, John Walsh, Tony Walker, Robyn Williams and all the faithful departed

*May all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ through our actions and His healing presence.*

## COLLECTIONS DIRECT PAYMENTS

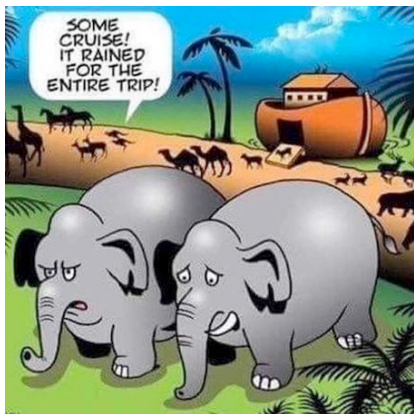
If you would like to organise your Church donations via bank transfer there are a couple of ways you can go about this.

1. If you bank online, you can set up periodic, direct payments yourself. Again, you will need to do this twice - once for the first collection and again for second.

Acc: Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish  
BSB: 085-005  
Acc No: 918 111 484  
Ref: Your surname, initials and *First* or *General*

2. Periodic regular payments may also be organised with your bank. Take the account details (above) with you and bank staff can set it up for you.

**NB:** *First* collection is for the support of our Priests and *General* (second at our Masses) is for the support of our Parish. If you need more information or help, please contact Helen Mumford or Peter Clark.



## PARISH MASSES

### KINGSCOTE

*Sunday, July 26*

Mons Ian Dempsey will be with us this Sunday for Mass at Kingscote at 9.30am.

### Priest Roster

26<sup>th</sup> July Mons Ian Dempsey  
2<sup>nd</sup> August Mons Ian Dempsey

With the introduction of Level 3 restrictions (1 person per 2sq.m) we are permitted up to 78 people in our Church, so there will be no need to book in ahead.

However, we are still required to:

- Sign-in on entering the Church
- Continue using hand sanitiser
- Continue regularly wiping surfaces and cleaning our Church
- Encourage those who are unwell to stay home
- Avoid physical greetings: hugs, kisses and handshakes.

The Archdiocese recommends that those who are at higher risk from Covid-19 should be encouraged to stay home, but also reassures everyone that the obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity has still not been re-invoked at this stage.

### PRIEST APPOINTMENT

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan has notified us that Fr Arul Dev SDM has been appointed Assistant Priest of Noarlunga/Seaford, Willunga and Kangaroo Island Parishes.

### NEW DIRECT GIVING APP

The Adelaide Archdiocese's "Find a Mass" App has been upgraded to allow people to contribute to the first and second collections via a credit or debit card. Users can make a one-off donation or set up recurring donations to their parish and community (second collection) and for the support of the clergy (first collection) as well as to special collections held throughout the year. A short YouTube video has also been produced to demonstrate how the app works. (<https://youtu.be/DvnbCbDUgOE>) For inquiries: [cathcomm@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:cathcomm@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

## LIVE STREAMING AND TV BROADCASTING

The Archdiocese will continue to live stream Sunday Mass at 11.00am. This Mass can be viewed live and on demand on the home page of [www.adelaide.catholic.org.au](http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au)

### ST MARY OF THE CROSS FEAST DAY

Please join in celebrating St Mary of the Cross MacKillop's Feast Day in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Sat, August 8 at 11.30am. There will also be a Mass in the Kensington Chapel, celebrated by Archbishop O'Regan and live streamed at 10.30am via [www.adelaide.catholic.org.au](http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au). This Mass is not open to attend.

### AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING 2020

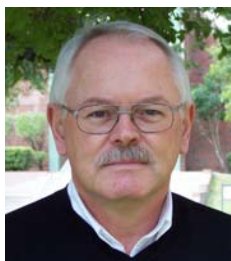
The ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is being offered as a free event for registered participants. This modified program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length, available from Saturday August 15. Registration is free. To register please visit <http://www.catholicmensgathering.com.au>

### PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

The six themes that have been discerned as 17,000 peoples' responses to the question 'What is God asking of us in Australia at this time?' are now published in six booklets offered for our reflection. Each week there will be a small quotation to encourage you to explore these booklets on line at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>

This week the quote comes from the theme: How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is OPEN TO CONVERSION, RENEWAL AND REFORM. Within the church in Australia, renewal demands a culture of change: from power to service, from dominion to communion, from a triumphalist Church to a "Church is poor and for the poor" - *Pope Francis*.

- *Try to remember, the greener grass across the fence may be due to a septic tank issue.*
- *A police recruit was asked during an exam "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" The reply, "Call for backup".*



## Ron Rolheiser column

Ronald Rolheiser, a Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is president of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas. 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

### SACRED PERMISSION TO FEEL HUMAN

It is normal to feel restless as a child, lonely as a teenager, and frustrated by lack of intimacy as an adult; after all we live with insatiable desires of every kind, none of which will ever find full fulfillment this side of eternity.

Where do these desires come from? Why are they so insatiable? What is their meaning?

As a young boy, the Catholic catechisms I was instructed from and sermons I heard from the pulpit in fact answered those questions, but in a vocabulary far too abstract, theological, and churchy to do much for me existentially. They left me sensing there was an answer, but not one that was of help to me. So I quietly suffered the loneliness and the restlessness. Moreover, I agonized because I felt that it was unholy to feel the way I did. My religious instruction, rich as it was, did not offer any benevolent smile from God on my restlessness and dissatisfaction. Puberty and the conscious stirring of sexuality made things worse. Now not only was I restless and dissatisfied, but the raw feelings and fantasies that were besetting me were considered positively sinful.

