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(All items for the newsletter must be
received no later than Tuesday
evening.)

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 9.30am.
All welcome.



FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands
exult, let the wasteland rejoice and
bloom, let it bring forth flowers like
the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for
joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on
it, the splendour of Carmel and
Sharon; they shall see the glory of the
Lord, the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands, steady all
trembling knees and say to all faint
hearts,

‘Courage! Do not be afraid.

‘Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming, the retribution
of God; he is coming to save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be
opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for
joy for those the Lord has ransomed
shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for
joy, everlasting joy in their faces;
joy and gladness will go with them
and sorrow and lament be ended.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:6-10

Lord, come and save us.

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for
ever, who is just to those who are
oppressed. It is he who gives
bread to the hungry, the Lord,
who sets prisoners free. <R>

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to
the blind, who raises up those
who are bowed down, the Lord,
who protects the stranger and
upholds the widow and orphan.
<R>

3. It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the
wicked. The Lord will reign for
ever, Zion's God, from age to
age. <R>

SECOND READING

James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's
coming. Think of a farmer: how
patiently he waits for the precious fruit
of the ground until it has had the autumn
rains and the spring rains! You too have
to be patient; do not lose heart, because
the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not
make complaints against one another,
brothers, so as not to be brought to
judgement yourselves; the Judge is
already to be seen waiting at the gates.
For your example, brothers, in
submitting with patience, take the
prophets who spoke in the name of the
Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the
poor.
Alleluia!*

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Bulletin Board

KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Brianna Chudlee, Peter Weatherstone, Annette Roestenburg, Michelle Glynn, Rebecca Semler, Chris Heath, Simon Laundy, Josh Semler, MaryAnne

November 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

	Reader	Prayers	Cleaning
14/12	M Slagter	P Bennett	A Clark
21/12	A Clark	M Glynn	A Clark
28/12	W Bennett	M Slagter	A Clark

PRIEST ROSTER

14/12	Fr Francis Showri
21/12	Fr Lancy D'Silva
24,25/12	Fr Iain Radvan
28/12	Fr Iain Radvan

"THE SOUTHERN CROSS"

The December edition will be inserted in "The Advertiser" on Saturday December 20. Free copies will be delivered to parishes during the week commencing December 15. The online version will be available on Monday December 22. A very happy and safe Christmas to you all from the team at The Southern Cross.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

A Leaving Collection at Christmas Masses will be taken up for Catholic Charities, which provides much-needed funds to Hutt St Centre, Centacare Catholic Family Services, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's special schools. These agencies play a significant role in bringing hope to

people in need here in South Australia. Your contribution will make a profound difference in the lives of those who rely on the support of Catholic Charities.

SAVE THE DATE: DIALOGUE WEEK FEBRUARY 22-28 2026

In preparation for the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod, February 22-28 is designated as Dialogue Week. During this week people in parishes, schools and communities will have the opportunity to gather, reflect on the themes and recommendations of the Synod, and provide feedback to the Archbishop and Synod members. We are committed to supporting the implementation in every parish, school and community through resources and dialogue processes, training, and strategies. We will provide further details in the coming weeks. See www.togetherontheway.au for more information.

SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: TABLE FACILITATORS FOR THE 2026 ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD

The 2026 Archdiocesan Synod is a significant gathering of members of parishes, schools and communities in the Archdiocese of Adelaide who will discern important actions and commitments for the future of our local Church. Dialogue and discernment processes called conversations in the Spirit will be used at the 2026 Synod to assist the members' work in small groups. Table Facilitators are needed to guide these processes. We are seeking Expressions of Interest for the role of Table Facilitators.

Table Facilitators will be persons with group leadership and facilitation experience who understand the spiritual nature of inter-personal conversations and are able to attend the Synod Retreat (March 14) and Synod Sessions (May 30 and June 27). Table Facilitators will receive training for this role.

The Expression of Interest Form is available at www.togetherontheway.au/members
Deadline: Monday December 15

For further information or to ask a question, please contact Sarah Moffatt (smoffatt@adelaide.catholic.org.au) and Peter Bierer (pbierer@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

COUNCIL FOR INTEGRAL ECOLOGY – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

We welcome expressions of interest to join the Council for Integral Ecology. The Council for Integral Ecology is committed to promoting care for the environment and addressing social justice, peace and human development within the Archdiocese of Adelaide.

