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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

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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

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

The Lord said to me, 'You are my
servant, Israel, in whom I shall be
glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes
of the Lord, my God was my
strength.

And now the Lord has spoken, he
who formed me in the womb to be
his servant, to bring Jacob back to
him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my
servant, to restore the tribes of
Jacob and bring back the survivors
of Israel; I will make you the light
of the nations so that my salvation
may reach to the ends of the
earth.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 39:2, 4, 7-10

Here I am, Lord;

I come to do your will.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an
apostle, together with brother

Sosthenes, send greetings to the
church of God in Corinth, to the holy
people of Jesus Christ, who are called
to take their place among all the
saints everywhere who pray to our
Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord
no less than ours. May God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send
you grace and peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 1:14, 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Word of God became flesh and
dwelt among us. He enabled those
who accepted him to become the
children of God. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

John 1:29-34

Seeing Jesus coming towards him,
John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of
God that takes away the sin of the
world. This is the one I spoke of
when I said: A man is coming after
me who ranks before me because he
existed before me. I did not know
him myself, and yet it was to reveal
him to Israel that I came baptising

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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Reg Willson, Stephanie Langridge, Carmen Northcott, Joella Davidson

January anniversaries: Eunice Airton, Eileen Bateman, Dorothy Brook, Monica Buick, May Cairney, Dominic Cash, Maureen Dunn, Marlene Cummins, Pauline Deegan, Jim Dodgson, Lucy Edwards, Colin Fahey, Margaret Flemming, Ralph Florance, Catherine Glynn, Alec Goodwin, Edward Hughes, Ida Jackson, Christina James, Jack Kindellan, John Lavers, Ettie McDonald, Irene Northcott, Ottaviano Orsi, Marj Phillips, Una Reynolds, George Rowen, Ann Smith, Sheila Tabor, Lorraine Laher Storfer, Mary Weatherstone

Recently deceased: Sr Carmel Clark, Pope Emeritus Benedict

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

PARISH ROSTERS

	Comm	Reader	Cleaning
15/1	S Semmler	P Bennett	K Brinkley
22/1	M Glynn	L Grant	H Mumford

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)
15/1 TBA

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

MARIAN PROCESSION

Each year the Archdiocese of Adelaide hosts the annual Marian Procession in honour of Our Lady. The 2023 event will be held on Sunday, 21 May at 2pm. This event has been running for almost 75 years

and is one of the longest standing consecutive events in the Australian Catholic Church.

“FOLLOW ME”

A time of prayer, reflection and discussion for young men discerning a call to the priesthood.

Saturday February 4 at 10.00am in the Sacristy of the Cathedral of St Francis Xavier, Wakefield Street.

For further enquiries contact Fr Dean Marin, Director of Vocations on 82108122 or at

vocations@adelaide.catholic.org.au

“Leaving the boat and their father, they followed him” Matthew 4.22

LOVE ADELAIDE

Walk for Life

Saturday 11 February
Pennington Gardens, North Adelaide
- opposite St Peters Cathedral

10.00am - 12.00 noon
Gates open at 9.00am

Free entry tickets available at
loveadelaide.org.au

“THE SOUTHERN CROSS”

As usual, there will be no edition of The Southern Cross published in January. The first issue for 2023 will be available in Parishes on the weekend of February 4/5 and online from February 6.

SYNODALITY AND MISSION

Sr Nathalie Becquart
February 1 2023
Grange Golf Course 5:30pm (dinner)
6:30-8:30pm (presentation)

Sr Nathalie Becquart is the Undersecretary for the General Synod in the Vatican which is responsible for the organisation of the 2023-24 Global Synod on Synodality. Sr Nathalie will be in Adelaide on February 1 as part of a visit to Australia/Oceania. All are invited to the Sr Nathalie’s presentation on synodality and mission at the Grange Golf Course. RSVP essential, register online at www.trybooking.com/CEUOA by January 27. Visit www.adelaidediocesanassembly.org for more information.

FESTIVAL OF HYMNS

On Sunday February 19 at 1pm, James Lloyd, Cathedral Organist at St Francis Xavier’s Cathedral will give a

free concert featuring well-loved hymns played on the magnificent Cathedral Casavant Frères pipe organ to which you are warmly invited to both attend and join in singing. James is the regular organist at the Cathedral’s 11am Sunday Solemn Mass and his vibrant and effusive style has pleased Mass-goers for many years.

This promises to be an afternoon of high entertainment and great delight for those who love music played on the magnificent Casavant Frère organ.

The concert is part of the 2023 Fringe Organ Recitals program at the Cathedral.

DATES

22 Jan	Lunar New Year (Chinese Year of the Rabbit)
26 Jan	Australia Day holiday
30 Jan	First school day - 2023
16 Feb	KI Racing Carnival
22 Feb	Ash Wednesday
26 Feb	First Sunday of Lent
13 Mar	Adelaide Cup Day
14 Apr	Last day School term 1
6 Apr	Thursday of Lord’s supper
7 Apr	Good Friday
8 Apr	Holy Saturday
9 Apr	Easter Sunday
10 Apr	Easter Monday
25 Apr	ANZAC Day
1 May	First day School term 2
12 Jun	King’s birthday
7 Jul	Last day School term 2
24 Jul	First day School term 3
29 Sep	Last day School term 3
2 Oct	Labour Day
16 Oct	First day School term 4
15 Dec	Last day School term 4





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 ONE AND THE MANY – ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH RELATIONS

One of the most ancient problems in philosophy is the question of ‘the one and the many’, whether reality is ultimately a unity or a plurality and how these interrelate. We might ask the same question regarding the plurality of religious faiths, churches, and forms of worship in our world. Is there some inherent oneness there or is it all plurality without anything binding us together in some kind of community that transcends our differences?

