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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

Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from
your ways and harden our hearts
against fearing you? Return, for the
sake of your servants, the tribes of
your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens
open and come down! – at your
Presence the mountains would melt.

No ear has heard, no eye has seen
any god but you act like this for those
who trust him. You guide those who
act with integrity and keep your ways
in mind. You were angry when we
were sinners; we had long been rebels
against you. We were all like men
unclean, all that integrity of ours like
filthy clothing. We have all withered
like leaves and our sins blew us away
like the wind. No one invoked your
name or roused himself to catch hold
of you. For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our
sins. And yet, Lord, you are our
Father; we the clay, you the potter, we
are all the work of your hand.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

*Lord, make us turn to you, let us see
your face and we shall be saved.*

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ send you grace and
peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the
graces you have received through
Jesus Christ. I thank him that you
have been enriched in so many ways,
especially in your teachers and
preachers; the witness to Christ has
indeed been strong among you so that
you will not be without any of the
gifts of the Spirit while you are
waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be
revealed; and he will keep you steady
and without blame until the last day,
the day of our Lord Jesus Christ,
because God by calling you has joined
you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God
is faithful.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Be on
your guard, stay awake, because you
never know when the time will

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PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Roy Gatton

November anniversaries: Jim Airton , Francis E Bannan, Vic Banner, Clorice Bates, Toni Berden, Leon Bourke , Imogen Brinkley, Harold Burgess, Donald Chalmers, Tim Clark, Evelyn Drane, John and Diene Hendrix, Carmel Higgins, Agnes Hughes, Margaret Hughes, Peggy Imboden, Andrew Kelly, Thomas Lydon, John McDonald, Colleen Moore, Roger Pahl, Teresa Panizza, Sam Perkins, Roy Rayson, Helen Redden, Patricia Ross, Harold Semler, Marie Slagter, Pat Smith, Graham Turner, Gwen Willson 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.

Recently deceased: Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of **Roy Gatton**, who died last Sunday evening, and for Roy's family - Lina, Kimberley and Josh.

ROSTERS

	Reader	Prayers	Cleaning
29/11	K Hammat	L Grant	H Mumford

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

29 November	Fr Kevin Matthews
6 December	Fr Prathap
13 December	Fr Josy
20 December	Communion Service
24 December	Fr Chris Horvat
25 December	Fr Chris Horvat
27 December	Fr Chris Horvat

THANK YOU FR KEVIN MATTHEWS

Special thanks to Fr Kevin Matthews who has been celebrating Mass with us during November.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Fr Chris Horvat will be on Kangaroo Island for Masses over Christmas.

There will be no Mass at Penneshaw.

Christmas Eve Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm and Christmas Day at 8.30am - both at Kingscote.

“THE SOUTHERN CROSS” CHRISTMAS EDITION

Once again the December issue of “The Southern Cross” will be inserted in “The Advertiser” with additional copies provided to parishes for distribution over the Christmas period (December 12 Advertiser).

THEOLOGY STUDY GRANT

The Good Samaritan Sisters are offering some finance (up to \$8000) for women over 30 interested in study in the area of theology and spirituality and are in some form of leadership role.

Criteria

- Catholic women - 30 yrs and over
- Interest in both the study and mentoring components of the program;
- Identification of current study being undertaken or a proposed course at a recognised theological institution; and
- Evidence of leadership exercised in any context. Leadership experience in a not-for-profit organisation or a faith-based institution will be highly regarded.

Special consideration will be given to women who are experiencing financial hardship or who live in isolated communities. Link to website and application package: <https://www.goodsams.org.au/2020/10/20/study-and-mentoring-leadership-program-focuses-on-womens-gifts/>

NEW BOUNDARIES

One of modern Australian life's rites of passage is the moment when a teenager is issued a driver's licence. For the teen it becomes the ultimate symbol of freedom, of having grown up, or independence from the family. On the other hand, for the parents of that teen, it usually is a very traumatic moment, a time when the important lessons of responsibility and respecting authority need to be reinforced.

The teen daydreams about taking the car out with friends on Saturday night, while the parents worry about insurance, petrol, their own plans for Saturday night, and, most important, wondering if their child could possibly be ready to get behind the wheel and drive off alone.

One end is tugging to get away: “Don't you trust me?” The other end hopes to hold onto control: “You'll have to earn the privilege of driving”. The wise teen will back off. The wise

parents will give in a little. New boundaries need to be set.

