



Welcome to

# Kangaroo Island Catholic Community

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

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## KANGAROO ISLAND

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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.



### FIRST READING

*Wisdom 7:7-11*

I prayed, and understanding was  
given me; I entreated, and the spirit  
of Wisdom came to me.

I esteemed her more than sceptres  
and thrones; compared with her, I  
held riches as nothing.

I reckoned no priceless stone to be  
her peer, for compared with her, all  
gold is a pinch of sand, and beside  
her silver ranks as mud.

I loved her more than health or  
beauty, preferred her to the light,  
since her radiance never sleeps.

In her company all good things came  
to me, at her hands riches not to be  
numbered.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 89:12-17*

*Fill us with your love, O Lord,  
and we will sing for joy!*

### SECOND READING

*Hebrews 4:12-13*

The word of God is something  
alive and active: it cuts like any  
double-edged sword but more  
finely: it can slip through the place  
where the soul is divided from the  
spirit, or joints from the marrow; it  
can judge the secret emotions and  
thoughts. No created thing can hide

from him; everything is uncovered  
and open to the eyes of the one to  
whom we must give account of  
ourselves.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mt 5:3*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

*Mark 10:17-30*

Jesus was setting out on a journey  
when a man ran up, knelt before him  
and put this question to him, 'Good  
master, what must I do to inherit  
eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why  
do you call me good? No one is  
good but God alone. You know the  
commandments: You must not kill;  
You must not commit adultery; You  
must not steal; You must not bring  
false witness; You must not defraud;  
Honour your father and mother.' And  
he said to him, 'Master, I have kept  
all these from my earliest days.'  
Jesus looked steadily at him and  
loved him, and he said, 'There is one  
thing you lack. Go and sell  
everything you own and give the  
money to the poor, and you will have  
treasure in heaven; then come,  
follow me.'

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# Bulletin Board

## PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Bill Roestenberg, Nick Hacker, Fr Peter Milburn, Melanie Howson, Sr Carmel Clarke

**October anniversaries:** Murray Brook, Leo Clark, William Commerford, Trish Dennes, Clifford Dow, Barry Dunn, Leo Dunn, Katarina Faist, James Gibbs, Mary Alice Gibbs, Rosie Grace, Harry Hughes, Thomas Hughes, Kath Hutton, Licci Longzaer, Philis Lorimer, John Lowry, Winifred Lydon, Mary Morrissey, Noel Perkins, Harry Rich, Alf Rombout, Betty Walsh, Bernard Williams, Ethel Willson, Joan Wilson and all the faithful departed.

**Recently deceased:** Brenton Semler

## ROSTERS

Comm	Reader	Cleaning
10/10 L Grant	P Bennett	A Clark
17/10 A Clark	C Pahl	C Berden
24/10 M Glynn	N Clark	C Berden
31/10 S Semler	A Gibbs	H Mumford

## COVID Marshal

10/10 C Weatherstone	17/10 P Bennett
24/10 A Clark	31/10 W Bennett

## PRIEST ROSTER

*(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)*

10/10 Fr George Nader
17/10 Fr Dev 24/10 Fr Prathap
31/10 Archbishop O'Regan / Fr Josy

## PRAYER FOR HEALING

Parishioners are invited to a Prayer for Healing and Renewal gathering in our Church on Thursdays: 9.00am - 9.30am.

## COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Please read the most up-to-date information on page 4 of this bulletin.

## VISIT OF ARCHBISHOP

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will be coming to KI for confirmation on 31 October. There will be five confirmation candidates and we are hoping to have a shared lunch to follow (dependant on Covid restrictions then). More details later.

## FIRST COLLECTION

The funds we contribute to the first collection each week are the primary means of sustaining our Priests, Deacons and retired Priests in our 55 parishes. Together with stole offerings – that is, the payments made to clergy for

weddings, funerals and baptisms – all funds are paid into the Diocesan Presbytery Fund. This fund provides our priests' stipends, medical benefits, motor vehicles and continuing education. The fund also provides support for our retired and sick priests and the Priests and Deacons working in the Archdiocese. Our clergy rely totally on the first collection for their material needs and sustenance. Their workload is increasing and in our fast growing secular society demand for the services provided by the Catholic Church and its clergy has never been greater.

Remember, you can now donate to the first Collection via the 'Giving' section on the Find a Mass App.

Thank you for your generosity and for your care for the wellbeing of our Priests and Deacons.

