



Welcome to

# Kangaroo Island Catholic Community

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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.

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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

*Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10*

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well, where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

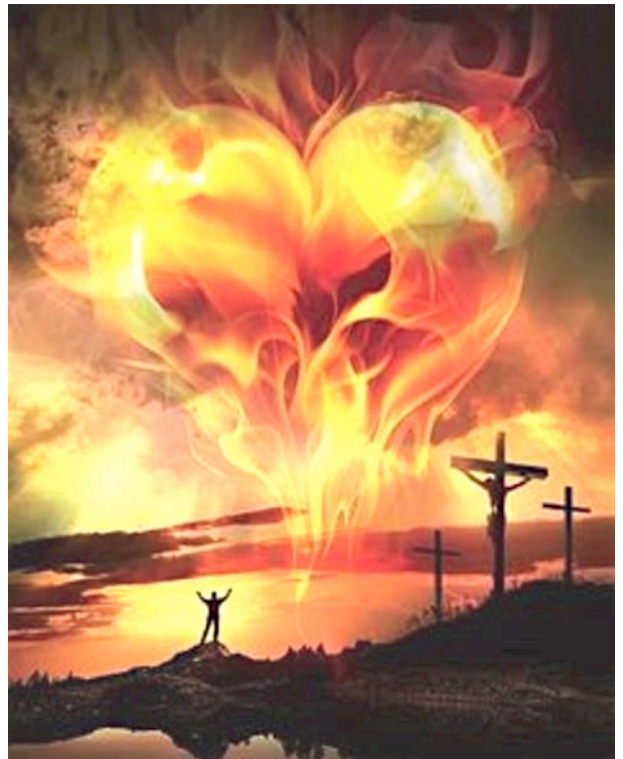
*Psalm 39:2-4, 18*

*Lord, come to my aid!*

## SECOND READING

*Hebrews 12:1-4*

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and *from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne.* Think of the way he



stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Jn10:27*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*Luke 12:49-53*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

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# Bulletin Board

## PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Sue Semmler, Stephanie Langridge, Joelle Davidson and Carmel Northcott

**August anniversaries:** Mary Banner, Joyce Bowbridge, Jimmy Browne, Steven Browne, Terence Browne, David Buick, Irene Darcy, Don Christie, John Commerford, David Cooper, Allan Forst, Paul Glynn Jr, Henry Hughes, Annemie Huys, Mary Kildea, Hazel Keitel, Daniel Lydon, Dot May, John Mertens, Rebecca Murch, Lorna Murphy, Winifred O'Daly, Margaret Rich, Joseph Ryan, Simon Slagter, Chris Slattery, Kathy Slotegraaf, Florence Tabor, Bracken Walker, Bill Willson, Owen Willson.

**Special prayers** for Bill Roestenburg for a grace-filled transition and for Annette, his wife.

*Please pray for all the faithful departed and all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends.*

## PARISH ROSTERS

	Comm	Reader	Cleaning
14/8	A Clarke	K Hammat	A Bevan
21/8	L Grant	S Semler	A Bevan
28/8	M Glynn	M Slagter	H Mumford

## PRIEST ROSTER

*(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)*  
14/8 Fr Ian Wilson

## COVID RESTRICTIONS

For the latest Archdiocesan restrictions please see page 4 of this bulletin. Masks are recommended.

## 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.

## FATHERS' DAY RAFFLE

Fathers' Day raffle tickets are now on sale.

## BLESSING OF SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

After a very successful and positive response in 2021, it has been decided that the celebration for Wedding Anniversaries in the Archdiocese will continue to be held in local communities to recognise couples in their life-long commitment.

If you, or someone you know, is celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60 years), we invite you to let Peter Clark know of the details so they may be acknowledged at the Anniversaries Mass on the weekend of Sunday 18 September.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION



Today there will be a Leaving Collection at all Masses for the support of all those in those studying for the Priesthood in our Archdiocese.

We currently have three seminarians - James Thomson, preparing to be ordained a Deacon and Blake Crossley and Josh McDermid both on pastoral placement in the Parishes of Salisbury and Lefevre Catholic Community respectively. Please remember them in your prayers along with those studying in the Ministry Formation Program and those preparing for the Diaconate.

## PALMS GLOBAL MISSION

Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Please consider these [Mission opportunities](#) abroad.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support.

[Palms Australia](#), who have prepared

Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away. [Enquire online](#) or Ph: 0422 742 567 to find out about a placement to engage your skills.

