



Welcome to

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### **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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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**

*Malachi 3:19-20*

The day is coming now, burning like a  
furnace; and all the arrogant and the  
evil-doers will be like stubble. The  
day that is coming is going to burn  
them up, says the Lord of hosts,  
leaving them neither root nor stalk.  
But for you who fear my name, the  
sun of righteousness will shine out  
with healing in its rays.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Ps 97:5-9*

*The Lord comes to rule the earth with  
justice.*

### **SECOND READING**

*2 Thessalonians 3:7-12*

You know how you are supposed to  
imitate us: now we were not idle  
when we were with you, nor did we  
ever have our meals at anyone's table  
without paying for them; no, we  
worked night and day, slaving and  
straining, so as not to be a burden on  
any of you. This was not because we  
had no right to be, but in order to  
make ourselves an example for you to  
follow.

We gave you a rule when we were  
with you: not to let anyone have any  
food if he refused to do any work.  
Now we hear that there are some of

you who are living in idleness, doing  
no work themselves but interfering  
with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus  
Christ, we order and call on people of  
this kind to go on quietly working and  
earning the food that they eat.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Lk 21:28*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Lift up your heads and see; your  
redemption is near at hand.*

*Alleluia!*

### **GOSPEL**

*Luke 21:5-19*

When some were talking about the  
Temple, remarking how it was  
adorned with fine stonework and  
votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these  
things you are staring at now-the time  
will come when not a single stone will  
be left on another: everything will be  
destroyed'.

And they put to him this question:

'Master,' they said 'when will this  
happen, then, and what sign will there  
be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said  
'because many will come using my  
name and saying, "I am he" and, "The  
time is near at hand".'

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# Bulletin Board

## PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Annette Roestenburg, Anita Gibbs, Stephanie Langridge, Carmen Northcott, Joella Davidson

**November anniversaries:** Jim Airton, Francis E Bannan, Vic Banner, Clorice Bates, Toni Berden, Leon Bourke, Imogen Brinkley, Harold Burgess, Donald Chalmers, Tim Clark, Evelyn Drane, Roy Gatton, John and Dien Hendrix, Carmel Higgins, Agnes Hughes, Margaret Hughes, Peggy Imboden, Andrew Kelly, Thomas Lydon, John McDonald, Colleen Moore, Roger Pahl, Teresa Paniza, Sam Perkins, Roy Rayson, Helen Redden, Patricia Ross, Harold Semler, Marie Slagter, Pat Smith, Graham Turner, Gwen Willson. *Please pray for all the faithful departed and all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends.*

## PARISH ROSTERS

	Comm	Reader	Cleaning
13/11	M Glynn	M Slagter	H Mumford
20/11	S Semmler	A Gibbs	K Brinkley
27/11	L Grant	P Clark	K Brinkley

## PRIEST ROSTER

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

13/11	Fr My Tran
20/11	Msgr Charles Portelli, Fr Girolami
27/11	Msgr Charles Portelli, Fr Girolami
29/11	Fr Anthoni Adimai <i>(Blessing of the Graves)</i>

## CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

For Christmas this year you will have the opportunity to support Louise Place in Adelaide.

### Louise Place - Centrecare

Young mothers need opportunities for nurturing – both for themselves and their children. Louise Place is funded by the SA Housing Authority to provide supported accommodation options to pregnant and parenting young women and their children experiencing homelessness, or at risk of becoming homeless.

In November, I will have more information regarding mothers and children who are at Louise Place, including cards with the ages of children. Your generous donations of items suitable for Christmas gifts, would be very much appreciated. Ideas for presents include .... gingerbread house kits (or other baking kits they can complete with friends or their children), baby toiletries and baby wipes, gift cards

for Kmart, chocolates, lollies and Christmas tree or house decorations.

*Helen Mumford*

## CUPPA AFTER MASS

Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee after Mass today. Everyone most welcome.

## 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

## NOVEMBER IS ALL SOULS MONTH

The Parish Commemoration Book will be available for you to inscribe the names of deceased family members. Please provide Fr Adimai with written lists of names of deceased family members, so they may be interceded for at Mass on 27 November.

Envelopes will be provided for donations for Masses for the Dead and parishioners may provide names. These Masses will be offered in Third World countries.

