



Welcome to

# Kangaroo Island Catholic Community

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(All items for the newsletter must be  
received no later than Tuesday  
evening.)

**WEEKEND MASSES**  
Kingscote at 9.30am

**CONFESSION**  
Kingscote at 9.00am  
(prior to Mass)

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING**  
Prayers for Healing and Renewal in  
the Church - Thursdays at 9.30am.  
All welcome.



## CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS FIRST READING

*Isaiah 62:1-5*

God's grace brings about the conversion of his unfaithful people. With a new-found integrity they (and we) will be called by a new name, and their relationship (and ours) with God will lead to an intimacy beyond their (and our) wildest imaginings. God will rejoice in them (and us).

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 88:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29*

*Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*

## SECOND READING

*Acts 13:16-17, 22-25*

Paul introduces the Jews and non-Jewish believers in the God of Israel to the new thing that God has done for them in Jesus, whom he has raised up for them as Saviour.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed: the Saviour of the world will be our king.*  
*Alleluia*

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 1:1-25*

This reading from the beginning of Matthew's Gospel reminds us of the mortality and even the sin the Son of God took on himself in becoming one of us, through his birth from the Virgin Mary, in order to save his people from their sins and restore us to God's friendship.

## CHRISTMAS DAY MASS FIRST READING

*Isaiah 52:7-10*

The Prophet proclaims good news to the disheartened people of Judah and Jerusalem - their God has not abandoned them, but is coming to save them. Good news to us too - God's salvation is for all peoples.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 97:1-6*

*All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.*

## SECOND READING

*Hebrews 1:1-6*

God spoke his word through his prophets and in various ways.

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## WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

For those of you who wish to make your weekly contributions to the first and second collections by direct debit, these are the banking details for each.

1st Collection (Support for Priests):  
BSB 066-782  
A/c No 100027201  
Reference: Your name

2nd Collection (Support for Parish):  
BSB 066-782  
A/c No 100000067  
Reference: Your name

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Priests and Parish Facilities.

## INTEGRITY & SAFEGUARDING

We are a safeguarding Organisation which is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and adults at risk.

We believe that all God's children, young people and adults at risk have the right to be healthy and safe, and to have their voice heard, respected, and valued. A safe environment for all.

- Mrs Helen Mumford  
(KI contact - 0408 367 009)
- Integrity and Safeguarding Dept  
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## CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Will be taken up at Christmas Masses. It supports special projects for Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in South Australia, Hutt Street Centre, St Patrick's Special School, Our Lady of La Vang Special School and

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Now he speaks to us through his Son, who is the radiant light of God's glory. He has veiled that glory with our humanity so that we can prepare by lives of faith for the full revelation of that glory in Heaven.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*A holy day has dawned upon us.  
Come, you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth. Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

**John 1:1-18**

The gospel passage encourages us to ponder reverently the mystery of the Word who was with God in the beginning, who was God, and who became man in Jesus and dwelt among us.

## CHRISTMAS IN AUSTRALIA

The ways in which we Australians celebrate Christmas are full of contrasts. They are both cultural and countercultural. The cultural aspect can be seen in the spruiking, advertising and all the other ways money is transferred from families to business. The turkeys, the Christmas trees, the Christmas-wrapped grog, chocolates, mince pies, and the toys, clothes and devices also gift-wrapped, and the Cricket on Boxing Day are about the economy and consumption.

The countercultural aspect of Christmas lies in what people do – relax instead of work, eat and drink at leisure, spend time with their families, visit relatives and friend and take holidays, and often think people who are doing it hard in

hospital, nursing homes and on the streets. For people who have lost family, have no money or are homeless, Christmas is totally countercultural. It is a time when the joy, gift-giving and celebration can deepen sadness and isolation and stir memories of past hopes trampled on.

The celebration of Christmas encourages all people of good will, whatever our religious beliefs, to walk for a time in solidarity with people at the bottom of the pile, to take time to dream of who we are invited to be, and to reflect on what kind of a society we want.

*From an article by  
Fr Andrew Hamilton*

## CHRISTMAS QUOTES

*"Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmastime."*

*Laura Ingalls Wilders*

*"Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful." Norman Vincent Peale*

*"Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas."*

*Calvin Coolidge*

*"Maybe Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas... perhaps... means a little bit more!" Dr. Seuss*



May joy be  
your gift at  
Christmas and  
may faith, hope  
and love be  
your treasures  
in the  
New Year.