## CUPPA AFTER MASS

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

## VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

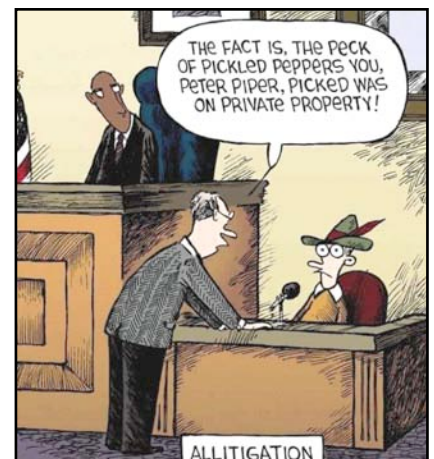
On **18 August**, we commemorate Vietnam Veterans' Day on the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan in 1966. We remember the sacrifices of those who died and say thank you to almost 60,000 Australians who served during the 10 years of our involvement in the Vietnam War.

On this day, we commemorate all the battles fought by Australians in Vietnam, from large-scale operations to platoon and section-level encounters. We remember the sailors of the Royal Australian Navy who supported land operations, and members of the Royal Australian Air Force who served in combat and transport roles.

On Vietnam Veterans' Day, we pause and reflect on the bravery, teamwork and endurance that Australians displayed throughout the war. It's a day when we recognise all who served in Vietnam. We honour those veterans who:

- lost their lives during battle
- returned home wounded, ill or injured
- lost their lives in the years since they returned
- still carry the physical and emotional scars of their service

We also pause to reflect on the impact of service on our veterans' families.





## 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*

### MAKING A RECESSIVE JOURNEY

In a particularly poignant passage in her poem, *The Leaf and the Cloud*, Mary Oliver pictures herself standing at the gravesite of her mother and father, reflecting on their lives. They were far from perfect and she doesn't sugarcoat their faults. She openly names her mother's heaviness of soul and her father's immature faith. She knows that many of her own struggles have roots there. However, she isn't visiting their graves to lay blame on them. She's there to kiss them an honest goodbye, at peace finally with both their less-than-perfect lives and their influence on her. She thanks them for everything, the good and the bad, wishes them well in the deep earth, and then says, "But I will not give them the kiss of complicity. I will not give them the responsibility for my life."

All of us might do well to make this kind of recessive journey in terms of revisiting our early religious training. An interesting gravesite. Unfortunately, many of us don't ever tarry there long enough to truly sort out what blessed us and what wounded us when some very fallible human agents introduced God to us. Today it is common (almost fashionable) for people to look back only negatively on their early religious training. Indeed many speak of being "in recovery" from it and often blame every kind of unhappiness and neurosis in their lives on their early religious training.

No doubt, some of this is valid, early religious training does leave a permanent mark on us. However, we owe it to ourselves, our parents, our early teachers, and to honesty to sort out the positives and negatives of our early religious background and, like Mary Oliver, make peace with it, even if we cannot give it the kiss of complicity.

What's my own story? For me, awakening to consciousness and awakening to God and church were inextricably linked. The Roman Catholicism of the time was the air I breathed as a child and this was Roman Catholicism prior to Vatican II, a Catholicism replete with both positives and negatives. The spirituality of my childhood was one of absolute truths, of non-negotiable rules, of strong demands, of tribalism, and of narrow inclusivity. We, and we alone were the one true faith. Moreover, all of this was underwritten by a God who kept a scrupulous watch on your every action, didn't easily give you permission to make a mistake, held the sixth commandment above all others, used shame as a weapon, and was frowning a lot of the time.

But, that was far from all of it. There was a whole other side. The family, community, and church that christened me had communal bonds that most communities today can only envy. You truly were part of a body, a family, and a community that incarnated a sense of transcendence that made faith something natural, and community part of your very identity. You knew you were a child of God and you knew too that you were a moral creature with real responsibilities to others and to God. You knew your eternal significance, your essential dignity, and the moral responsibility that came with that and you couldn't exempt yourself from it.

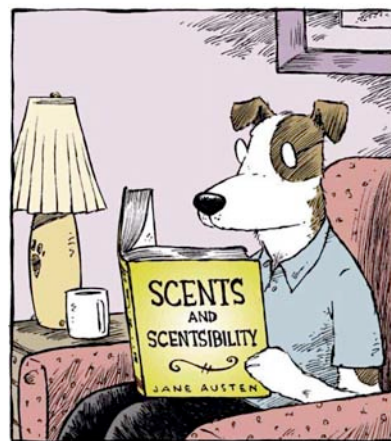
What all of this did was ground you existentially in a very fundamental, non-negotiable human, moral, and religious truth, namely, that your life was not simply your own to do with whatever you wished. You knew in a way that you could not ignore, except by way of infidelity, that you were constitutively social, interdependent, ecclesial, and that God put you on this earth not just to make a good life for yourself. You had a vocation, a certain duty to

serve, and God, family, community, and church could ask you to give your life over. Today, I see this particular brand on my soul as one of the most precious of all gifts that I received from the spirituality of my childhood. Whatever demons came along with that were worth it.

