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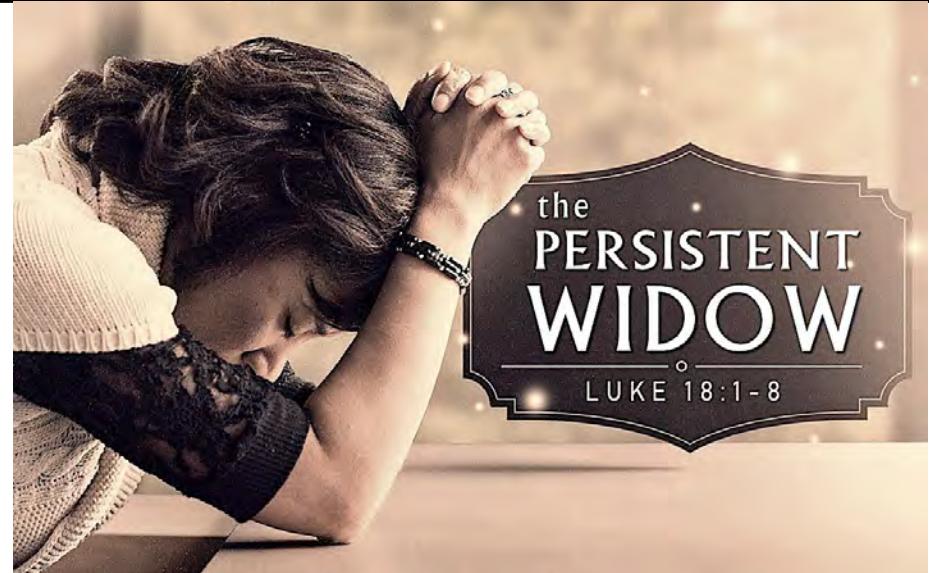
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WEEKEND MASSES  
Kingscote at 9.30am

CONFESSON  
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

*Exodus 17:8-13*

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 120:1-8*

*Our help is from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.*

1. I lift my eyes to the mountains; from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. <R>
2. May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. <R>
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he

stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. <R>

4. The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever. <R>

## SECOND READING

*2 Timothy 3:14-4:2*

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

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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

**October anniversaries:** Murray Brook, Leo Clark, William Commerford, Trish Dennes, Jean Clark, Clifford Dow, Barry Dunn, Leo Dunn, Katarina Faist, James Gibbs, Mary Alice Gibbs, Rosie Grace, Harry Hughes, Thomas Hughes, Kath Hutton, Licci Longzaer, Philis Lorimer, John Lowry, Winifred Lydon, Mary Morrissey, Noel Perkins, Harry Rich, Alf Rombout, Betty Walsh, Bernard Williams, Ethel Willson, Joan Wilson, Leonica Cruz Esplana .

*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
19/10 M Slagter	L Grant	H Mumford
26/10 P Bennett	K Hammat	H Mumford
02/11 H Mumford	K Hammat	H Mumford
09/11 W Bennett	TBA	C Brinkley
16/11 K Hammat	M Glynn	C Brinkley
23/11 S Semler	TBA	C Brinkley
30/11 P Clark	W Bennett	C Brinkley

## PRIEST ROSTER

19/10 Fr Francis Showri

## MISSION MONTH

### October - World Mission Month

The Catholic Church stands as a beacon of hope, supporting communities through education, sustainable livelihoods, and healthcare. This World Mission Month, we invite you to journey with our missionaries, who are bringing Christ's love to those most in need.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Kingscote Community Carols will be sung at The Pavilion on Friday 12 December. If you wish to join the Community Choir please attend the

For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve.

**This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia.**



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rehearsals to be held at St Alban's Hall, Cnr Drew and Osmond Streets at 4.45pm on Fridays from November 9.



*Sunday 30 November*

Confirmation and First Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 9.30am Mass at the Kingscote Catholic Church. Presiding priests will be Vicar General Fr Dean Marin and Fr Lancy D'Silva.

There will be a shared lunch after Church at the RYOB hall. You are most welcome to join the children and their families in the celebration.

Please pray for Winston and Ben as step by step they move towards completing their initiation into the Catholic faith community.

## ECUMENICAL SERVICE

*Sunday 26 October, 11.00am*

You are all invited to attend an ecumenical service at St Alban's Anglican Church, Cnr Drew and Osmond Streets Kingscote.

This is to celebrate the commissioning of the Reverend Mary Lewis as the pastoral care worker for KICE Kingscote Campus.

Please bring a picnic lunch to share.

## ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD FORMATION

### Sessions Available Online

All are invited to prepare for the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod by engaging with the online Synod Formation Series featuring experts and guest presenters from across the globe.

Each online session includes a video presentation, reflection worksheet, and links to additional resources and study materials on a variety of topics.

