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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 4 sqm) we
are only permitted up to 39 people in
our Church.



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.

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PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Lynne McArdle, Michelle Glynn

February anniversaries: Heather Barrett, Joan Marie Berden, Mary Clark, Phillip Deakin, Allice 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.

Recently deceased: Stephen Northcott

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
28/2 P Bennett S Semler K Brinkley

COVID Marshal
28/2 J Fernandez

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)
28 February Fr Dev

PROJECT COMPASSION



Margret, 39, is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands. She was born deaf, so she knows the challenges it poses to education and employment. The school faced water shortages that often left staff and students without safe water for drinking, cooking, washing and growing vegetables. Then Tropical Cyclone Harold damaged the school and its vegetable garden as the threat of COVID-19 loomed. With Caritas Australia's support, the school installed water tanks, provided cyclone-proof building materials, and helped to implement COVID-19 prevention measures.

Margret's school now has enough water for its students and the capacity to cater for more, and is now planning

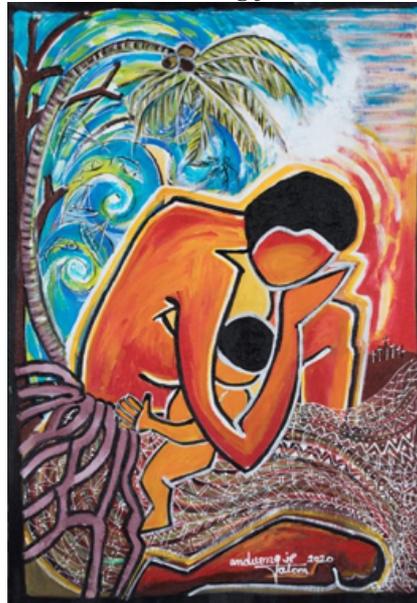
to boost food security through increased agricultural production.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, ph: 1800 024 413, or visit: www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and welcome to **Kimberly Ann McArdle** and her parents Jared and Cherrie and brother Ben. May God's blessing be with Kimberly as she receives the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
"Build on a strong foundation"



This year a local World Day of Prayer service will be hosted by the Uniting Church at the Uniting Church Hall on Friday, March 5 at 2.00pm.

The 2021 featured country is Vanuatu. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

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.

LENTEN STUDIES

The Inter-Church group are also holding Lenten Studies on Tuesdays at 1.30pm in the Uniting Church Hall. Again, everyone is most welcome.

ST PAUL'S PUBLICATIONS

We are pleased to let you know that we are about to release the Ritual

Book, Excerpts from the Roman Missal (Book of the Chair). This has been in preparation for quite a few years and contains all of the prayers that the celebrant says from the Chair. It is a beautifully produced book of 416 pages that will sell for \$120. However, we have a special pre-publication offer for all orders received by 15 March.

Please click link to place order: [https://secure.stpauls.com.au/product/65/New+Roman+Missal+Resources/Unknown/10303/Excerpts+from+the+Roman+Missal+\(Book+of+the+Chair\)](https://secure.stpauls.com.au/product/65/New+Roman+Missal+Resources/Unknown/10303/Excerpts+from+the+Roman+Missal+(Book+of+the+Chair)). For further enquiries contact 02 9394 3400 or sales@stpauls.com.au

EASTER RAFFLE

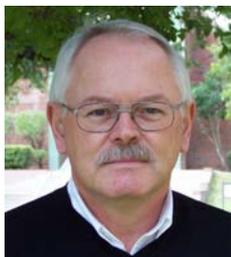


The Ladies Guild is holding an Easter Raffle. Tickets will be \$1.00 each. Donations gratefully received. Please contact Christine Weatherstone if you can help out.

DATES

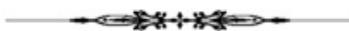
- 5 Mar World Day of Prayer
- 8 Mar Adelaide Cup Day
- 1 Apr Holy Thursday
- 2 Apr Good Friday
- 3 Apr Holy Saturday
- 4 Apr Easter Day
- 5 Apr Easter Monday
- 9 Apr Last day School Term 1
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day
- 26 Apr ANZAC Day public holiday
- 27 Apr First day School Term 2
- 14 Jun Queen's birthday holiday
- 4 Oct Labour Day holiday





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 IMPERIALISM OF THE HUMAN SOUL

In his autobiography, Nikos Kazantzakis shares how in his youth he was driven by a restlessness that had him searching for something he could never quite define. However, he made peace with his lack of peace because he accepted that, given the nature of the soul, he was supposed to feel that restlessness and that a healthy soul is a driven soul. Commenting on this, he writes: “No force anywhere on earth is as imperialistic as the human soul. It occupies and is occupied in turn, but it always considers its empire too narrow. Suffocating, it desires to conquer the world in order to breathe freely.”

We need to be given permission, I believe, to accept as God-given that imperialism inside our soul, even as we need always to be careful never to trivialize its power and meaning. However, that is a formula for tension. How does one make peace with the imperialism of one’s soul without denigrating the divine energy that is stoking that imperialism? For me, this has been a struggle.