Besides demons can be cast out and most of those buried inside the catechesis of my childhood have slowly been exorcised through the years. What did it? Lots of things: years of studying and teaching theology, reading good literature, having good spiritual directors, seeing a robust and joyous health in women and men of faith, persevering in my own dogged (and far-from-perfect) attempt to be faithful to prayer, the Eucharist, and church community through seven decades, and, not least, the grace of God.

Today I look back on my early religious training in a way wherein the negatives are eclipsed by the positives. I am thankful for it all, even its initial rigidity, timidity, tribalism, fearfulness, and false fears of God, because something inside all of that grounded me and taught me what is ultimately important. Indeed, rigidity, timidity, tribalism, and excess caution aren't a bad place to start from because after they loosen their grip, you are free for the rest of your life. No small gift!

*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 10/08/22)



- 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 by the Archbishop.
- 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



### DID YOU KNOW?

The baptism that Jesus is still to experience is his death, his 'baptism of fire' or the persecution he undergoes because of his commitment to doing the will of the Father.

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### EXPLORING THE WORD

This is a difficult text because it challenges our notions of what Jesus was like. The imagery that Jesus uses has a long history in the Old Testament, where we frequently read of people passing through the fire of testing and judgment. John had prophesied about the one who would come bringing a baptism of fire and judgment, but it had never occurred to him that the one who was to come may be the first to undergo that baptism! This rare glimpse into the mind of Jesus reveals an agonising mixture of impatience and reluctance. Convinced that God's redemptive plan requires him to bring upon earth the fiery baptism of judgment—not by inflicting it upon others but by undergoing it himself—he feels handicapped and thwarted until this mission can be accomplished.

The reference to households being divided may well be directed at Luke's community itself. Faith in Jesus could well be the cause of division in families. While predominantly Gentile, Luke's community did have Jewish Christians. Some Jews failed to recognise Jesus as the Messiah, and in the late first century, Jews expelled Christians from their synagogues. To persist in Christian belief would have caused great division.

### PRINCE OF PEACE?

Wow. Some Prince of Peace this guy was. Splitting up families, causing division. You sure you want in on this?

Jesus almost sounds sad in this Gospel passage. Maybe this story recalls one of the first times he realised people wouldn't accept his Good News. Maybe that reality crushed him.

I've seen that happen to a lot of young people after youth group meetings, retreats, or community service trips. They feel filled with Good News but run into friends and family members who call them unrealistic, naïve, or Bible-bashers. I've also seen conflict sparked when young people stand up for what's right, in front of friends or classmates.

Yeah, Jesus was right. Conflict is definitely part of the package. The peace Jesus brings isn't a calm in

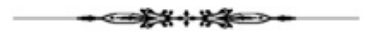
which no one gets angry. Jesus makes it clear he stands for the peace that can come only when all people find respect and justice. But the people who call others to respect all people and to live justly – hopefully, you and me – quite often spark conflict.

So the real question is: How will you deal with conflict as a Christian?

Here are some tips from a guy who has faced it, made some mistakes, and learned from them. First, don't back down from it. Conflict can strengthen relationships if you deal with it non-violently. Every time you stand up non-violently for your beliefs despite conflict, your self-esteem grows. Second, remember that our God is nonviolent. Resolve conflict without name-calling, yelling, or becoming physically violent. That can be hard. But the more you practice, the better you get. Third, you're not alone. Pray for strength to remain faithful, even during conflict, and reach out to other Christians – especially those who can walk with you – for support and advice when times get tough.

So, yeah, conflict is part of the deal for Christians. And it can get ugly. But the Lord had been through it and won't leave you in the lurch.

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### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(15 - 21 August)

- **Monday, 15:** The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Rev 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; 1 Cor 15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56:)
- **Tuesday, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30)
- **Wednesday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16)
- **Thursday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14)
- **Friday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40)
- **Saturday, 20:** St Bernard (Ezek 43:1-7; Mt 23:1-12:)
- **Sunday 21:** 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13)

### 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