



Welcome to

Kangaroo Island Catholic Community

(Part of the Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Cluster of Catholic Parishes)

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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

THERE WILL BE NO MASSES OR PUBLIC LITURGIES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE SEE THE NEWSLETTER ON OUR WEBSITE.

www.kicatholic.org.au/news.html

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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



FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

John 11:1-45

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied:

'Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.'

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PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Mei Kuen Sexton, Fr Peter Milburn, Toni Langridge, Damian Baynes, Charles Gorman, Dalton Baynes, Roy Gatton

Recently deceased: Maureen Dunn

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, Denis O'Brien, James Palmer, Dilly Reynolds, Richard Semler, Sylvester Shannon, Peter Slagter, Cathy Smythe, Eunice Trethewey, Edie Willson, Glad Nash 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 15 MARCH

1st (Priest support) \$209.70
2nd (Our Parish) \$702.90

Thank you for your support

DIRECT PAYMENTS

If you prefer to organise your Church donations via bank transfer there are several ways you can go about this.

1. Go to www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/donation - and follow the prompts. If you wish to donate to both the first and second collections, you will need to do this twice. For the first collection select *First Collection* and for the second collection, select *General*.

2. 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*

3. 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 wish to proceed and need more information or help, please contact Helen Mumford or Peter Clark.

NEW ARCHBISHOP FOR ADELAIDE



"It is with pleasure that I announce the decision of the Holy Father to appoint Most Reverend Patrick O'Regan, presently Bishop of Sale, as the Metropolitan Archbishop of Adelaide.

Archbishop-designate O'Regan will be the 12th bishop of Adelaide and the ninth archbishop. I thank the people and clergy of the Archdiocese for their great fidelity to Christ's mission during this time of waiting. In particular I thank Father Philip Marshall who as Vicar General has given such outstanding and persevering service to the People of God in the Archdiocese.

The Office and responsibilities of the Apostolic Administrator continues until the installation of the new Archbishop."

Bishop Gregory O'Kelly, SJ

ONLINE MASSES



A reminder that people who are unwell, or in quarantine, can honour their Sunday obligation by participating in a time of prayer within the home, reading the Scriptures or watching Mass on television (Channel 10 at 6.00am every Sunday morning) or online at www.cathnews.com

The Adelaide Archdiocese will live stream Sunday Mass (with no congregation) from St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, commencing the Fifth Sunday of Lent (March 29) at 10.00am. The Mass can be viewed live or on demand (ie as a replay) at www.adelaide.catholic.org.au. It will also be available on Facebook or YouTube.

There are also plans to broadcast major Easter services such as Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday on Channel 44, a community television station, which you can access on a standard television. More information will be available soon.

Recommended prayer and online Mass resources are available on the Adelaide Archdiocese website, along with the latest Coronavirus Protocols. The Melbourne Archdiocese streams Daily Mass at 1.00pm (Monday - Friday) from St Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne. It is then available as a recording on demand, until one hour prior to the next 1.00pm Mass.

On Sundays, their 11.00am Mass is also streamed and then available as a recording on demand. Go to <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

Bishop Charles Gauci has Daily Mass available on Facebook: "Catholic Diocese of Darwin" at 1.00pm SA time.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has further information at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

There are many other places all over the world that live-stream both daily and Sunday Masses. Enter "online Mass" into your search engine and you will be overwhelmed by the choices, or check out some of the dozens of video clips available on YouTube.

ONE-LINERS

1. *We just got a fax at work. We didn't know we had a fax machine. The entire department just stared at it. I poked it with a stick.*
2. *I used to be in a band called 'Lost dog'. You probably saw our posters.*
3. *Another World's Oldest Man has died. This is beginning to look suspicious.*
4. *My grandfather has the heart of a lion ... and a lifetime ban from the local zoo.*





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.

IN THE TIME OF COVID

In 1985, Nobel Prize winning author, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, published a novel entitled, *Love in the Time of Cholera*. It tells a colorful story of how life can still be generative, despite an epidemic.

Well what's besetting our world right now is not cholera but the coronavirus, Covid 19. Nothing in my lifetime has ever affected the whole world as radically as this virus. Whole countries have shut down, virtually all schools and colleges have sent their students home and are offering classes online, we're discouraged from going out of our houses and from inviting others into them, and we've been asked not to touch each other and to practice "social distancing". Ordinary, normal, time has stopped. We're in a season that no generation, perhaps since the flu of 1918, has had to undergo. Furthermore, we don't foresee an end soon to this situation. No one, neither our government leaders nor our doctors, have an exit strategy. No one knows when this will end or how. Hence, like the inhabitants on Noah's Arc, we're locked in and don't know when the flood waters will recede and let us return to our normal lives.