## FAITH ENCOUNTER EVENING

*An opportunity to come together to share our faith and hear about opportunities for deepening our relationship with Christ*

This evening will be facilitated by three members of the Ministerial Formation Programme, which supports and forms laypeople for service throughout the Adelaide Archdiocese. In this instance the MFP team wish to serve our parish.

Annette Heinemann is the Acting Director of the Ministerial Formation Programme and will briefly explain its scope and work.

Judy Foster is the MFP Spiritual Coordinator. She is a Spiritual Director formed in the Ignatian tradition. She will lead us in prayer to start our evening.

Kathy Horan is the MFP Formation Co-ordinator and will discourse about the Adult Rite of Christian Initiation and its relationship to the life of prayer and service.

Annette, Judy and Kathy plan to have a meal at the Ozone afterwards and invite you to join them.

Date: Monday 11 October  
Time: 5.30 - 6.45 pm  
Venue: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

## DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Archdiocese of Adelaide is establishing a new Diocesan Pastoral Council whose work will include furthering the discernment and

implementation of recommendations from the Diocesan Assembly and the decrees of the Plenary Council. We are seeking a diverse, skilled membership who can demonstrate leadership and commitment to the Gospel.

**Expressions of interest** for membership to the Diocesan Pastoral Council need to include a brief written description of why you feel called to be a member of the council and what experience, gifts and skills you can offer. Two referees, one of which is their parish priest, must also be included.

Expressions of interest may be addressed to Archbishop Patrick O'Regan c/o Sarah Moffatt (email: smoffatt@adelaide.catholic.org.au; Mail: 39 Wakefield St, Adelaide, SA 5000). **Deadline: November 1, 2021.**

## WORLD MISSION DAY APPEAL

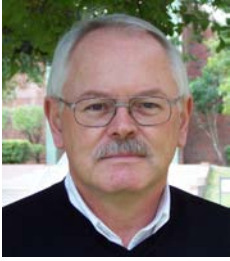
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Next week Catholic Mission will invite you to partner with Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand as they reach out to vulnerable mothers, like Churai, and their babies, who would have nowhere to turn when they need support, love and kindness the most.

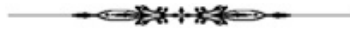
Next week you will have the opportunity to respond to what you have seen and heard, and the Home, as well as other vital mission programs supporting children and communities in need around the world. Please come with an open and generous heart.





## 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



### DO WE HAVE GUARDIAN ANGELS?

As a child, I was taught that I had a guardian angel, a real angel given me by God to accompany me everywhere and protect me from danger. I remember a pious holy card given to me by my mother, showing a young boy playing dangerously close to the edge of a cliff and an angel protecting him there. Most Roman Catholics of my generation, I suspect, remember a pious prayer we prayed each day asking for the guidance and protection of our guardian angel: *Angel of God, my guardian dear ...*

What's to be said about guardian angels? Do such personified spirits really exist or are guardian angels simply creatures of our imagination created to be helpful in the religious development of children? Are we meant to outgrow our belief in them?

Whether or not we are meant to outgrow that belief, the fact is that today for the most part we have outgrown it. Most adults, within all Christian denominations, either see the existence of guardian angels as pious fantasy or are simply indifferent to the idea.

Are we still meant to believe in guardian angels? If yes, in what exactly are we meant to believe? Are angels real personified beings or simply another word for God's presence in our lives?

Scripture scholars don't give us a definitive answer but rather suggest that the question can be answered either way. In scripture, the word 'angel' might be referring to a real personified spirit or it might be referring to a special presence of God in some situation. Church tradition affirms more strongly that angels are real. Here angels have a rich history and for the most part are taken to be real persons (albeit spirits). Christian

iconography and music abound with angels, and the Roman Catholic Church has major feasts celebrating angels and guardian angels. The Fourth Lateran Council (taking place in 1215, long before the Protestant Reformation) stated that belief in guardian angels is *implicit* in scripture. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* affirms that "from infancy to death human life is surrounded by their [guardian angels'] watchful care and intercession. Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life."

Where does that leave us? Divided. Conservative Christians generally assert the existence of angels as a dogmatic teaching. Angels are real. Liberal Christians tend to doubt that or at least are agnostic about it. For them, 'angel' more likely refers to a special presence of God. For example, they take the statement in the Gospels where the evangelist tells us that while Jesus was praying "an angel came and strengthened him" to mean that God's grace came and strengthened him.

Who's right? Perhaps it doesn't matter since the reality is the same in either case. God gives us revelation, guidance, protection, and strength and does so in ways that are "angelic", that are beyond our normal conceptualizations.

