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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

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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 40:1-5, 9-11

‘Console my people, console them’
says your God.

‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
and call to her that her time of
service is ended, that her sin is
atoned for, that she has received
from the hand of the Lord double
punishment for her crimes.’

A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the
wilderness a way for the Lord.
Make a straight highway for our
God across the desert. Let every
valley be filled in, every mountain
and hill be laid low. Let every cliff
become a plain, and the ridges a
valley; then the glory of the Lord
shall be revealed and all mankind
shall see it; for the mouth of the
Lord has spoken.’

Go up on a high mountain, joyful
messenger to Zion. Shout with a
loud voice, joyful messenger to
Jerusalem. Shout without fear,
say to the towns of Judah,
‘Here is your God.’

Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him. He is

like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms, holding
them against his breast and leading
them to their rest the mother ewes.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:9-14

*Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation.*

SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that
you must never forget: that with the
Lord, ‘a day’ can mean a thousand
years, and a thousand years is like a
day. The Lord is not being slow to
carry out his promises, as anybody
else might be called slow; but he is
being patient with you all, wanting
nobody to be lost and everybody to
be brought to change his ways. The
Day of the Lord will come like a
thief, and then with a roar the sky
will vanish, the elements will catch
fire and fall apart, the earth and all
that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end
like this, you should be living holy
and saintly lives while you wait and
long for the Day of God to come,

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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
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)

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.

PLEASE NOTE

Prayers for Healing will **NOT** be held in the Church next Thursday.

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.

FIND YOUR PLACE THIS ADVENT

As John the Baptist preached he said, "The real action comes next: The star in this drama, to whom I'm a mere stagehand, will change your life. I'm baptising you here in the river, turning your old life in for a kingdom life. His baptism – a holy baptism by the Holy Spirit – will change you from the inside out".
(Mark 1: 7 - 8)

It all begins with a cry in the wilderness. In the amazing Musical, The Lion King (both on

stage and on screen, the action opens with the piercing wake-up call of Rafiki, the wise old baboon, who calls all the animals of the kingdom to take their place in the circle of life. The slow, insistent gathering of the animals is a powerful symbol of how every creature responds to the one call. Today we read the opening lines of the gospel of Mark, which begins similarly, with the wise and wild John the Baptist calling all who would listen to take their place in the reign of God. It's a wake-up call, a voice crying out in the wilderness. Prepare the way.

At the culmination of this opening number of The Lion King, all the animals of the jungle have gathered and focused on the king and on the arrival of the king's son, who is held high above all the other creatures. The culmination of John the Baptist's preaching was to focus everyone on the will of God and to point to God's son, Jesus, the one "who is mightier than I". In each scenario, all creatures gain a reference point beyond themselves and a focus that lets them know who they are and how they are to live.

GPBS eNews

THE SOUTHERN CROSS Christmas Edition

Once again the Christmas edition will be inserted in "The Advertiser" on Saturday December 16. Free copies will be available on the weekend of December 16/17 and over the Christmas season.

DATES

15 Dec Last day School term
 24 Dec 4th Sunday of Advent
 25 Dec Catholic Charities Appeal
 31 Dec The Holy family Jesus, Mary and Joseph



"I don't count calories or carbs. Dieting is hard enough without Maths."



Ron Rolheiser column

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OUR OVER-COMPLEX, TORTURED SELVES

When all is said and done, our lives are not all that serene and peaceful. In a manner of speaking, we are always somewhat pathetic. That shouldn't scare us. Pathetic is not a pejorative term. The word comes from the Greek, *pathos*, which means pain. To be pathetic is to live in pain, and we all do because of the very way we are made.

You might say that doesn't sound right. Aren't we made in the image and likeness of God so that each of us, no matter how messed up our lives might be, carry a special dignity and a certain godliness within us? We do carry that special dignity. However, despite that and largely because of it, our lives tend to be so complex as to be pain filled. Why?

Godliness isn't easy to carry. The infinite inside us doesn't easily fit itself into the finite. We carry too much divine fire inside to find much peace in this life.

That struggle begins early in life. To create a self-identity as a very young child, we need to make a series of mental contractions which ultimately limit our awareness. First, we need to differentiate ourselves from others (*That's mom – I'm me*); then, we need to differentiate between what is living and what is not (*the puppy is alive – my doll isn't*); next, we need to differentiate between what is physical and what is mental (*this is my body – but I think with my mind*). Finally, and critically, as we are doing all this, we need split off as much of our luminosity we can consciously handle from what is too much to consciously handle. With that we create a self-identity – but *we also create a shadow*, namely, an area inside us which is split off from our consciousness.

