



Welcome to

# Kangaroo Island Catholic Community

(Part of the Adelaide Cathedral Parish)

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### **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

Mrs Wendy Bennett (0475 894 755  
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(All items for the newsletter must be  
received no later than Tuesday  
evening.)

## **CHILD PROTECTION**

We are a Child Safe Organisation  
which is committed to the care, well-  
being and protection of children and  
young people.

Mrs Helen Mumford

(KI contact - 0408 367 009)

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

## **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 9.00am



### **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  
come. It is like a man travelling  
abroad: he has gone from home,  
and left his servants in charge, each

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# Bulletin Board

## PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Sue Semler, Brianna Chudlee, Peter Weatherstone, John Slagter

**December anniversaries:** Prudence Brook, Margaret Chapmann, Ann Commerford, Ernest Commerford, George Frauley, Annie Griffith, Graham Hammat, Franziska Hilz, Scott Imboden, Geraldine Kent, Nora Kerin RSJ, Eileen Johnson, John Kreffel, Anne Livingstone, Marcellina Mamogay, Frederick Moore, Valma Mumford, Sheila Norman, Denise Pettigrew, Ernie Reynolds, Joel Riley, Vernice Southern, Kevin Steinwedel, Eric Tabor, Mary Tully, John Wallace, Willard Wickham, Veronica Rue,

*Please pray for all the faithful departed and may all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ.*

## PARISH ROSTERS

	Comm	Reader	Cleaning
3/12	K Hammat	H Mumford	A Bevin
10/12	P Clark	W Bennett	A Bevin
17/12	M Glynn	M Slagter	A Bevin
24/12	TBA	A Clark	A Bevin

## PRIEST ROSTER

*(Often this roster changes*

*if something unforeseen crops up)*

3/12	Fr Chris Jenkins
10/12	Fr Pastor Mumburi CP
17/12	Fr Peter Hosking SJ
24 & 25/12	Fr Iain Radvan SJ
31/12	Fr Chris Horvat SJ

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS VOLUNTEERS

Carols will be sung at the Pavilion at 7.00pm on Friday 15 December, after the Christmas Parade.

If you would like to volunteer as a singer please phone Lynette Ley (0428 326 687) and if you are a musician please phone Kevin Glasson (0427 321 048).

## 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:  
BSB 085 005

A/c No 585353994  
Reference: K Island or 765

2nd Collection:  
BSB 085 005  
A/c No 918111484  
Reference: Your name

Thank you for your ongoing support of our priests and parish facilities.

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS for CentreCare young mothers and their babies at Louise Place



Louise Place is funded by the SA Housing Authority to provide supported accommodation options to pregnant and parenting women and children experiencing homelessness, or at risk of becoming homeless.

Your generous donations of items for suitable Christmas gifts for a young mother and her baby would be much appreciated. There is a list on the back table for you to choose from. Please do not wrap your gift because the organisers at Louise Place need to see what they are to ensure appropriate distribution. Use the labels provided to indicate who your gift is for.

If you need further information please have a chat with Helen.

## INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE REGIONAL ASSEMBLY "OUR CHURCH"

The Regional Assemblies are a continuation of the 2021 and 2022 Diocesan Assemblies.

The Regional Assembly for our local area will comprise School and Worshipping Communities located within the Parishes of Willunga, Noarlunga, Morphett Vale, Victor Harbor and Kangaroo Island.

Parish communities are being called to our Regional Assembly to discuss the realities, challenges and hopes for our church in our local area as well to help address local Parish priorities identified from the Diocesan

Assembly feedback sessions held in 2022. Guest speakers will lead us in discussion of the following themes:

### Our Community

What makes a vibrant, contemporary Parish Community and how can we make it attractive enough for youth, children and their families to want to participate?

### Our Faith

What do we mean by Faith Formation and what can we do to create opportunities for Faith Formation relevant to all ages and stages of life?

### Our call

How can we work collaboratively to reach out to those most in need in our community? What can we do at a local level to encourage our community to love and care for their environment.