To access the Synod Formation Series and information on upcoming sessions, visit [www.togetherontheway.au/formation-sessions](http://www.togetherontheway.au/formation-sessions) or contact Peter Bierer ([pbierer@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:pbierer@adelaide.catholic.org.au))

## 26 QUESTIONS TO CARLO ACUTIS

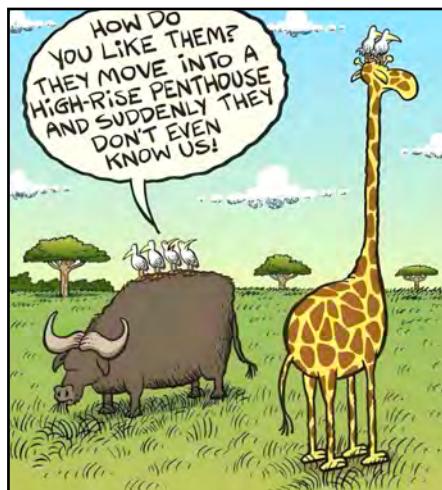
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26 Questions to Carlo Acutis by Fr Michel Remery is a perfect little edition to gift to children and youth, or the young at heart and those in the website/digital marketing field.

Discover answers to your questions with Saint Carlo Acutis, the first saint to build websites! Explore how this inspiring teen's faith, kindness, and tech-savvy life can inspire you. We are offering orders from bookstores for these books a 20% discount off RRP. [Click here](#) for more information about the book and how to purchase. Contact Carmen from Coventry Press email [carmen@coventrypress.com.au](mailto:carmen@coventrypress.com.au) for more details.

## WHAT'S ON

Oct	World Mission Month
19 Oct	Mission Day Appeal
26 Sep	Last day School term 3
6 Oct	Labour day holiday
13 Oct	First day School term 4
1 Nov	All Saints Day
2 Nov	All Souls Day
9 Nov	Supporting our Clergy Campaign
16 Nov	St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal
12 Dec	Last day School term 4
25 Dec	Catholic Charities Appeal





## 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*

### CELIBACY AND MARRIAGE NEED EACH OTHER

“Why did early Christianity alight on the ideal of virginity, when an intelligent or even just a suspicious Roman could see that its adoption would undermine the very fabric of ancient society?” That’s a comment from historian Kate Cooper and it poses some questions worth examining.

Does the single state, celibacy, (vowed or otherwise) undermine something inside the fabric of society? Is it somehow a statement against marriage? Does it go against something within nature itself where there is an innate imperative to “increase and multiply”?

The latter question is easier to answer. The human race has now exceeded eight billion. There is much less need to ensure that there are enough people in the world to ensure our biological survival. In former times, indeed in biblical times, there was a strong, quasisacred imperative that people marry and have children. Remaining unmarried was looked upon negatively, as an abnormality. Nature is not being honored or fulfilled here. Why is this person not doing his or her duty in terms of having children? That’s one of the reasons why Jesus’ choice of celibacy stands out as something abnormal in his world.

Next, does single life, celibacy, somehow speak against marriage? Does it, simply by definition, undermine the fabric of society? Doesn’t God, at the creation of the human race, pronounce that it is not good for the human person to be alone?

That question deserves more than a hurried answer. God did say this, and God meant it. We are meant to live inside family, in community, and not live alone. Thus, the single life has its dangers. Thomas Merton was once asked by a journalist what it was like to live as a celibate. His answer: It’s hell. You live in a loneliness that God

himself condemned. But, then he quickly added that this was a loneliness that could be very fruitful.

Still the question remains, is the single life, celibacy, somehow a statement against marriage? It can be. Choosing not to be married can be a statement that marriage isn’t the best way to live, that it is a container (a prison) which unhealthily restricts human freedom and human maturity. Single life in that instance (which is then often far from celibate) is a statement against marriage.

Healthy marriage and healthy single life in fact support each other. There’s an axiom which says: If you are here faithfully, you bring us health and support. If you are here unfaithfully, you bring us restlessness and chaos.

Fidelity in either marriage or in celibacy is a marathon with temptations of every kind along the way. It demands the capacity to sweat blood at times to remain faithful to what you have promised and to what is best in you. But it needs the support and witness of others. In neither vocation are you meant to go it alone, to be the lonely, stoic, ascetic hero. You are meant instead to be buoyed up and held by the support and faithful witness of others.

Thus, when a celibate sees fidelity being lived out inside a marriage, it becomes easier for him or her to remain faithful inside celibacy. Conversely, when a celibate sees infidelity inside of a marriage, he or she feels more isolated and alone inside celibacy and lacks a certain grace (which comes through witness) to sweat blood in terms of being faithful inside of celibacy.