For more information or to send an expression of interest please contact: Sanjay Mohanaraj, Chair: Council for Integral Ecology at jhi@adelaide.catholic.org.au
Expressions of Interest close December 15 2025.

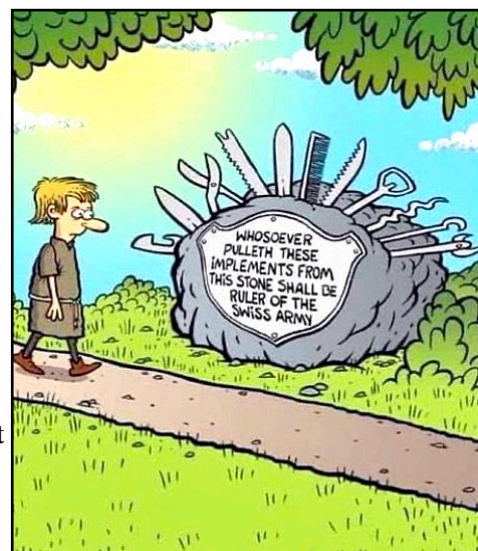
WALKING TOGETHER THROUGH ADVENT - 2025 ADVENT REFLECTION RESOURCE

This year's Advent Reflection resource from the Archdiocese is now available. PDF versions are available from the Archdiocesan website, 2026 Synod website and the Community Life and Worship website. Walking Together Through Advent is designed to be a communal reflection guide.

If you have any questions about the Advent Resource, please contact Peter Bierer
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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

- CHRISTMAS EVE •
Wednesday, 24 December - 7.30pm
- CHRISTMAS DAY •
Thursday, 25 December - 8.30am





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

IMAGES FOR ADVENT

Advent should never be confused with Lent. Lent is a penitential season. Its color is purple and its symbol is ashes. Unlike Lent, Advent is not about fasting and penance. It's about *waiting*. Advent is a time to get in touch with longing, with desire, with what it means to wait. Its color is crimson, the color of desire.

With that in mind, here are some images for Advent.

- *Every tear brings the Messiah closer!* That's an axiom drawn from Jewish apocalyptic literature which highlights that the Messiah can only be born into our lives when we have created the proper space within which to receive him. And that space is created through longing, through waiting, through aching, through tears, through letting frustration and tension stretch our hearts and our vision enough that the Messiah can come, not as superman who is the hero in a Hollywood movie, but as a helpless Christ Child who manifests what love actually is by the way he lives, suffers, dies, and forgives.
- *For something to be sublime, there first must be some sublimation!* The word sublime takes its roots in the word sublimation. For something to be sublime there first must have been some tension. And the greater the tension, the more sublime it will be if that tension is carried to its proper end and is not resolved prematurely. Gestation cannot be rushed, healing demands its proper season, soulful consummation is predicated on prior waiting, and even wine demands a sufficient time to mature.
- *In our longing and loneliness, we intuit the Kingdom of God!* We are all familiar with St. Augustine's dictum: *You have made us for Yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.* What can we do when we feel lonely, as unanimity-minus-one, when the pain of our aloneness is most acute? We can use that moment, that painful sense of our distance from intimacy, to intuit the Kingdom of God, that is, to let that pain stretch our hearts enough to give us a truer sense of what really constitutes the Kingdom of God.
- *Our longing and aching can help raise our psychic temperature!* This is an image drawn from Pierre Teilhard de Chardin. Teilhard, a scientist and a mystic, draws a spiritual lesson from the chemistry lab. Sometimes a scientist will put two chemicals together in a test tube, but they won't unite. Instead, they simply lie beside each other, unable to fuse into one. Now if the scientist applies heat to the test tube, they often, at a higher temperature, will fuse and become one. Teilhard applies this to human relationships. Sometimes, for all kinds of reasons, we refuse meaningful relationships with each other and like two chemicals in a test tube remain separate, too cold to unite. However deep longing, aching, hurt, loss, and bitter waiting can, in Teilhard's words, raise our "psychic temperature" to a point where it melts our coldness and opens us to union. Advent is a season to raise our psychic temperature, through letting our longing, loneliness, and frustrations make us less cold, judgmental, and selfish.
- *A damp log must first sizzle in a fire before it can burst into flame!* This is an image from John of the Cross. When you throw a damp

log into a fire it does not catch flame immediately. It must first lie in the fire and sizzle until the heat dries it out sufficiently. Only then will it burst into flame. John suggests that in our longing and our frustrated desires we are metaphorically "sizzling" inside the fire of love (human and divine). In a manner of speaking, the pain is "drying us out", so that at a point we too can burst into flame in love. Advent is a time to let our unfilled longings and our bitter frustrations "sizzle" within us, so as that the flame of love might eventually catch fire within us.