Those who believe that angels are real have a strong case. Even if we just look at the origins and dimensions of physical creation (whatever scientific version of this you subscribe to) mystery immediately dwarfs our imaginative capacities. It is all too huge to grasp! We know now that there are billions of universes (not just planets) and we know now that our planet earth, and we on this planet, are the tiniest of minute specks inside the unthinkable magnitude of

God's creation. If this is true, and it is, then this is hardly the time to be skeptical about the extent of God's creation, believing that we, humans, are what is central and that there can be no personified realities beyond our own flesh and blood. Such thinking is narrow, both from the point of view of faith and from the perspective of science itself.

However, the agnosticism of those who doubt the existence of angels is ultimately benign. When scripture tells us that the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to announce her pregnancy and when it tells us that after Jesus had exhausted himself with struggle in Gethsemane, an angel came and strengthened him, it makes little difference whether this occurred via the modality of a personified spirit or via some other modality of God's presence. Either way, it was real. Either way, it was a particularized, real entry of God into someone's life.

So, do we have guardian angels? At birth or at baptism does God assign a particular angel to journey with us throughout our lives, giving us invisible, heavenly guidance and protection?

Yes, we do have a guardian angel, irrespective of how we might imagine or conceive of this. God is closer to us than we are to ourselves and God's solicitous love, guidance, and protection are with us always. At the end of the day, it matters little whether this comes through a particular personified spirit (who has a name in heaven) or whether it comes simply through God's loving omnipresence.

God's presence is real – and we are never alone, without God's love, guidance, and protection.

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



## COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 05 October, 2021)

- Places of Worship are restricted to 3 people per 4 square metres with social distancing of 1.5 metres. The number of people at a Private Activity has increased from 50 people to 150 people, provided density requirements are met. If more than 50 people are present, there must be an independent COVID Marshal. QR codes and/or handwritten logs are essential.
- Wearing of masks is mandatory. Wearing of masks in parish offices is strongly recommended.
- Attendees at indoor religious services may sing during worship and members of choirs or chorus groups may perform or rehearse indoors, if they wear masks while doing so.
- Recommendation from Archdiocesan Office that tea/coffee after Mass be suspended.
- Social distancing is mandatory - DO NOT CONGREGATE at entry/exit and outside.
- There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- Every gathering must record contact details - either with the QR code for smart phones, or the handwritten log - both located at the entrance to the Church
- Hand sanitizer is 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.
- 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.
- The Archdiocese recommends Covid vaccination for all (please check with your GP if you have concerns).
- Obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage. You may wish to access: [Mass for You at Home – The official website of Mass For You At Home](#),

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But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land - not without persecutions - now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

### TRAVEL LIGHT, TRAVEL RIGHT

Have you ever felt like a camel? I did several years ago. With a good friend, we embarked on a long-awaited holiday to Italy where we had both studied a number of years earlier. Back in university I travelled all over the United States and Europe with just a small backpack and not even a credit card to my name.

But this time we were loaded down like pack animals. You never realise just how much stuff you've packed until you drag it with you up and down the canals of Venice like a mini caravan. As I lugged my oversized rolling suitcase up the stairs of the Grand Canal I realised all too well just how encumbered my life had

become. And so I worry whenever this reading of the "camel through the eye of a needle" gospel comes around. Sometimes I look around my house at all the accoutrements I've gathered, and I feel very much like a dromedary loaded down with wares.

A while back an environmental group suggested that people carry around with them all the trash they produce in a week. All of it. Chicken bones and empty shampoo bottles, old Kleenexes and ice-cream sticks, tin cans and used coffee cups. Then we'd know just how many trappings we rely on to sustain the life we lead. And it might also give us a glimpse of how our life can get too caught up acquiring and maintaining "things" rather than enjoying the freedom that comes from knowing God's love is sufficient.

Let us go from here as those who know true wealth: the sound of a waterfall, the beauty of a sunset, the joy of children's laughter, the embrace of a loved one, the trust of a friend, a good bed at the end of the day, a favourite song in our own church, the companionship of serving the needy, the life, death, and rising of Jesus Christ. You are wealthy indeed!  
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### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(October 11 - 17)

- **Monday, 11:** Weekday, Ord Time 28 (Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32)
- **Tuesday, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 28 (Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41)
- **Wednesday, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 28 (Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46)
- **Thursday, 14:** Weekday, Ord Time 28 (Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54)
- **Friday, 15:** St Teresa of Jesus (Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7)
- **Saturday, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 28 (Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12)
- **Sunday 17:** 29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45)

### 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).