The same dynamic holds true for a married person. If he or she sees a celibate faithfully and fruitfully living inside the single life, he or she is graced through that witness to find both some insight and strength to be true to his or her commitment. Conversely, if a married person sees a celibate living unfaithfully, he or she will lack a special grace that comes from witnessing fidelity which can

help him or her sweat the blood that is sometimes required in order to remain faithful in a commitment.

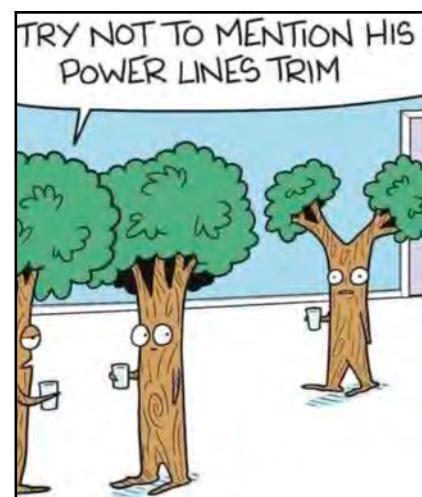
As curious as this may sound, Marriage and Celibacy need each other. We need each other’s witness. We need to see, and feed off, each other’s fidelity.

And that’s true beyond just seeing each other being faithful. There’s a deeper reality undergirding this, a mystical one. As Christians, we believe that we are all part of one body, the Body of Christ, and that our unity there is not simply a corporate one (one team). Rather we are an organic unity, all part of one living organism. Hence, what one part does affects all the parts. If we are faithful, we are a healthy part of the immune system inside the Body of Christ. If we are unfaithful, in either marriage or celibacy, we are an unhealthy virus, a cancer cell, inside the body.

For Christians, there is no such a thing as a private act. We are either a healthy enzyme or an unhealthy virus inside a single body, where our fidelity or infidelity affects everyone else.

And so, we need each other’s fidelity – in marriage and in celibacy.

*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.

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## INTEGRITY & SAFEGUARDING

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- Integrity and Safeguarding Dept  
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*Proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient. (2 Timothy 4:2)*

Some days we just don't feel like being good. We might feel crabby or tired or let down. Doing what we're supposed to do can seem hard. But no matter how tired or crabby or sad we are, we can always look to God for comfort and rest. Jesus himself turned to his Father in prayer when he was worn out in body and soul.

When you feel like you can't go on, find a few minutes of quiet, lift your hearts to God and ask for help.

Loving God, when I am in need, remind me to turn to you.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### **Heb 4:12**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

### **Luke 18:1-8**

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death.'"'

And the Lord said 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

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## THE STUDENT WHO NEVER GAVE UP

Emma was a 12-year-old in a Catholic school who loved art but struggled with math. Every day she tried, and every day she felt frustrated when her answers weren't quite right. She thought about giving up, feeling that maybe she just wasn't "good at math."

One afternoon, Emma's teacher noticed her frustration and said, "Emma, it's okay to ask for help again and again. Keep trying, and don't give up." Those words reminded Emma of a story she had heard in religion class, the persistent widow. Just like the widow kept returning to the judge, Emma realised she could keep asking, keep practicing, and keep trusting that effort and prayer would make a difference.

So she did. Each day, she worked through her homework, asked questions, and prayed for patience and understanding. Slowly, her confidence

grew. She even started helping a classmate who was struggling. Emma's persistence paid off, not only in better grades but in a renewed sense of hope and courage.

Emma's story is a modern reminder for schools, families, and parishes: faith, effort, and prayer go hand in hand. Life can be challenging, and answers don't always come immediately. But when we keep returning, keep asking, and keep trusting, God works in ways we often do not expect.

Just like Emma and the persistent widow, we are called to persevere in prayer and trust. Whether it's in school, at home, or in parish life, never give up on asking, hoping, and believing. God hears every prayer, and our persistence strengthens not only our faith but the community around us.

Go from here as those who will not give up or give in:

- Constant, when the world is changing.
- Listened to, when the clamour is loudest.
- Prepared, when others are uncertain.
- Unafraid, when fear reigns.
- Steady, when many are wavering.
- Compassionate, when others are serving themselves.
- Faithful, in times when faith counts for little.

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

*(20- 26 October)*

- **Monday, 20:** Weekday, Ord Time 29, (Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21)
- **Tuesday, 21:** Weekday, Ord Time 29 (Rom 5:12, 15,17-21; Lk 12:35-38)
- **Wednesday, 22:** Weekday, Ord Time 29 (Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48)
- **Thursday, 23:** Weekday, Ord Time 29 (Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53)
- **Friday, 24:** Weekday, Ord Time 29 (Rom 7:18-25; Lk 12:54-59)
- **Saturday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 29 (Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9)
- **Sunday 26:** 30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14)

## 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