In the end, these images say the same thing. Advent is about proper waiting, about not resolving tension prematurely, about patiently carrying it to let divinity, intimacy, the Messiah, and the sublime, be born more deeply into our lives. Perhaps the one word that summarizes all this is the word *patience*. *Advent is the season to practice patience.*

Carlo Carretto was a monk who for a long stretch of his life lived in the Sahara Desert as a desert hermit, where he wrote a series of deeply challenging books. After he had been in the desert for a number of years, a journalist interviewed him and asked him this question: After all these years of silence and prayer, if you had to send one message back to the world, what would it be? What do you hear God saying to the world? Carretto's answer: *God is telling us to learn to wait! To wait for many things! To wait for God!*

That's the challenge of Advent.

You can read, or download, Ron Rolheiser's weekly columns from his website at: 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):
BSB 066-782

A/c No 100027201

Reference: Your name

2nd Collection (Support for Parish):
BSB 066-782

A/c No 100000067

Reference: Your name

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Priests and Parish Facilities.

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)

KID'S CORNER

Be patient ... until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it ... (James 5:7)

As Christmas gets closer, the last thing you probably want to hear is "Be patient!" But as Saint James tells us, good things can take time. We take time to get ready for Christmas by buying presents and putting up decorations, but do we also take time to make our hearts ready? Or are our hearts filled with so many other things that there's no room for Jesus, like the inn at Bethlehem? There's still time to prepare our heart for Jesus' coming.

God living among us, help me welcome your Son with joy!

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GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No?

Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says:

'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you.

'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

A GLIMPSE OF ADVENT

Daniel had been rushing all week, with end of year school events, late nights at work, and Christmas shopping still untouched. By Friday evening he felt drained and guilty, knowing Advent was half over and he had not prayed once with his family, let alone found any sense of peace.

On the way home, stuck at a traffic light, he noticed an elderly man sitting on the bench outside the supermarket. People hurried past him, heads down, already in holiday mode. The man's trolley held only two items, a loaf of bread and a tin of soup. Daniel felt a gentle nudge inside to stop for a moment, but the light turned green and he drove on.

At home, his daughter Emily was waiting to light the Advent candle.

"You missed it again, Dad," she said softly, not accusing, just disappointed. Something in her voice echoed the nudge from the supermarket. He realised he was racing through a season meant for waiting, watching, and noticing.

The next morning, Daniel drove back to the shops. The old man was there again. This time, Daniel parked, walked over, introduced himself, and offered to buy him groceries. The man smiled, surprised and grateful. They talked for a few minutes, nothing dramatic, nothing world changing, but Daniel walked away with a feeling he had not felt in weeks. Christ had been right there, waiting to be noticed. That night, Daniel gathered his family around the table. "Today," he told them, "I finally saw Advent happen."

Advent is not found in perfect schedules or the rush toward Christmas. It is found in the small, inconvenient moments when we choose compassion over hurry and presence over distraction. This week, slow down just once. Notice the person you usually pass by. Respond to the gentle nudge. Let your family see you live the Gospel in the ordinary. In that simple act, Christ becomes visible through you.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(15 - 18 December)

- **Monday, 15:** Mon 3rd week, Advent (Num 24:2-7, 15-17; Mt 21:23-27)
- **Tuesday, 16:** Tue 3rd week, Advent (Zeph 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32)
- **Wednesday, 17:** Wed 3rd week, Advent, (Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17)
- **Thursday, 18:** Thur 3rd week, Advent (Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-24)
- **Friday, 19:** Fri 3rd week, Advent (Judges 13:2-7, 24-25; Lk 1:5-25)
- **Saturday, 20:** Sat 3rd week, Advent (Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Sunday 21:** 4th Sunday of Advent (Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24)

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