### Blessing of Graves

Mass will be said at 6.00pm on Monday 28 November at Kingscote Cemetery after which graves will be blessed.

## CHURCH 'SPRING CLEAN'

We are having a "Spring-clean" of the Church on Wednesday 21 December in readiness for Christmas. Please bring your cleaning gear for a start at 9.00am. Many hands make the light work and the work light!

## HOPES...DREAMS...DESIRES WEEKEND RETREAT

*"Hope opens new horizons, making us capable of dreaming what is not even imaginable" .... Pope Francis*

This three-day silent retreat offers the opportunity to spend time with God and yourself to reflect on your current

hopes and dreams. These quiet days will provide a space of freedom to explore your desires and the life-giving possibilities that await.

Date: 4.00pm, Friday Nov 18 until 2.00 pm Sunday Nov 20  
Venue: Sevenhill Retreat Centre, College Road, Sevenhill  
Cost: \$340, live-in

Enquiries and bookings:  
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Lesli Townsend (0434 474150; [lesligulubaliyato@gmail.com](mailto:lesligulubaliyato@gmail.com)).

## "THE SOUTHERN CROSS" NOVEMBER EDITION

The new issue of "The Southern Cross" will be distributed this weekend (November 12/13).

## 2022 ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL



The Vinnies Christmas appeal this year optimistically affirms that in every face that shows poverty, misfortune, despair or disillusionment, there is genuine possibility of promise, of new beginning, of strength and of hope. For many people trust and hope are beyond them because of the circumstances of their lives, and only the interest and practical concern of others can turn their world around.

The St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal is scheduled for this weekend (13 November).







## 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

### CAN ANYTHING GOOD COME FROM OKARCHE OKLAHOMA?

It is not enough merely to have saints; we need saints for our times! An insightful comment from Simone Weil. The saints of old have much to offer; but we look at their goodness, faith, and selflessness and find it easier to admire them than to imitate them. Their lives and their circumstances seem so removed from our own that we easily distance ourselves from them.

So, I would like to propose a saint for our times, Stanley Rother (1935-1981), an Oklahoma farm boy who became a missionary with the poor in Atitlan, Guatemala, and eventually died a martyr. His life and his struggles (save perhaps for his extraordinary courage at the end) are something to which we can easily relate.

Who is Stanley Rother? He was a priest from Oklahoma who was shot to death in Guatemala in 1981. He has been beatified as a martyr and is soon to become the first male born in the United States to be canonized. Here, in brief, is his story.

Stanley Rother was born to a farming family in Okarche, Oklahoma, the oldest of four children. He grew up helping work the family farm and for the rest of his life and ministry he remained forever the farmer more than the scholar. Growing up and working with his family, he was more at home tilling the soil, fixing engines, and digging wells than he was reading Aristotle and Thomas Aquinas. This would serve him well in his work with the poor as a missionary, though it served him less well when he first set out to study for the priesthood.

His initial years in the seminary were a struggle. Trying to study philosophy (in Latin) as a preparation for his theological studies proved a bit too much for him. After a couple

of years, the seminary staff advised him to leave, telling him that he lacked the academic abilities to study for the priesthood. Returning to the farm, he sought the advice of his bishop and was eventually sent to Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Maryland. While he didn't exactly thrive there academically, he thrived there in other ways, ways that impressed the seminary staff enough that they recommended him for ordination.

Back in his own diocese, he spent the first years of his priesthood mostly doing manual work, redoing an abandoned property that the diocese had inherited and turning it into a functioning renewal center. Then, in 1978, he was invited to join a diocesan mission team that had begun a mission in Guatemala. Everything in his background and personality now served to make him ideal for this type of work and, ironically, he, who once struggled to learn Latin, was now able to learn the difficult language of the people he worked with (Tz'utujil) and become one of the people who helped develop its written alphabet, vocabulary, and grammar. He ministered to the people sacramentally, but he also reached out to them personally, helping them farm, finding resources to help them, and occasionally giving them money out of his own pocket. Eventually he became their trusted friend and leader.