I grew up in the heart of the Canadian prairies, with five hundred miles of open space in every direction. Geographically, that space let one’s soul stretch out, but otherwise my world seemed too small for my soul to breathe. I grew up inside a tight-knit community in an isolated rural area where the world was small enough so that everyone knew everyone else. That was wonderful because it made for a warm cocoon; but that cocoon (seemingly) separated me from the big world where, it seemed to my young mind, souls could breathe in spaces bigger than where I was breathing. Moreover, growing up with an acute religious and moral

sensitivity, I felt guilty about my restlessness, as if it were something abnormal that I needed to hide.

In that state, as an eighteen-year-old, I entered religious life. Novitiates in those days were quite strict and secluded. We were eighteen of us, novices, sequestered in an old seminary building across a lake from a town and a highway. We could hear the sounds of traffic and see life on the other side of the lake, but we were not part of it. As well, most everything inside our sequestered life focused on the spiritual so that even our most earthy desires had to be associated with our hunger for God and for the bread of life. Not an easy task for anyone, especially a teenager.

Well, one day we were visited by a priest who gave my soul permission to breathe. He gathered us, the eighteen novices, into a classroom and began his conference with this question: *Are you feeling a little restless?* We nodded, rather surprised by the question. He went on: *Well, you should be feeling restless! You must be jumping out of your skin! All that life in you and all those fiery hormones stirring in your blood, and you’re stuck here watching life happen across the lake! You must be going crazy sometimes! But ... that’s good, that’s what you should be feeling, it shows you’re healthy. Stay with it. You can do this. It’s good to feel that restlessness.*

That day the wide-open prairie spaces I had lived my whole life in and the wide-open spaces in my soul befriended each other a little. And that friendship continued to grow as I did my studies and read authors who had befriended their souls. Among others, these spoke to me: St. Augustine (*You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.*);

Thomas Aquinas (*The adequate object of the human intellect and will is all Being*); Iris Murdoch (*The deepest of all human pains is the pain of the inadequacy of self-expression*); Karl Rahner (*In the torment of the insufficiency of everything attainable, we ultimately learn that here, in this life, there is no finished symphony*); Sidney Callahan (*We are made to ultimately sleep with the whole world, is it any wonder that we long for this along the way?*); and James Hillman (*Neither religion nor psychology really honors the human soul. Religion is forever trying to save the soul and psychology is always trying to fix the soul. The soul needs neither to be saved nor fixed; it is already eternal – it just needs to be listened to.*)

Perhaps today the real struggle is not so much to accept sacred permission to befriend the wild insatiability of the soul. The greater struggle today, I suspect, is not to trivialize the soul, not to make its infinite longings something less than what they are.

During the World War II, Jesuit theologians resisting the Nazi occupation in France published an underground newspaper. The first issue opened with this now-famous line: *France, take care not to lose your soul.* Fair warning. The soul is imperialistic because it carries divine fire and so it struggles to breathe freely in the world. To feel and to honor that struggle is to be healthy.

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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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!*

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 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

- This event in the life of Jesus is known as the Transfiguration. It is traditionally associated with Mt Tabor near Nazareth in Galilee.
- The words of the voice from the cloud echo the words from heaven at Jesus' baptism, 'You are my son, the beloved, my favour rests on you' (Mk 1:11).
- The three disciples who witness Jesus' glory in this episode are the same three who will witness his

agony on the Mount of Olives on the night before he died.

- Jesus is joined by Elijah and Moses in this episode. They represent the Prophets and the Law, major sections of the Hebrew Scriptures.

EXPLORING THE WORD

In the biblical tradition a mountain is often used to situate close encounters between God and his people. In this text, Jesus' appearance takes on the imagery of the divine. Those who join Jesus are significant: Moses was the receiver of the Law and Elijah was the first prophet. Here the Law and the Prophets, the fullness of Scripture, meet Jesus transfigured. Understandably, the disciples are terrified and Peter suggests they build three tents. This would allow them to remain on the mountain and contemplate the face of God. But this is to misunderstand the true call of the disciple. Gazing heavenwards is not enough - the disciple must also listen and act. The mystery of this response will only become clear when placed in the context of the death and resurrection of Jesus. There can be no sidestepping of the cross and its invitation to all who are followers of Jesus that they too must lose themselves for the sake of others.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(01 - 07 March)

- **Monday, 26:** Monday of 2nd week of Lent (Dan 9:4-10; Lk 6:36-38)
- **Tuesday, 27:** Tuesday of 2nd week of Lent (Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12)
- **Wednesday, 28:** Wednesday of 2nd week of Lent (Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28)
- **Thursday, 01:** Thursday of 2nd week of Lent (Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31)
- **Friday, 02:** Friday of 2nd week of Lent (Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46)
- **Saturday, 03:** Saturday of 2nd 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

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