The Regional Assembly is a great initiative and an exciting step on the road to Parish Renewal.

**9 March, 2024 - Cardijn College (Marian Campus). Commencing 9.30am 'til 4.30pm, followed by Family Mass. Lunch provided.**

Register at:

[www.trybooking.com/CNDKK](http://www.trybooking.com/CNDKK)

KI Parish contact for more info:

Paul Bennett (0475 894 755)

## ADVENT 2023 PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS

Join me (Bruce Downes) and people all around the world for a free Daily Devotional that will guide you on a journey through Advent. Starting 3<sup>rd</sup> December, you'll receive a short video each day filled with real life stories and practical ways to help you in your prayer and spiritual journey. I find, "You don't become what you hope to become. You only become what you do." What will you do this Advent? Register here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Advent/> For more information, email: [info@brucedownes.org](mailto:info@brucedownes.org)



"This call may be monitored or recorded because otherwise nobody would believe how stupid some tech support questions can be!"



## RICHARD "RICK" GAILLARDETZ – RIP

*No community should botch its deaths.* Mircea Eliade said that. What underlies his wisdom here is the truth that *what we cease to celebrate we will soon cease to cherish.*

With that in mind, I would like to highlight what we, both the religious and secular community, need to celebrate and cherish as we mourn the recent death of Richard Gaillardetz.

Richard, known as "Rick", was a husband, a father, a friend to many, and (by most every assessment) the best ecclesiology in the English-speaking world. He taught at Boston College, but lectured widely elsewhere, both as an academic lecturer and as a popular speaker. Beyond his stature as an academic, he had a humanity, a robust sanity, a keen intellect, a natural warmth, a friendliness, and a sense of humor that made him both pleasant and stabilizing to be around. He brought calm and sanity into a room.

What's to be said in terms of highlighting his contribution? What should we not botch in processing his death? What must we celebrate so as to continue to cherish?

Many things might be highlighted, all of them positive, but I would like to focus on four extraordinary gifts he brought to us.

First, he was a theologian who worked actively at bridging the gap between the academy and the pew. Rick was a highly respected academic. No one questioned his scholarship. Yet, he was highly sought after as a popular lecturer in spirituality and never compromised his scholarship for the sake of popularity. That combination of being understood and respected both in the academy and the pew is a rare thing (it's hard to be simple without being simplistic) and a huge risk (being a popular speaker generally makes you suspect among your academic colleagues). Rick took that risk

## 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*

because he wanted his scholarship to serve the whole community and not just those fortunate enough to be in graduate classrooms.

Second, he was an ecclesiology who used his scholarship to unite rather than divide. Ecclesiology is about church, and it is church denominationalism that still divides us as Christians. The divisions among us are largely ecclesial. In most other things, we are together. We share Jesus; we share a common scripture; we share (in different modalities) the Eucharist; we share a common struggle in trying to be faithful to Jesus' teachings; and we share many common human, moral, and social struggles. Spirituality unites us, but ecclesiology still divides. Rick's work in ecclesiology is a breath of fresh air in terms of helping us move beyond centuries of division. He loved his own denomination, Roman Catholicism, even as he was fully appreciative of other denominations. His secret? He didn't just do a theology of the church; he also did a spirituality of the church.

Next, he was a man who loved the church, even as, inside that love, he could be healthily critical of the church when it was merited. I attended his final public lecture in September of last year, and he began that lecture with these words: *I was a Catholic by birth; then by choice, and now by love.* He went on to share how the Catholic Church was the greatest love in his life and how, too, it has brought him continual disillusionment and pain. He challenged us to love the church and to be critical of it, both at the same time. That manifests a big heart and a big mind. Some can love the church and never see its faults; others can see its faults but never love the church. Rick could do both. Finally, he was a man who faced his death with faith, courage, and dignity that can serve as a paradigm for the rest of us who, all, someday will have to face what he faced. About eighteen months ago, Rick was diagnosed with terminal pancreatic cancer. He knew that, barring a miracle, he probably had less than two years to live. Whatever his own internal anguish

and struggle to come to peace with that, everything he said, did, and taught during the eighteen months following that diagnosis manifested faith, trust, courage, and a concern for others. He kept a journal of his thoughts during this period and those journals are soon to be published and will constitute Rick's last great gift to the church and to the world.

