



Welcome to

# Kangaroo Island Catholic Community

(Part of the Adelaide Cathedral Parish)

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

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## WEEKEND MASSES

Kingscote at 9.30am

## CONFESSION

Kingscote at 9.00am (prior to Mass)

## 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.

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## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 58:7-10*

Thus says the Lord:  
Share your bread with the hungry,  
and shelter the homeless poor; clothe  
the man you see to be naked and turn  
not from your own kin. Then your  
light will shine like the dawn and  
your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you and  
the glory of the Lord behind you.  
Cry, and the Lord will answer; call,  
and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke, the  
clenched fist, the wicked word, if  
you give your bread to the hungry,  
and relief to the oppressed, your  
light will rise in the darkness, and  
your shadows become like noon.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 111:4-9*

*A light rises in the darkness for the upright.*

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. R.
2. The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a

firm heart he trusts in the Lord. R.

3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. R.

## SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 2:1-5*

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Jn 8:12*

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life.  
Alleluia!*

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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.

## KEEP THESE

### PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Healing list:** Brianna Chudlee, Annette Roestenburg, Michelle Glynn, Rebecca Semler, Chris Heath, Simon Laundry, Josh Semler

**February anniversaries:** Heather Barrett, Joan Marie Berden, Mary Clark, Phillip Deakin, Allice Ellick, Alfred Gray, Bernadette Hehir, Kenneth Howard, Ron King, Jamie Larcombe, Frank May, Tom Meaney, Allan Moray, Pat Pawelski, Horace Riley, Christopher Riley, Bert Willson

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

## PARISH ROSTERS

	Reader	Prayers	Cleaning
8/2	S Heath	L Grant	C Berden
15/2	K Hammatt	W Bennett	C Berden
22/2	S Semler	L Grant	C Berden
1/3	P Clark	TBA	C Berden

## PRIEST ROSTER

8/2 F Harold Camonias



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## GOSPEL

### Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples, 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.'

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house.'

In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

## SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

The people of Israel often described the Law of God as 'salt' because it gave zest and flavour to life and it preserved them as the people of God. Similarly, the Law was often compared to a light that showed them the path to God: 'Your word is a light to my feet and a lamp to my path' (Psalm 119:105). Jerusalem, the city on the hill, was a focal point and reminder of God's presence.

Jesus gives a new focus to all these images when he applies them to those who hear his word and put it into practice. All Christians are called to be 'salt' and 'light', a 'city on the hill' giving witness to God's presence.

## GIVE FREELY AND OPENLY

When Beth unexpectedly inherited a large amount of money, she was scared. She had never managed such a sum before, and she was intimidated by the prospect of handling this responsibility correctly. Her future would be secure as long as she didn't make any mistakes, so she set about learning how to invest wisely and working with trustworthy, expert professionals. And she resisted the temptation to spend too much of it!

Through the process, she discovered

confidence in herself. She could make smart financial decisions. That confidence led her to want to do more with the money - she wanted to help people with it and apply her newfound savvy. She became a philanthropist and she developed strategies to maximise the effectiveness of her gifts - one of which was widely telling others that she was giving to. She found her listeners then started donating to the same causes. She encouraged women in particular not to give anonymously, not to be too humble about their giving - in order to help other women realise they could do the same. It's not bragging if your intentions are charitable. Don't put your lamp under a basket indeed!

You can bring change by:

- Knowing the faithful way.
- Working quietly from the inside.
- Being ready to take the long-term approach.
- Listening to different points of view.
- Being willing to find the facts.
- Taking the time that is needed.
- Refusing to give in or give up.
- Shining light on the darkest path.