Notice that our shadow is not first of all a looming darkness. Rather, it's

all the light and energy inside us that we cannot consciously handle. Most of us, I suspect, are familiar with the words of Marianne Williamson made famous by Nelson Mandela in his inauguration speech: *Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us.*

Our light frightens us because it is not easy to carry. It gives us great dignity and infinite depth, but it also makes us pathologically complex and restless. Ruth Burrows, one of the foremost spiritual writers of our time, begins her autobiography with these words: *I was born into this world with a tortured sensitivity and my life has not been an easy one.* You wouldn't expect those words from a mystic, from someone who has been a faithful nun for more than seventy-five years. You wouldn't expect that her struggle in life was as much with the light within herself as with the darkness within and around her. That's also true for each of us.

There's a famous passage in the Book of Qoheleth where the sacred writer tells us that God has made everything beautiful in its own time. However, the passage doesn't end on a peaceful note. It ends by telling us that, while God has made everything beautiful in its own time, God has put *timelessness* into the human heart so that we are congenitally out of sync with time and the seasons from beginning to end. Both our special dignity and our pathological complexity take their origins in that anomaly in our nature. We are overcharged for life on this planet.

St. Augustine gave this classic expression in his famous line: *You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.* There is an entire anthropology and spirituality in that single line. Our dignity and our perpetual restlessness have one and the same source.

Thus, you need to give yourself sacred permission for being wild of heart, restless of heart, insatiable of heart, complex of heart, and driven of heart. Too often, where both psychology and spirituality have failed you is in giving you the impression that you should be living without chaos and restlessness in your life. Admittedly, these can beset you more acutely because of moral inadequacy, but they will beset you no matter how good a life you are living. Indeed, if you are a deeply sensitive person, you will probably feel your complexity more acutely than if you are less sensitive or are deadening your sensitivity with distractions.

Karl Rahner once wrote to a friend who had written to him complaining that he wasn't finding the fulfillment he longed for in life. His friend expressed disappointment with himself, his marriage, and his job. Rahner gave him this counsel: *In the torment of the insufficiency of everything attainable, we ultimately learn that in this life there is no finished symphony.* There can be no finished symphony in this life – not because our souls are defective, but because they carry godliness.

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



COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 07/12/23)



- 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

- John the Baptist is a prominent figure in Mark's Gospel. In Luke's Gospel he is portrayed as a cousin of Jesus, however in the other gospels he seems not to know the identity of Jesus and no family connection is mentioned.
- John's clothing of homespun camel hair tied with a leather thong around the waist is the explicit garb of a prophet.
- God had called the people of Israel out of Egypt and led them across the River Jordan to be a new people. God, through John, is now calling for a new people by passing them through the waters of baptism in the same river.

EXPLORING THE WORD

The prophet Isaiah brought a message of hope and comfort to the people of Israel who were in exile in Babylon. Despite their failings, God is merciful and has promised them a new beginning. John the Baptist appears in the line of that great prophet and again promises Israel the chance of a new beginning if they repent and turn again towards God.

The emphasis in Mark's portrait of the Baptist is very much that of the subordinate. John's self-effacing manner makes it clear that he is not the one who is promised, but the one who is to prepare the way. The emphasis in John's preaching is on judgment; for Jesus it is the Reign of God and salvation.

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when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Perpare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way.
A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the River Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

COMFORT WITH A CATCH

(Mark 1: 1 - 8)

"There's good news, and there's bad news". A whole body of jokes begin this way, and we laugh ruefully

because that statement is generally true. The news is hardly ever good or bad, but rather a blend of results better for some than others. One ball team beats another; is this good news, or bad?

John the Baptist preaches repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Good news or bad? It's great news for sinners who repent. It's good news for people who yearn to be forgiven and know they have reason to be. It's not good news for people who have no intention of leaving their sin behind. And its positively bad news for the self-righteous, convinced of their innocence and resentful that sinful types are getting off the hook.

The message of John the Baptist is comfort with a catch. The catch is baptism, a drowning to the old way and a resurrection into grasping new life. We can't find comfort in religion – not this religion! – if we intend to remain just as we are. John's baptism is with water, bracing and cold. The Mighty One is coming along soon with fire and spirit. Things are going to change.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(11 - 17 December)

- **Monday, 11:** Monday of 2nd week Advent (Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26)
- **Tuesday, 12:** Tuesday of 2nd week Advent (Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14)
- **Wednesday, 13:** St Lucy (Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30)
- **Thursday, 14:** St John of the Cross (Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15)
- **Friday, 15:** Friday of 2nd week of Advent (Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19)
- **Saturday, 16:** Saturday of 2nd week Advent (Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:10-13)
- **Sunday 17:** Third Sunday of Advent (Is 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thess 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28)

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