I'd like to end this tribute with a little anecdote which Rick himself, I'm sure, would appreciate as adding a bit of color to a tribute which otherwise would be too somber. Some years ago, I went to hear Rick give a public lecture at one of the local universities here in the city. He was being introduced by a well-known theologian, Marianist Bernard J. Lee. After listing off for us, the audience, Rick's academic achievements, Lee turned to him and asked: "Richard, how the hell do you get the pronunciation 'Gay-lar-des' out of this spelling?"

Whatever the spelling and whatever the pronunciation, Richard Gaillardetz was a theological treasure whom we lost much too early.

*You can read, or download, Ron Rolheiser's weekly columns from his website at: [www.ronrolheiser.com](http://www.ronrolheiser.com)*



**"Never mind what Susie's mother said. Two-parent families are not a cult!"**

## COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 31/11/23)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home until you have fully recovered.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are also requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at Church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands.

### 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)

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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!

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - PEACE

After a tumultuous year, there is comfort to be found when we pause to read, pray, and reflect over the course of the Advent season in which believers eagerly anticipate the celebration of Christ’s birth. This first Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to centre our thoughts on hope.

### SLOW DOWN, YOU'RE MOVING TOO FAST

*“So, stay at your post, watching. You have no idea when the homeowner is returning, whether evening, midnight, cockcrow, or morning. You don’t want anyone showing up unannounced, with you asleep on the job. I say it to you, and I’m saying it to all: Stay at your post. Keep watch!” (Mark13:35-37)*

Like so many others before and after me, when I was in university I discovered the power of caffeine. I could stay up all night and prepare for an exam. With my photographic memory it was just a matter of going over the material enough times to imprint it in my brain. The combination of NoDoz and strong espresso did the trick for a factual kind of exam. But, if the test meant using my cognitive abilities or writing an essay, I was in trouble. My mind would race too quickly for me to sort things out. It would have been easier to have rested before those exams.

Advent begins with the encouragement to stay awake and be ready for the coming of our saviour. There are no short cuts or artificial ways to do this. And we have only four weeks (actually three this year!) to prepare ourselves. It’s a short period of time, especially when we are ironically so

busy with all the preparations for what we are trying to celebrate.

So what are we to do? We need to take the time to remember why we have all these traditions: the tree, ornaments, presents, parties – all of this must be put in their context. We can either walk through them like we are asleep, or become frantic and overstimulated by it all. Or we can make the conscious choice as Advent begins to pray and reflect on what the birth of Jesus means to us and to our world and how we can make the presence of Jesus more real for ourselves, our loved ones, and people of good will. Today we have the time. But we know how quickly this time will pass.

Go from here, as people ready to follow God’s way:

- We are ready to welcome a faithful change in our daily routine.
- We are ready to see local families reflected in the image of the struggling holy family.
- We are ready to say, “It can be done”.
- We are ready to overcome prejudice with acceptance.
- We are ready to live as if the coming few days were the biblical last days.

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### THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(4 - 10 December)

- **Monday, 4:** Monday of 1<sup>st</sup> week Advent (Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11)
- **Tuesday, 5:** Tuesday of 1<sup>st</sup> week Advent (Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24)
- **Wednesday, 6:** Wednesday of 1<sup>st</sup> week Advent (Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37)
- **Thursday, 7:** St Ambrose (Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27)
- **Friday, 8:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Saturday, 9:** Saturday of 1<sup>st</sup> week Advent (Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 6-8)
- **Sunday 10:** Second Sunday of Advent (Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8)

### PASTORAL CARE

If you need a priest for anointing prior to medical treatment, or if you are ill (not necessarily life-threatening) or for last rites please contact: (08) 8210 8155 or in an emergency 0417 080 955