That was my state of mind when I entered religious life and the seminary immediately after high school. Of course, the restlessness continued, but my philosophical and theological studies gave me an understanding of what was so relentlessly stirring inside me and gave me sacred permission to be okay with that.

It started in my novitiate year with a talk one day from a visiting priest. We were novices, most of us in our late teens, and despite our commitment to religious life we were understandably restless, lonely,

and fraught with sexual tension. Our visitor began his conference with a question: "Are you guys a little restless? Feeling a bit cooped up here?" We nodded. He went on: "Well you should be! You must be jumping out of your skins! All that young energy, boiling inside you! You must be going crazy! But it's okay, that's what you should be feeling if you're healthy! It's normal, it's good. You're young; this gets better!"

Hearing this, freed up something inside me. For the first time, in a language that genuinely spoke to me, someone had given me sacred permission to be at home inside my own skin.

My studies in literature, theology, and spirituality, continued to give me that permission, even as they helped me form a vision as to why these feelings were inside me, how they took their origins and meaning in God, and how they were far from impure and unholy.

Looking back on my studies, a number of salient persons stand out in helping me understand the wildness, insatiability, meaning, and ultimate goodness of human desire. The first was St. Augustine. The now famous quote with which he begins his *Confessions*: *You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you*, has forever served me as the key to tie everything else together. With that as my secret for synthesis, I met this axiom in Thomas Aquinas: *The adequate object of the intellect and will is all being as such*. That might sound abstract but even as a twenty-year-old, I grasped its meaning: In brief, what would you need to experience to finally say 'enough', I am satisfied? Aquinas' answer: *Everything!* Later in my studies I read Karl Rahner. Like Aquinas, he too can seem hopelessly abstract when, for instance, he defines the

human person as *Obediential potency living inside a supernatural existential*. Really? Well, essentially what he means by that can be translated into a single counsel he once offered a friend: *In the torment of the insufficiency of everything attainable we ultimately learn that here, in this life, there is no finished symphony*.

Finally, in my studies, I met the person and thought of Henri Nouwen. He continued to teach me what it means to live without ever getting to enjoy the finished symphony, and he articulated this with a unique genius and in a fresh vocabulary. Reading Nouwen is like being introduced to yourself, while still standing inside all your shadows. He also helps give you the sense that it is normal, healthy, and not impure or unholy to feel all those wild stirrings with their concomitant temptations inside yourself.

Each of us is a bundle of much untamed eros, of wild desire, longing, restlessness, loneliness, dissatisfaction, sexuality, and insatiability. We need to be given sacred permission to know this is normal and good because it is what we all feel, unless we are in a clinical depression or have for so long repressed these feelings that now they are expressed only negatively in destructive ways.

We all need to have someone to come visit us inside our particular "novitiate", ask us if we are painfully restless, and when we nod our heads, say: "Good! You're supposed to feel like that way! It means you're healthy! Know too that God is smiling on this!"

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

## COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

*(The following conditions apply for the time being)*

- Attendance for mass is dependent on the 1 in 2 sq.m rule restriction.
- This number also applies for funerals and weddings.
- 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. Logs are located at the entrance to the Church.
- Hand sanitizer is to be available at church entrances.
- Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- No collection plates or hymn books are to be passed around.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- 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.
- Collection plates will not be passed around but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- Offertory procession will be omitted.
- 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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Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

‘Have you understood all this?’ They said, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.’



### EXPLORING THE WORD

Jesus continues to convey his teaching about the kingdom using the imagery of everyday life. Pearls were highly valued in the Near East and were regarded as a symbol of wisdom— thus the saying ‘pearls of wisdom’. In the first two of these parables, the protagonists commit everything they own to acquiring what is beyond price. According to Jesus, the kingdom is worth the sacrifice of everything we value most to gain a place in it.

The parable of the dragnet tells us something more of the kingdom. There will be those who have not recognised its value and are unworthy of the kingdom. However, it is not for people to judge who is worthy and who is not. That belongs to God. Jesus is very concerned that his followers clearly understand his message and he questions them directly: ‘Do you understand all this?’ There must be no confusion over the meaning of the gospel!

Matthew stresses that believing in Christ does not mean a total rejection of Judaism. Indeed, both the old and the new have value. Jesus did not come to overturn the Law but to fulfil it and those who recognise this truth will honour both the old and the new.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- In ancient times people often buried their treasures as they fled from enemies or invaders. Sometimes their owners may return to recover the treasure but often it remained buried for many years. Among priceless discoveries of treasure buried as the owners fled invaders are the Dead Sea Scrolls, hidden from the Roman Army in the late first century.
- A scribe in the ancient world was someone who could read and write and often held government positions. At the time of Jesus, the scribes were influential teachers of the Jewish faith, well versed in Scripture and the Law.
- The householder who brings out things both old and new may be a reference to people like Matthew himself, who, as well as receiving the teachings of Jesus and believing in him, also retain a profound respect for the Law and traditions of Judaism.
- The blazing furnace referred to here is the place of eternal punishment for the wicked known by the Hebrew terms Sheol or Gehenna. Hell is the English word used to translate these terms.



### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

*(27 July - 2 August)*

- **Monday, 27:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35)
- **Tuesday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43)
- **Wednesday, 29:** St Martha (1 Jn 4:7-16; Jn 11:19-27)
- **Thursday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53)
- **Friday, 31:** St Ignatius of Loyola (Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58)
- **Saturday, 1:** St Alphonsus Liguori (Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12)
- **Sunday 2:** 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Is 55:1-3; Rom 8:35m 37-39; Mt 14:13-21)

### 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).