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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

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's
tongue. So that I may know how to
reply to the wearied he provides me
with speech. Each morning he wakes
me to hear, to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear. For my
part, I made no resistance, neither
did I turn away. I offered my back to
those who struck me, my cheeks to
those who tore at my beard; I did not
cover my face against insult and
spittle. The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the
insults. So, too, I set my face like
flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

*My God, my God, why have you
abandoned me?*

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus
did not cling to his equality with
God but emptied himself to assume
the condition of a slave and became
as men are; and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet, even to
accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave
him the name which is above all
other names so that all beings in the
heavens, on earth and in the
underworld, should bend the knee at

the name of Jesus and that every
tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ
as Lord, to the glory of God the
Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2:8-9

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even
to death, dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other
names.*

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!*

GOSPEL

Mk 14:1-15:47 (heavily abridged)

They lead Jesus out to crucify him
... They brought him to the place
called Golgotha, which means the
place of the skull. They offered him
wine mixed with myrrh, but he
refused it. Then they crucified him,
and shared out his clothing, casting
lots to decide what each should get.
It was the third hour when they
crucified him. The inscription giving
the charge against him read: 'The
King of the Jews'. And they
crucified two robbers with him, one
on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they
shook their heads and said, 'Aha! So
you would destroy the Temple and
rebuild it in three days!

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

COVID Marshal

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)

28 March	Fr Dev
Easter services	Fr Paul Gahnm

EASTER TRIDUUM



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 - \$1.00 each. Donations gratefully received. Please contact Christine Weatherstone.

PROJECT COMPASSION



For over half a century, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion, making it one of the nation's longest running charity campaigns.

Throughout five decades of natural disasters, conflicts and crises, Caritas Australia has worked alongside vulnerable communities with the generous support of Australians. Project Compassion has also helped with access to education, health services, agricultural training and through programs that reduce maternal and infant mortality. This year, we have presented five stories from people striving to 'Be More' – just a few amongst the millions who have been helped through Project Compassion.

As we celebrate this Australian icon, we would like to thank generations of supporters nationwide for their generosity, which allows us to move forward with lifesaving strategies to tackle new challenges.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty. 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

CHANGE YOUR CLOCK



CHANGE YOUR BATTERY

Daylight Saving in South Australia ends at 3.00am on Easter Sunday morning and our clocks go back one hour (*fall back, spring forward*). We are also urged to change the batteries in our smoke detectors.

GOOD FRIDAY

Holy Places Appeal

The Annual Collection for the Support of the Church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing.

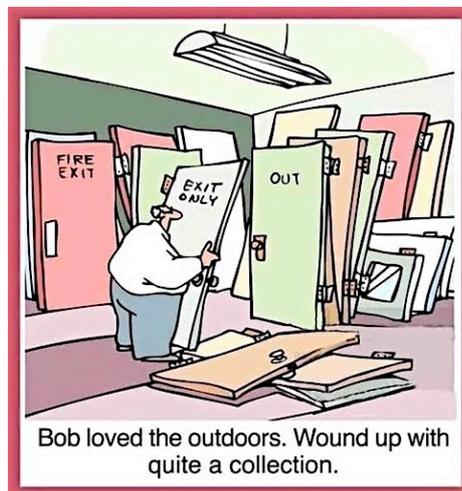
Our donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability in the custody of the Holy Land.

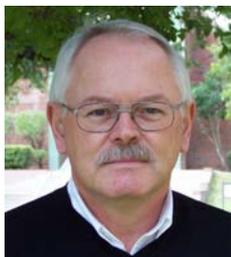
POSSIBLE RELAXATION - EASTER COVID RESTRICTIONS

At this time, we are waiting to hear from the Archdiocese regarding a possible change to Covid restrictions over Easter.

The media is hinting that we may be able to increase the number of attendees, but with mandatory masks.

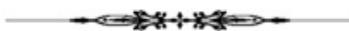
We will keep you informed.





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.



IT IS HEALTHY TO LOVE YOUR LIFE

Among people of faith, there is the notion that if you are person of deep faith you can easily renounce the things of this world, see the world for all its ephemerality, not cling to things, and die more peacefully. Not true. That is naïve, at least a lot of the time.

James Hillman writes: *We don't let go easily of the throne, nor the drive that took us there.* While that is obviously true, of itself it speaks more of human ego than of faith. So let me try another line. The famed novelist and philosopher Iris Murdoch, confronts us with this fact: *A common soldier often dies without fear; but Jesus died afraid.*

This was borne out in the death of my own father. My dad was a man of deep faith to which his whole life gave witness. He died young, at sixty-two, in faith – but he did not die easily. There was a deep sadness in him as he lay in palliative care waiting to bid his final goodbye to the rest of us. His sadness and its concomitant fear had nothing to do with fear of the next life, of what awaited him on the other side. His sadness and fear had to do with his giving up his place in this world, of dying to all the richness that is life. He was sad to be dying, to have to say goodbye to his wife, his family, his grandchildren, his friends, his faith community, his health, and all the things he enjoyed in this life. He died in faith, but did not die easily.