However, not everything was that idyllic. The political situation in the country was radically deteriorating, violence was everywhere, and anyone perceived to be in opposition to the government faced the possibility of intimidation, disappearance, torture, and death. Stanley tried to remain apolitical, but simply working with the poor was seen as being political. As well, at a point, a number of his own catechists were tortured and killed and, not surprisingly, he found himself on a death list and was hustled out of the country for his own safety. For three months, back with

his family in Oklahoma, he agonized about whether to return to Guatemala, knowing that it meant almost certain death. The decision was especially difficult because, while clearly he felt called to return to Guatemala, he worried about what his death there would mean to his elderly parents. He made the decision to return to Guatemala, fired by Jesus' saying that *the shepherd doesn't run when the sheep are in danger*. Four months later, he was shot to death in the missionary compound within which he lived, fighting to the end with his attackers not to be taken alive and made "to disappear". Instantly, he was recognized as a martyr and when his body was flown back to Oklahoma for burial, the community in Atitlan kept his heart and turned the room in which he was martyred into a chapel.

A number of books have been written about him and I highly recommend two of them. For a substantial biographical account, read Maria Ruiz Scaperlanda, *The Shepherd Who Didn't Run*. For a hagiographical tribute to him read Henri Nouwen, *Love in a Fearful Land*.

We have patron saints for every cause and occasion. For whom or for what might Stanley Rother be considered a patron saint? For all of us ordinary people of whom circumstance at times asks for an exceptional courage.



## COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 11/11/22)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please follow the instructions as per SA Health in terms of contact tracing and isolating yourself as per government health protocols. Please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- The density requirement has been updated to full capacity in all churches and also includes funerals and weddings.
- Wearing of face-masks in Church is strongly recommended.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home and not attend services.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- Procession of gifts has resumed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact

### EXPLORING THE WORD

Today's text must be read from the viewpoint of Luke's community, who knew of the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem and the so-called Jewish Wars that lead to this act. Christians were being persecuted by both Rome and the Jewish people. It must have seemed that the end was near. But Luke places these words on the lips of Jesus, words designed to comfort his community and give them hope.

Jesus warns his followers not to place their trust in those who purport to know God's plan for the end of time. Rather they should know that God is with them no matter what happens.

In the meantime, the Church must journey on, just as Jesus journeyed to Jerusalem and to his ultimate fate.

But God vindicated Jesus through the resurrection, and Christian believers will also be vindicated by God with the gift of eternal life. Their endurance will win their lives.

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Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name - and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.

### ENDS AND NEW BEGINNINGS

Two good friends were preparing to leave the area and move a few hours away from me. There was a sadness knowing that our lives were about to change, yet it prompted us to look at our last few weeks in the same city as a different adventure. We celebrated our friendship with drinks, dinner, and conversations. We reminisced about the times we share together and created a few more lasting memories. Then I helped them pack up their things, loaded the truck, and off they went down the highway.

Knowing something is coming to an end can prompt fear of the unknown. We might doubt what lies ahead, whether it is a layoff at work, or moving to a new city, or cutting ties in a relationship. Our instinct might be to become cynical and shut down, or panic and act rashly.

At such troubled times, imagine God squeezing your shoulder saying, "Hang in there. I'm with you. It will get better. This too shall pass". Let go

of the worry of the unknown and you set yourself free. Ends become new beginnings and beginnings become endless. *GPBS eNews*

### THE DAY OF FIRE

The end of another church year is near. We can tell because the readings are winding down to the end of the world. It's a cheerful note to end on, if you're a true believer. What could be better than the fulfilment of all of God's promises?

On the other hand, the end-times means the destruction of creation as we know it and a certain amount of real persecution and suffering. There's betrayal and hatred and the chance to plead your case in a court of lies – none of which we look forward to. On the third hand (if we're permitted a third hand), all of those conditions exist right now. We can pretend they're not there and turn a blind eye. But end-time suffering is happening in real time.

Goodness and justice are always on trial. Creation is ever endangered and suffering is no stranger. The old world is on the verge of slipping away. The new creation aches to be born. The end of the world is more familiar than we imagine, and the reign of God closer than we dream. *GPBS eNews*

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(14 - 20 November)

- **Monday, 14:** Weekday, Ord Time 33 (Rev 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43)
- **Tuesday, 15:** Weekday, Ord Time 33 (Rev 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10)
- **Wednesday, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 33 (Rev 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28)
- **Thursday, 17:** St Elizabeth of Hungary (Rev 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44)
- **Friday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 33 (Rev 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48)
- **Saturday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 33 (Rev 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40)
- **Sunday 20:** Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE (2 Sam 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43)

### 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