Isaiah speaks to God honestly and lovingly. But clearly there is an impatient tone waiting for a reply: “Lord, I am trying my best”. It is natural to want a relationship where God trusts us. But that needs to be earned as the servants earn the trust of their master in the gospel parable.

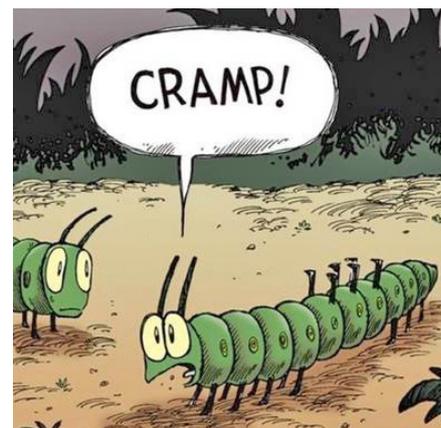
When all is said and done, Paul reminds us that our relationship with Christ will continue to be strong, although like a healthy family, we will test new boundaries. All this takes preparation and work and that is what Advent is all about.

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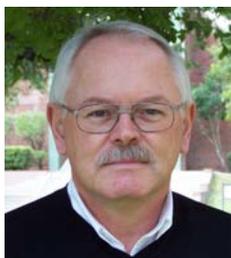
BE WATCHFUL AND STAY AWAKE

Resolve to live this Advent season with watchfulness and attention. Miss no opportunity to be kind, generous, forgiving. Resist spiritual laziness with its shrug toward “later”. Be a saint in the making right now.

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- *Due to my isolation, I finished three books yesterday ... and believe me, that's a lot of colouring in!*
- *I just sold my homing pigeon on eBay ... for the 22nd time!*
- *I grew up with Bob Hope, Steve Jobs and Johnny Cash ... now there's no jobs, no cash and no hope. Please don't let anything happen to Kevin Bacon.*
- *At the store there was a big X by the register for me to stand on. I've seen too many Road Runner cartoons to fall for that one.*
- *You never realise how anti-social you are until there's a pandemic and your life doesn't really change that much.*



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.



AN INVITATION TO MATURITY – WEEPING OVER JERUSALEM

Maturity has various levels. Basic maturity is defined as having essentially outgrown the instinctual selfishness with which we were born so that our motivation and actions are now shaped by the needs of others and not just by our own needs. That's the basic minimum, the low bar for maturity. After that there are degrees and levels, contingent upon how much our motivation and actions are altruistic rather than selfish.

In the Gospels, Jesus invites us to ever deeper degrees of maturity, though sometimes we can miss the invitation because it presents itself subtly and not as explicitly worded moral invitation. One such subtle, but very deep, invitation to a higher degree of maturity is given in the incident where Jesus weeps over Jerusalem. What's inside this image?

Here's the image and its setting. Jesus has just been rejected, both in his person and in his message and he sees clearly the pain the people will bring upon themselves by that rejection. What's his reaction? Does he react in the way most of us would: *Well the hell with you! I hope you suffer the full consequences of your own stupidity!* No. He weeps, like a loving parent dealing with a wayward child; he wishes with every fiber in his being that he could save them from the consequences of their own bad choices. He feels their wound rather than gleefully contemplating their suffering.

There's a double challenge here. First, there's a personal one: are we gleeful when people who reject our advice suffer for their wrong-headedness or do we weep inside us for the pain they have brought onto themselves? When we see the

consequences in people's lives of their own bad choices, be it with irresponsibility, with laziness, with drugs, with sex, with abortion, with ideology, with anti-religious attitudes, or with bad will, are we gleeful when those choices begin to snake-bite them (*Well, you got what you deserved!*) or do we weep for them, for their misfortune?

Admittedly, it's hard not be gleeful when someone who rejects what we stand for is then snake-bitten by his own stubborn choice. It's the natural way the heart works and so empathy can demand a very high degree of maturity. For example, during this Covid-19 pandemic, medical experts (almost without exception) have been telling us to wear masks to protect others and ourselves. What's our spontaneous reaction when someone defies that warning, thinks he is smarter than the doctors, doesn't wear a mask, and then contracts the virus? Do we secretly bask in the cathartic satisfaction that he got what he deserved or do we, metaphorically, "weep over Jerusalem"?