If we read the scriptures closely, we will see that this was also the case for Jesus. He too did not die easily, not because he feared what would meet him on the other side of death; however, like my dad, he deeply loved this life. We see that clearly in his struggle in the garden of Gethsemane. Facing his death, the

scriptures tell us that he literally “sweated blood” and begged his Father that he might somehow escape from dying. We (naively) tend to think Jesus was afraid because of the physical pain that awaited him, the scourging and the nails; but that is not what the Gospels portray. He sweats blood in a garden, not in an arena. Archetypally, gardens are the place of love. It is Jesus the lover, not the athlete, who is sweating blood. His fear of death is predicated on love, love for life, this life.

The Jesuit theologian, Michael Buckley, wrote an essay within which he compared Jesus to Socrates, purely as a study in human excellence. The surprising thing is that, purely in terms of human excellence, Jesus seemed to come up short in comparison to Socrates. Here is a poignant quote from that essay.

Socrates went to his death with calmness and poise. He accepted the judgment of the court, discoursed on the alternatives suggested by death and on the dialectical indications of immortality, found no cause for fear, drank the poison, and died. Jesus – how much the contrary. Jesus was almost hysterical with terror and fear; “with loud cries and tears to him who was able to save him from death.” He looked repeatedly to his friends for comfort and prayed for escape from death, and he found neither. ... I once thought that this was because Socrates and Jesus suffered different deaths, the one so much more terrible than the other; the pain and agony of the cross so overshadowing the release of the hemlock. ... Now I believe that Jesus was a more profoundly weak man than Socrates, more liable to physical pain and weariness, more sensitive to human rejection and contempt, more affected by love and

hate. Socrates never wept over Athens.” Jesus was incurably human.

Soren Kierkegaard in his journals confessed that he shuddered at the thought of dying to the world, dying to ordinary life: *I love being a human being; I do not have the courage entirely to be spirit in that way. I still so much love to see the purely human delight that others take in life – something for which I have a better than ordinary eye, because I have a poet's eye for it.*

One of the early signs of clinical depression is a loss of buoyancy in one's life, a loss of any sense of personal delight, and the detachment that comes with that, namely, the easy capacity to let go of all the things that used to energize us and bring us meaning and joy. On the outside that can look good religiously. Look how wonderfully detached he is! However, saintliness should not be confused with depression, nor faith with emotional resignation.

If you are healthy spiritually, do not be surprised if, like Jesus, you sweat some blood in the face of death in any of its forms, particularly if you love your life – more so if you have a poet's eye.

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

COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

- 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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Then save yourself: come down from the cross!' The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said, 'he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.' Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachtani?' which means 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this, they said, 'Listen, he is calling on Elijah.' Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink saying, 'Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.' But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Golgotha is a Semitic word which means 'skull'. The name Calvary comes from the Latin translation of 'skull'. It is likely that the name comes from the habitual use of the site for executions.
- Passion or Palm Sunday is the beginning of what is known as Holy Week, a period of intense preparation for the ceremonies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.
- The Passion of Christ refers to his arrest, trial and death.
- Jesus is in Jerusalem at this time to celebrate the Festival of Passover.

COMMENTARY ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

The account of the passion in Mark is very stark. Jesus is portrayed as alone, abandoned by his closest friends and perhaps even by God. He

dies on the cross with a loud cry on his lips and darkness covers the whole earth. Yet at this precise moment the Roman centurion who was guarding him, having seen how he died, makes the great confession of faith: 'Truly this man was God's Son.' Throughout his ministry Jesus had tried to teach his followers that the way of the kingdom was the way of self emptying love. They had to become servants, slaves to one another and forget about greatness as the world understands it. Repeatedly they failed to understand him and eventually they ran away. So we are left with this foreign outsider to tell us the meaning of Calvary. Through his faithfulness to the kingdom Jesus finally tears away the veil that separates God and suffering humanity. By his prayer of abandonment Jesus has shown us that, far from abandoning us, God has identified totally with our struggle. www.catholicireland.net

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(29 March - 04 April)

- **Monday, 29:** Monday of Holy Week (Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11)
- **Tuesday, 30:** Tuesday of Holy Week (Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38)
- **Wednesday, 31:** Wednesday of Holy Week (Is 50:4-9; Mt 26:14-25)
- **Thursday, 01:** Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15)
- **Friday, 02:** Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42)
- **Saturday, 03:** Holy Saturday (Easter readings)
- **Sunday 04:** Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (Acts 10:34, 37-43; 1 Cor 5:6-8; Jn 20:1-9)

PASTORAL CARE

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