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## KANGAROO ISLAND

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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.

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Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide - Our  
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Do not think that I  
came to destroy the  
Law or the Prophets.  
I did not come to  
destroy them, but  
to fulfill them

Matthew 5:17

## FIRST READING

*Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20*

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34*

*Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord.*

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. R
2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. R
3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. R
4. Teach me the demands of your

statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. R

## SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 2:6-10*

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mt 11:25*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!*

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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

**February anniversaries:** Heather Barrett, Joan Marie Berden, Mary Clark, Phillip Deakin, Alice Ellick, Alfred Gray, Bernadette Hehir, Kenneth Howard, Ron King, Jamie Larcombe, Frank May, Tom Meaney, Allan Moray, Pat Pawelski, Horace Riley, Christopher Riley, Bert Willson

*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
15/2	K Hammatt	M Glynn	H Mumford
22/2	S Semler	L Grant	H Mumford
1/3	P Clark	TBA	C Brinkley
8/3	P Clark	TBA	C Brinkley
15/3	M Slagter	W Bennett	C Brinkley

## PRIEST ROSTER

15/3	Liturgy
22/3	Fr Francis Showri



Mass on Ash Wednesday (during this coming week) will be celebrated by Fr Francis Showri at 6.00pm.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

will be held on Monday 23 February at 9.30am in the new Parish House.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend there will be a special leaving collection for the *Day of the Unborn Child Appeal*.

Donations help support Birthline Pregnancy Support and Genesis Pregnancy Support Inc, who focus on those people in our families and communities who have experienced any sort of child-bearing loss, miscarriage, still-birth, the death of a baby soon after birth and abortion.

## EASTER MASS TIMES



• **Thursday 2 April 2026** •  
*Thursday of the Lord's Supper*  
6:30pm – Confessions  
7:00pm - Mass

• **Friday 3 April 2026** •  
*Friday of the Passion of the Lord*  
9:30am - Stations of the Cross  
(All denominations welcome)  
3:00pm - Liturgy of the Passion

• **Saturday 4 April 2026** •  
*Easter Vigil*  
7:30pm - Mass

• **Sunday 5 April 2026** •  
*Sunday of the Resurrection*  
9:30am - Mass



## A GUIDE TO RUNNING SUSTAINABLE EVENTS AND MEETINGS

In an era where the delicate balance between human activities and the health of our planet is becoming increasingly evident, the need for sustainable practices has never been more pressing.

Recognising the urgency of adopting environmentally conscious approaches, this guide is a practical tool for both in-house teams or external providers to create a successful and sustainable event, rooted in the principles of responsible resource management, environmental stewardship, and social responsibility.

### What is a sustainable event?

A sustainable event is one that aims to be environmentally sound, economically viable and socially just. To this end, the impact of all aspects of the event, including venue selection, transportation, catering, procurement and waste management must be considered.

## DIALOG WEEK

In the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide, Dialogue Week is a key consultation period scheduled for 22–28 February 2026. It serves as a major lead-up event to the [2026 Archdiocesan Synod](#), allowing the local community to help shape the Church's future agenda.

### Purpose and Participation

- **Synod Preparation:** Participants gather in parishes, schools, and migrant communities to reflect on five key thematic papers and provide feedback to Archbishop Patrick O'Regan and Synod members.
- **Broad Engagement:** Approx 4,000 parishioners and over 50,000 students from 87 Catholic schools are expected to participate.
- **Voice for All:** The week is designed to give a voice to "all corners of the Church," including Catholic agencies like Centacare and Vinnies.
- **Key Themes for Discussion**  
*Dialogue groups will focus on five draft thematic papers, including:*
  - Formation for Mission and Leadership
  - Mission of Catholic Education and being Church together
  - Structures for Planning, Communion, and Participation
  - Becoming Missionary Disciples
  - Communion in Grace: Sacrament to the World

### Featured Events

- **Public Forum at Norwood:** A significant gathering featuring renowned theologian Dr Christina Kheng, who will assist in the discernment process.
- **School Activities:** Students will engage in classroom conversations to explore synodality and share their vision for the Church.

Would you like to know how to join a Dialogue Group in your local parish, or are you interested in the official Synod dates later this year?

### Further Information

Updates and information will be located at the Diocesan Synod website which includes prayer and formational resources. <http://togetherontheway.au>



## 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*

### THE PLACE OF SILENCE

Many of us could use more silence in our lives. I say this cautiously because the place of silence in our lives isn't easy to specify. Silence is a complex; sometimes we fear it and try to avoid it and sometimes when we are tired and over-stimulated we positively long for it.

Generally, though, we have too little of it in our lives. Work, cellphones, conversation, entertainment, news, distraction, and preoccupations of every kind tend to fill up every waking minute. We have become so used to being stimulated by words, information, and distraction that we often feel lost and restless when we find ourselves alone, without someone to talk to, something to watch, something to read, or something to do to take up our attention.

Not all of this is bad, mind you. In the past, spiritual writers were generally too one-sided in extolling the virtues of silence. They tended to give the too simple impression that God and spiritual depth were only found in silence, as if the virtues of ordinary work, conversation, celebration, family, and community were somehow second-rate spiritually.