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(09 - 15 February)

- **Monday, 09:** Weekday Ord Time 5 (1 Kg 8:1-7, 9-13 ; Mk 6:53-56)
- **Tuesday, 10:** St Scholastica (1 Kg 8:22-23, 27-30 ; Mk 7:1-13)
- **Wednesday, 11:** Weekday Ord Time 5 (1 Kg 10:1-10 ; Mk 7:14-23)
- **Thursday, 12:** Weekday Ord Time 5 (1 Kg 11:4-13 ; Mk 7:24-30)
- **Friday, 13:** Weekday Ord Time 5 (1 Kg 11:29-32; 12:19 ; Mk 7:31-37)
- **Saturday, 14:** Sts Cyril & Methodius (1 Kg 12:26-32; 13:33-34 ; Mk 8:1-10)
- **Sunday 15:** 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37)

## 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.



## Ron Rolheiser column

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### JOHN ALLEN RIP

The renowned anthropologist Mircea Eliade once issued this warning: No community should botch its deaths. He's right. Death washes clean and only after someone is gone can we fully drink in the gift that he or she was for us and the world.

On January 22nd the Christian community, and the Catholic Church in particular, lost someone who had been a gift to us for a long time. John Allen, the editor-in-chief of *Crux*, died in Rome at the age of 61. He had been battling cancer since 2022.

John Allen was one of the most prominent (and important) English journalists commenting on religious issues, particularly on ecclesial issues and the shifting demographics of religion in the world. He worked out of Rome as a Vatican correspondent and out of the USA as editor-in-chief of a news site that helped keep us abreast of what was happening religiously in the world.

A number of things made John stand out as a journalist. He had a talent for having his finger on the pulse of things, not just in what was happening in the churches, but also what (in his words) were the mega-trends in the world. For those of us who didn't have time to scan the news every day and read the numerous articles in religious magazines and websites – well we could read John Allen.

But, even more important than his talent for having his finger on the pulse of things was his always fair-minded, balanced commentary. John Allen did not fall into either of the current ecclesial categories of liberal or conservative. He was both, and neither. He was comfortable in both liberal and conservative gatherings, comfortable with Popes John Paul II

and Benedict and with Francis and Leo. He had devotees and critics on both sides of the ecclesial spectrum. That speaks well of him. If I may use a time-worn cliché, he was too conservative for some liberals and too liberal for some conservatives. He didn't have a full home with either of them, even as he was at home with both. Moreover, he was never accused of being unfair, even by those who disagreed with him.

Then, beyond the journalist, there was John Allen the man, the friend, the one who forever brought lightness, warmth and humour into the circle. I was privileged to get to know him (and his favourite restaurants) during my years on our General Council in Rome. He befriended our Oblate community and we befriended him. Our friendship continued after my return to Canada and the USA and John accepted invitations to speak at various symposia and conferences at our school and at other Oblate sponsored events.

And he was always memorable, not just for his solid content, but also for his colour and humour. He would introduce himself to the audience by sharing that he came from Hill City, Kansas, where, in his words, "there is no hill, and sure as hell no city!" The local bar there, he said, had a sign in the men's restroom: Please don't gut your ducks in the sink! He carried that earthiness into his presentations and no one ever left wondering what exactly he was talking about. He didn't only bring balance and fairness, he also brought colour, humour, and wit.

John carried that into his life in general: insight, balance, and color. My image of John is this: a cigarette in hand, a drink in front of him, sitting with a group who are holding forth on every kind of issue, with John providing colourful banter along with keen insights from his

wide world experience. I remember a story he shared at just this kind of gathering, about how he was with his family inside a mall in Minneapolis when his phone rang. He looked at the number and then told his family he needed to step outside to take this call. It was Pope Benedict. How do you tell your family in a shopping mall in Minneapolis that you just had a phone call from the pope?

As Eliade says, no community should botch its deaths. In his discourse at the Last Supper in John's Gospel, Jesus repeatedly tells his disciples that they will only be able to receive his spirit after he dies. Like Eliade, he is warning them not to botch his death. They didn't.

After his death, his first disciples, for all their misunderstanding and infidelities while he was alive, didn't botch his death. In the light of his death, they were able to grasp, fully for the first time, his person and his message.

We lost a giant in John Allen and we shouldn't botch his death.

We need to drink in his spirit so that, among other things, we might be more fair-minded, not fall into any one-sided ecclesial ideology, and always bring warmth and wit into a room.

John Allen, RIP, you were always the good Hill City man who was far too sensible to ever gut your ducks in the sink.

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