



Welcome to

# Kangaroo Island Catholic Community

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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.

- Mrs Helen Mumford (KI contact - 0408 367 009)
- Integrity and Safeguarding Dept (8210 8150 - select option 2)

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### FIRST READING

*Acts 8:5-8, 14-17*

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20*

*Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: "How tremendous your deeds!" (R)

2. "Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name." Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. (R)
3. He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dryshod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. (R)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul: Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love for me. (R)

### SECOND READING

*1 Peter 3:15-18*

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for  
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# Bulletin Board

## KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

**May anniversaries:** Dorothy 'Mardi' Atkison, William 'Bill' Bauer, Shirley Black, Doris Bosanko, Norma 'Aileen' Cartel, Tony Cairney, William Christopher, Craig Feltus, Mary Alice Grace, Benjamin Hayes, Henry Hughes, Sarah Hughes, Fr P P Kelly, Alan Lashmar, Maria Loechel, Ann McAnnally, James McAnnally, Lillian Murphy, Laurence O'Daly, Dean Page, Ruth Perkins, Molly Polly, Edna Rayson, Mary - Douglas Rosentreter, Brenton Semler, Henry Tabor, Michael Wilcox, Alice Willson, Brian Willson, Mary Connell.

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

## PRIEST ROSTER

10 May Fr Lancy D'Silva  
17 May Fr Vincent Wijesurya

## RAFFLE



The Guild is holding a new "Squares" fundraiser to support the end-of-year Maths Prize. Squares are on sale for \$2 each. Your generous support would be very much appreciated.

## LOVE MADE VISIBLE IN THE SCHOOL DAY

*Jesus said, "If you love me, show it by doing what I've told you, keep my commandments." (John 14:15)*

In the middle of everyday family life,

love often shows itself in the smallest exchanges. A moment of listening when everyone is talking at once. A decision to forgive quickly at home rather than hold onto frustration. A choice to be present, even when life feels stretched and noisy.

The words "If you love me, keep my commandments" land very practically in parish life. Love is not only spoken in prayer or sung in hymns. It is lived in kitchens, in cars on the way to sport, in conversations after a long day, and in the way we treat each other when no one is trying to impress anyone else.

For each of us, this kind of love is deeply grounding. It reminds us that faith is not something we switch on only on Sundays. It is carried into the week through patience, honesty, and a willingness to start again when relationships get strained. It is seen when parents model calm in stressful moments, and when children learn that kindness is stronger than winning an argument.

In a world that moves quickly and often encourages self-focus, this way of living stands out. It is quietly powerful. It forms homes that feel safe, relationships that feel steady, and communities that feel real. Parish life becomes stronger when ordinary people choose extraordinary faithfulness in ordinary moments.

There is also something deeply hopeful about this. None of us do it perfectly. Yet every small act of love builds something greater than we can see in the moment. A culture of mercy grows slowly but surely when it is practised consistently.

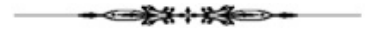
In this way, parish life becomes a living witness. Not through perfection, but through persistence. Not through grand statements, but through daily

choices that reflect what we believe.

Love is not only spoken. It is shown, again and again, in how we live with one another.

## Action Response

This week, choose one relationship at home or in your parish where love has felt a bit routine or strained. Make a deliberate decision to change the pattern, not with words alone, but through consistent action. Offer patience when it is not deserved, forgive without delay, or take the first step toward reconciliation. Do it quietly, without needing recognition, and allow it to shape the atmosphere around you. *GPBS eNews*