At the risk of being misunderstood, here’s my perspective. All of us in the world who have a sincere belief share a common faith because ultimately we share a common God. Moreover, since we share a common God, we also share a common problem; namely, we struggle equally in trying to conceptualize this non-conceptualizable God. The first dogma about God in all valid religions is that God is holy and ineffable, meaning that God cannot ever be circumscribed and grasped in a concept. By definition, it is impossible to capture infinity in a concept (like trying to have a concept of the highest number it is possible to count to.) Since God is infinite, all attempts to conceptualize God fall short.

All legitimate faiths have this problem in common, and this should keep us humble in our religious language. Further still, beyond our common struggle to have a concept of God, we also all struggle to understand God as actually loving universally and unconditionally. All religions and all denominations struggle not to make God tribal, biased, and lacking in full love and understanding. In Christianity, Judaism, and Islam, for example, where we all believe in the same God, we also all tend to

conceptualize that God as male, celibate, and *frowning most of the time*. Not exactly the ineffable, unconditionally loving God of revelation.

So what’s our task? Our task as believers is to move towards an ever-deepening empathy with each other, across all denominational and religious lines. That is the real route for ecumenical and interfaith dialogue. At the risk of sounding heretical or disloyal to my own faith tradition, I say this. Our task is not to set out to make converts, to try to persuade others to join our own church. Our task is to enter ever more deeply, faithfully, and lovingly into our own church and denomination, even as we strive to be in deeper empathy with all others who worship God in ways different than we do.

The renowned ecclesialogist Avery Dulles taught that the way forward for Christian ecumenism and interreligious dialogue is not the way of conversion, of trying to get others to convert to our particular church. The way forward (in his words) is the way of “progressive gradualism”, namely, of each of us being ever more faithful to God within our tradition so that as each of us grows closer to God (and, for Christians, to Christ) we will grow closer to each other and to all people of sincere faith. The unity we seek lies not in one church or faith community eventually converting all others to join it, but in everyone of sincere faith becoming progressively more faithful to God so that the unity we desire can take place sometime in the future, contingent on our own deeper fidelity inside our own faith tradition. Our task then is not that of trying to convert others to join our own church, but of moving more deeply into our own church, even as we strive to be in an ever-deeper empathy with other churches and other faiths. We need to be brothers and sisters to each other, recognizing

that we already have a shared God, a shared humanity, and shared heartaches.

I work in a doctoral program in spirituality that draws students from many different Christian denominations. During the five years of their program, these students study together, socialize together, commiserate together, and pray together (though only occasionally in a formal church service). Interestingly, during the ten years, we have had the program; we have not had a single conversion of one person to another denomination. Rather, every one of our graduates has left the program with a deeper love and understanding of his or her own tradition – and a deeper love and understanding of other faith traditions.

This does not imply that all religions are equal, but rather that none of us is living out the full truth and that the path forward lies in a deeper personal conversion *within* our own faith and a more empathic relationship to other faiths.

I leave you with a poem, my own –

THE ONE AND THE MANY

*Different peoples, one earth
Different beliefs, one God
Different languages, one heart
Different ways of falling,
one law of gravity
Different energies, one Spirit
Different scriptures, one Word
Different forms of worship, one desire
Different histories, one destiny
Different strengths, one fragility
Different disciplines, one aim
Different approaches, one road
Different faiths – one Father,
one Mother, one earth, one sky,
one beginning, one end.*

Ronald Rolheiser

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 13/01/23)



- 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.
- 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

DID YOU KNOW?

- The title of 'Lamb of God' would have suggested the Passover feast to those listening to John. At that time, sacrificial lambs were slaughtered in the temple, recalling the blood of the lambs that was shed so that Israel could be spared death and freed from slavery in Egypt. Read the story of this deliverance in Exodus 12.
- Now that the Christmas cycle is completed, the Church enters what is known as 'Ordinary Time' for a period. (This will be interrupted for the Lent–Easter–Pentecost cycle.)
- Ordinary Time does not mean a time that is commonplace or unremarkable. The name derives from the word ordinal, which means 'counted and sequential'.

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with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'



BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptises with water; Jesus will baptise with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's

baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptised in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

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MAKING CONNECTIONS

- How do you witness to the Chosen One of God?
- Twice John says that he did not know Jesus himself, but that Jesus was revealed to him by God. What was it that first revealed Jesus to you?
- What sin of the world is in need of redemption today?
- Have you ever been an eye witness to something significant, either in your family or in the wider community? How did you bear witness to this event? What effect did it have on you?



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(16 - 22 January)

- **Monday, 16:** Weekday Ord Time 2 (Heb 5:1-10 ; Mk 2:18-22)
- **Tuesday, 17:** St Anthony (Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28)
- **Wednesday, 18:** Weekday Ord Time 2 (Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6)
- **Thursday, 19:** Weekday Ord Time 2 (Heb 7:25 - 8:6; Mk 3:7-12)
- **Friday, 20:** Weekday Ord Time 2 (Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19)
- **Saturday, 21:** St Agnes (Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21)
- **Sunday 22:** 3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 8:23 - 9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23)

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