Beyond the challenge to each of us to move towards a higher level of maturity, this image also contains an important pastoral challenge for the church. How do we, as a church, see a secularized world that has rejected many of our beliefs and values? When we see the consequences the world is paying for this are we gleeful or sympathetic? Do we see the secularized world with all the problems it is bringing onto itself by its rejection of some Gospel values as an adversary (someone from whom we need to protect ourselves) or as our own suffering child? If you're a parent or grandparent who's suffering over a wayward child or grandchild you probably understand what it means to "weep over Jerusalem".

Moreover the struggle to "weep over" our secularized world (or over anyone who rejects what we stand for) is compounded by yet another dynamic which militates against sympathy. There's a perverse emotional and psychological propensity inside us which works this way. Whenever we are hurting badly we need to blame someone, need to be angry at someone, and need to lash out at someone. And you know who we always pick for that? Someone we feel safe enough to hurt because we know that he or she is mature enough not to hit back!

There's a lot of lashing out at the Church today. Granted, there are a lot of legitimate reasons for this. Given the church's shortcomings, part of that hostility is justified; but some of that hostility often goes beyond what's justified. Along with the legitimate anger there's sometimes a lot of free-floating, gratuitous anger. What's our reaction to that unjustified anger and unfair accusation? Do we react in kind? *"You are way out of line here, go take that anger elsewhere!* Or, like Jesus weeping over Jerusalem, can we meet unfair anger and accusation with tears of empathy and a prayer that a world that's angry with us will be spared the pain of its own bad choices?

Soren Kierkegaard famously wrote: *Jesus wants followers, not admirers!* Wise words. In Jesus' reaction to his own rejection, his weeping over Jerusalem, we see the epitome of human maturity. To this we are called, personally and as an ecclesial community. We also see there that a big heart feels the pain of others, even of those others who reject you.

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

COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(Current as at 25 November)

- Attendance for Mass is capped at 100 people, whilst maintaining 1:4 sqm.
- Funerals are capped at 50 people, whilst maintaining 1:4 sqm.
- Weddings are capped at 150 people, whilst maintaining 1:4 sqm.
- No beverage or food consumption (ie cup of tea after Mass)
- Singing as a congregation is to be avoided.
- Activities planned with an approved COVID Management Plan scheduled before 1 December cannot go ahead.
- 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.
- 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 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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come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!

DID YOU KNOW?

- The season of Advent is the beginning of the Church's liturgical year. The Church's liturgical year follows a three-year cycle and we move today into the second of those, Year B. The gospel readings for this year come predominantly from the Gospel of Mark.
- The Advent period is concerned with 'waiting' for the coming of the Christ child.
- A recurring theme in the gospels read during Advent is looking towards the end times, when Christ will come again.
- The Advent wreath is one way of preparing for the coming of the Christ child. The circle of greenery is a symbol of God's love without beginning or end, while the candles represent the four weeks of preparation time. One candle is lit each Sunday during Advent, and the final, central candle is lit on Christmas Day.

SHARING THE TRADITION

The celebration of a feast to honour the birth of Jesus did not emerge in the West until the fourth century. Scholars generally note that by 336 AD such a feast was in place and celebrated in Rome on 25 December. This comparatively late development of a feast to celebrate the birth of Christ may seem surprising to contemporary Christians for whom Christmas is so central. However, we must remember that the early Christians expected the glorious return of Christ in their own lifetimes. It was only with time and an obvious delay to the Second Coming that such

a feast could emerge. Furthermore, time provided the opportunity for a greater and more mature theological reflection on the mysteries of the Incarnation and the Second Coming. Advent, as a period of preparation for the feast of Christmas, developed later still. There is no evidence of such a preparatory time in Rome until well into the sixth century. It was Pope Gregory the Great (590–604 AD) who established a four-week liturgical preparation for Christmas but the eschatological (end times) themes of the Second Coming were not established until the Middle Ages.

'Advent has a two-fold character—as a season of preparation for Christmas when Christ's coming in history is remembered; and as a season when that first coming directs the mind and heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time' (General Norms of the Liturgical Year).

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(30 November - 6 December)

- **Monday, 30:** St Andrew (Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22)
- **Tuesday, 01:** Tuesday of 1st week Advent (Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24)
- **Wednesday, 02:** Wednesday of 1st week Advent (Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37)
- **Thursday, 03:** St Francis Xavier (Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27)
- **Friday, 04:** Friday of 1st week Advent (Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31)
- **Saturday, 05:** Saturday of 1st week Advent (Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 6-8)
- **Sunday 06:** Second Sunday of Advent (Is 40:1-5m 9-11; 2 Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8)



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