## WHAT'S ON

- 17 May St Vincent de Paul Appeal
- 8 Jun King's Birthday
- 28 Jun Holy Father's Appeal
- 3 Jul End school term 2
- 5 Jul NATSICC Appeal
- 12 Jul Stella Maris - Appeal
- 20 Jul Beginning school term 3
- 9 Aug Promotion Vocations Appeal
- Sep Catholic Charities Month
- Sep 5-13 Royal Adelaide Show
- 25 Sep School term 3 ends
- 26 Sep AFL Grand Final
- 5 Oct Labour Day
- 12 Oct School term 4 begins
- 18 Oct World Mission Month
- 3 Nov Melbourne Cup
- 8 Nov Supporting our Clergy Appeal
- 15 Nov St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal
- 11 Dec School term 4 ends
- 25 Dec Christmas Day (Catholic Charities Special Appeal)
- 26 Dec Proclamation Day

## MASS ROSTERS

Date	Readers/Prayers	Special Ministers	Cleaners
10 May	H Mumford, A Clark	<b>M Slagter, L Grant</b>	C Berden
17 May	S Semler, L Grant	H Mumford, A Clark	C Berden
24 May	K Hammat, M Glynn	W Bennett, S Semler	C Berden
31 May	S Semler, L Grant	P Bennett, M Slagter	C Berden
7 June	P Clark, W Bennett	L Grant, H Mumford	H Mumford
14 June	K Hammat, S Semler	W Bennett, A Clark	H Mumford
28 June	A Clark, M Glynn	L Grant, H Mumford	H Mumford
05 July	W Bennett, M Slagter	K Hammat, M Slagter	C Brinkley



"I must be in the autumn of my life. I feel like a pile of wet leaves."



## Ron Rolheiser column

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### SCIENCE AND CHRISTIAN FAITH – FRIENDS NOT FOES

During most of the two thousand years that Christianity has existed it has not been friends with science, and science has not been friends with it. From the Church condemning Galileo, to the Enlightenment thinkers declaring faith “a spent project,” science and Christian faith have been more foe than friend. Happily, this has changed.

Today Christian theology has been able to not only accept the legitimate findings of science but it has been able to integrate them healthily into a vision of salvation history. As a salient example of this we might look at the theological synthesis given us by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955).

Teilhard was a prominent scientist, a palaeontologist recognised internationally for his scientific work. He was also a person of exceptional faith, a mystic, a Jesuit priest, and a gifted spiritual writer.

At the time he was doing his scientific work and writing his first theological treatises, the concept of evolution was still almost universally rejected by all the Christian churches, who saw it as in opposition to the story of creation in Genesis. Indeed, the Roman Catholic authorities forbid Teilhard to publish his theological writings, and for several decades his theological writings were circulated only privately among his Jesuit colleagues. Eventually, with the advent of Vatican II and a general (cultural and religious) softening of resistance to the concept of evolution, Teilhard’s theological treatises were allowed by Church authorities to be published; albeit they still came with a warning label as dogmatically unsafe.

What is that worldview? To my mind, it is one of the great syntheses of science and Christian faith that has yet been written. In essence, what Teilhard did was to take the findings of science, particularly the concept of evolution, and meld it with a

Christian vision of salvation history to produce a framework within which to more deeply understand science, the Christian faith, and the place of Christ in history.

In brief, he fused, as a perfect fit, the scientific notion of creation and evolution (what we might today call *the Big Bang hypothesis*) with a Christian vision of salvation history and the place of Christ in that history.

Here, in brief, is his synthesis: God is love and fifteen billion years ago, God created the universe (*ex nihilo*) out of love. However, God didn’t create it as a finished product, as described in Genesis, but as a cosmic infant that would evolve and grow through some billions of years to reach maturity.

Biblically, initial creation, as described in Genesis, was a “formless void.” In an evolutionary view, it took more than six days for human beings to appear; it took fourteen to fifteen billion years. And creation unfolded this way: After the initial creation (*the Big Bang*), God, at the centre of everything, began to draw all things to Himself through love, and through billions of years, as creation responded to that invitation, it increased continually in complexity, consciousness, and unity, moving freely in love towards God. And this went through *four* stages, always with God at the centre, drawing creation into the mystery of love:

*First*, geology, earth, rocks, and water formed (“*Geogenesis*”). *Second*, from these, eventually life comes forth (“*Biogenesis*”). *Third*, some millions of years later human beings with self-reflective consciousness and free will emerge (“*Noogenesis*”). But, for Teilhard, there is still a *fourth* stage, the coming of Christ (“*Christogenesis*”).