How should we live in this extraordinary time? Well, I had a private tutorial on this some nine years ago. In the summer of 2011, I was diagnosed with colon cancer, underwent surgery for a resection, and then was subjected to twenty-four weeks of chemotherapy. Facing the uncertainty of what the chemotherapy would be doing to my body I was understandably scared. Moreover, twenty-four weeks is basically half a year and contemplating the length of time that I would be undergoing this "abnormal" season in my life, I was also impatient. I wanted this over with, quickly. So I faced it like I

face most setbacks in my life, stoically, with the attitude: "I'll get through this! I'll endure it!"

I keep what might euphemistically be termed a journal, though it's really more a Daybook that simply chronicles what I do each day and who and what enters my life on a given day. Well, when I stoically began my first chemotherapy session I began checking off days in my journal: Day one, followed the next day by: Day two. I had done the math and knew that it would take 168 days to get through the twelve chemo sessions, spaced two weeks apart. It went on like this for the first seventy days or so, with me checking off a number each day, holding my life and my breath, everything on hold until I could finally write, Day 168.

Then one day, about half way through the twenty-four weeks, I had an awakening. I don't know what specifically triggered it, a grace from above, a gesture of friendship from someone, the feel of the sun on my body, the wonderful feel of a cold drink, perhaps all of these things, but I woke up, I woke up to the fact that I was putting my life on hold, that I wasn't really living but only enduring each day in order check it off and eventually reach that magical 168th day when I could start living again. I realized that I was wasting a season of my life. Moreover, I realized that what I was living through was sometimes rich precisely because of the impact of chemotherapy in my life. That realization remains one of the special graces in my life. My spirits lifted radically even as the chemotherapy continued to do the same brutal things to my body.

I began to welcome each day for its freshness, its richness, for what it brought into my life. I look back on that now and see those three last

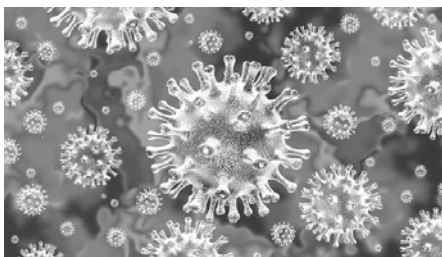
months (before day 168) as one of richest seasons of my life. I made some lifelong friends, I learned some lessons in patience that I still try to cling to, and, not least, I learned some long-overdue lessons in gratitude and appreciation, in not taking life, health, friendship, and work for granted. It was a special joy to return to a normal life after those 168 days of conscripted "sabbatical"; but those "sabbatical" days were special too, albeit in a very different way.

The coronavirus has put us all, in effect, on a conscripted sabbatical and it's subjecting those who have contracted it to their own type of chemotherapy. And the danger is that we will put our lives on hold as we go through this extraordinary time and will just endure rather than let ourselves be graced by what lies within this uninvited season.

Yes, there will be frustration and pain in living this through, but that's not incompatible with happiness. Paul Tournier, after he'd lost his wife, did some deep grieving but then integrated that grief into a new life in a way that allowed him to write: "I can truly say that I have a great grief and that I am a happy man." Words to ponder as we struggle with this coronavirus.

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

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*Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
cnr Todd and Giles Streets*

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Grand Bvd*



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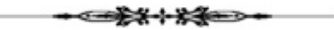
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GOOLWA

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ALDINGA

*Mary of Galilee, the First Disciple
cnr Quinliven and How Roads*

NORMANVILLE

St Peter, Cape Jervis Road

WILLUNGA

St Joseph, 12 St Judes Street

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He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.'

Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. (K Weber)

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(30 March - 05 April)

- **Monday, 30:** Mon, 5th week Lent (Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11)
- **Tuesday, 31:** Tues, 5th week Lent (Num 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30)
- **Wednesday, 01:** Wed, 5th week Lent (Dan 3:14-20, 24-25, 28)
- **Thursday, 02:** Thur, 5th week Lent (Gen 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59)
- **Friday, 03:** Fri, 5th week Lent (Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42)
- **Saturday, 04:** Sat, 5th week Lent (Ezek 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56)
- **Sunday 05:** PALM SUNDAY (Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66)

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).