In speaking of the place of silence, former spiritualities generally penalised extroverts and let introverts off too easily. In brief, they didn't sufficiently take into account that all of us, extroverts and introverts alike, need the therapy of a public life. While we need silence for depth, we need interaction with others for grounding and sanity. Certain inner work can only be done in silence, but a certain grounding of our sanity depends on interaction with others. Silence can also be an escape, an avoidance of the stinging purification that often can happen

only through the challenge of interacting within a family and a community.

Moreover, silence is not always the best way to deal with heartaches and obsessions. Ultimately, this is a form of over-concentration. Sometimes when a heartache is threatening our sanity, the best thing we can do is not go to the chapel but rather to the theatre or to a meal with a friend. Preoccupation with work or a healthy distraction can sometimes be just the friend you need when your heart is fighting asphyxiation.

There's a story about the famous philosopher Hegel. Immediately after finishing his monumental work on the phenomenology of history, he realised that he was on the edge of a major breakdown because of the intensity of his concentration over so long a period. What did he do to break out of this? Go on a silent retreat? No. He went to the opera every night, dined every day with friends, and sought out every kind of distraction until, after a while, the strangling grip of his inner world finally let go and the sunshine and freshness of everyday life broke through again. Sometimes distraction, not silence, is our best cure, even spiritually.

Still, there's a need for silence. What the great spiritual writers of all ages tried to teach on this subject can perhaps be captured in a single line from Meister Eckhart: *Nothing resembles the language of God as much as silence.*

In essence, Eckhart is saying that silence is a privileged entry into the divine realm. There's a huge silence inside each of us that beckons us into itself and can help us learn the language of heaven. What's meant by this?

Silence is a language that's deeper, more far-reaching, more

understanding, more compassionate, and more eternal than any other language. In heaven, it seems, there will be no languages, no words. Silence will speak. We will wholly, intimately, and ecstatically understand each other and hold each other in silence. Ironically, for all their importance, words are part of the reason we can't fully do this already. Words unite but they also divide. There's a deeper connection available in silence.

Lovers already know this, as do the Quakers whose liturgy tries to imitate the silence of heaven, and as do those who practice contemplative prayer. John of the Cross expresses this in a wonderfully cryptic line: "Learn to understand more by not understanding than by understanding."

Silence can speak louder than words, and more deeply. We experience this already in different ways: when we are separated by distance or death from loved ones, we can still be with them in silence; when we are divided from other sincere persons through misunderstanding, silence can provide the place where we can be together; when we stand helpless before another's suffering, silence can be the best way of expressing our empathy; and when we have sinned and have no words to restore things to their previous wholeness, in silence a deeper word can speak and let us know that, in the end, all will be well and every manner of being will be well.

*Nothing resembles the language of God as much as silence.* It's the language of heaven, already deep inside of us, beckoning us, inviting us into deeper intimacy with everything, even as we still need the therapy of a public life.

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):  
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.

## WE ARE GIVEN WHAT WE CHOOSE

For 2000 years we've been living in the final chapter of an amazing story. Before it ends, Jesus wants us to get positioned for what's next even as we live in the undeniable context of what's now.

For instance, we're tempted to feel pretty good if we don't kill or commit adultery. Not bad, eh Lord? The religious folk of Jesus' time said the same thing because they led morally correct lives according to the law. Don't kid yourself, Jesus advises. Claiming righteousness now puts us in a bad position for the dawning kingdom. The truth is we're ALL sinners in need of forgiveness. "Who needs a doctor: the healthy or the sick?" Jesus asks later in Matthew. "I'm after mercy, not religion"

In light of this, it's better to settle our differences than to maintain conflicts. Reconciliation is key: that's why it's a sacrament! It's a visible sign of the inward reality of the kingdom. But to claim it, we have to practice it. Only by living in forgiveness do we experience it.

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## GOSPEL

### Matthew 5:17-27

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: *Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal.* But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord.* But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his foot-stool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

## KIDS' CORNER

"You shall not kill" is the Fifth Commandment and one that most people think is pretty easy to keep. But Jesus challenges us to think a little deeper. If we are unkind to others, doesn't that kill the goodness they need from us? If we use angry words with another person, aren't we helping to kill their spirit of joy? God asks us to consider how we treat others and to work to be at peace with them. Can you think of any ways you might have hurt anyone lately? What can you do to make things better?

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(16 - 22 February)

- **Monday, 13:** Weekday Ord Time 6 (James 1:1-11 ; Mk 8:11-13)
- **Tuesday, 14:** Weekday Ord Time 6 (James 1:12-18 ; Mk 8:14-21)
- **Wednesday, 15:** ASH WEDNESDAY (Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)
- **Thursday, 16:** Thur after Ash Wed (Deut 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25)
- **Friday, 17:** Fri after Ash Wed (Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15)
- **Saturday, 18:** Sat after Ash Wed (Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32)
- **Sunday 19:** 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY LENT (Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19 ; Mt 4:1-11)

## 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