For Teilhard the birth of Christ is the penultimate culmination (spiritually and cosmically) of the evolutionary process. The unfolding of evolutionary history eventually brings us Christ, not just as the historical

Jesus but also as a cosmic reality. For Teilhard, Christ is both a person and a cosmic structure within the universe which, like the person of Jesus, invites everything (humans, animals, plants, rocks, water) to an “omega point,” namely, to a community of love inside of God.

This might sound complex, but perhaps it can be explained more simply by folding Teilhard’s vision of creation into the early Christian hymn in Ephesians, 1,3-10. Here science and Christian faith (not least about the centrality of Christ) blend seamlessly:

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. ... In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ ... God has given us the wisdom to understand fully the mystery, a plan he was pleased to decree in Christ. A plan to be carried out in Christ, in the fullness of time, to bring all things into one in him, in the heavens and on earth.*

Salvation history and evolutionary history both point to *the unfolding mystery of how God is bringing all things into unity through Christ*. Teilhard wonderfully folded the cosmic history of this planet into the mystery of Christ.

Science and Christian faith are friends, not foes.

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

## 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):  
Kangaroo Island DPF - CDF Account  
14870 S7.65  
BSB 066-782  
A/c No 100027201  
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2nd Collection (Support for Parish):  
Kangaroo Island Parish – CDF Account  
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Thank you for your ongoing support of our Priests and Parish Facilities.



*Jesus said, "If you love me, show it by doing what I've told you, keep my commandments." (John 14:15)*

You might not always agree with your family's rules about bedtime, but you follow those rules because you know that the people who made them love you and want what's best for you, right? There are other rules we follow for different reasons. For instance, we obey traffic rules to keep people from getting hurt.

God gives us rules to follow too. We obey them to avoid hurting others. We also obey because we love and trust God and know God wants what's best for us.

Loving God, help me follow your commandments.

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the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Jn 14:23**

*Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

**John 14:15-21**

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.’

## LOVE IN THE QUIET CHOICES

A Year 9 student stayed back after the bell, not because she wanted to, but because a teacher asked her to help pack away a room that had been used for an all-day event. Chairs, leftover papers, half-empty coffee cups. It was the kind of task no one notices until it is not done.

She worked quietly, half annoyed, half resigned. She expected a quick “thanks” and to be sent on her way. Instead, she noticed something written on a small card taped near the white-board. If you love me, keep my commandments.

She frowned. “Is that for class?” The teacher paused, then nodded. “It is for life, really. Not just class.” She waited for more, but he did not launch into an explanation. He just kept stacking chairs.

After a moment he added, “It is easy to say we care about people, or faith, or

community. But it only becomes real when it shows up in what we actually do when it is inconvenient.”

She looked around the room again, suddenly aware of how ordinary it all felt. Nothing dramatic. Just small acts that needed doing.

Later that week, she heard the same words again at Mass. They sounded different this time. Less like something to agree with, more like something to live.

On the way out, she noticed an older parishioner quietly picking up discarded bulletins that others had walked past. No announcement. No attention.

And she understood, in a simple way she did not fully have words for yet, that love in this community was not loud. It was what people chose to do when no one was watching.

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(11 - 17 May)

- **Monday, 11:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4)
- **Tuesday, 12:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11)
- **Wednesday, 13:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15)
- **Thursday, 14:** St Matthias (Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17)
- **Friday, 15:** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23)
- **Saturday, 16:** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28)
- **Sunday 17:** The ASCENSION of the LORD (Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20)



## 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