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## KANGAROO ISLAND

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## WEEKEND MASSES

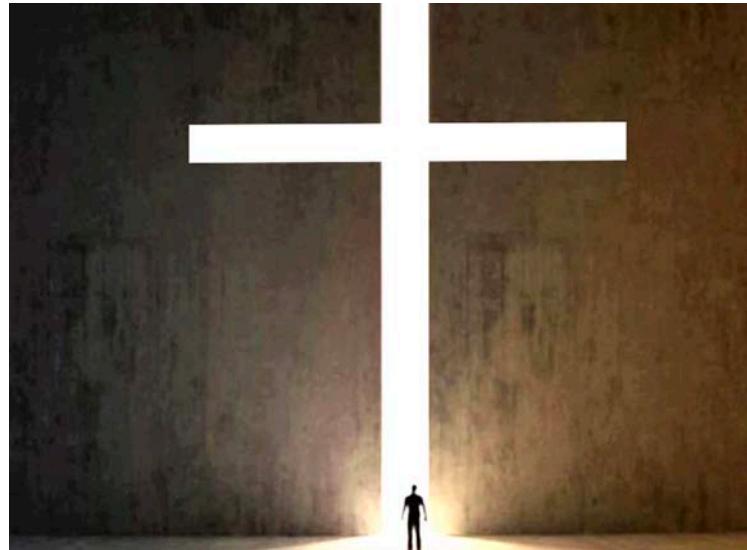
Kingscote at 9.30am

## CONFSSION

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 66:18-21*

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 116:1-2*

*Go out to all the world;  
and tell the Good News.*

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! <R>
2. Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever. <R>

## SECOND READING

*Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13*

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not

get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons.

Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Jn14:6*

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the way, the truth, and the life,  
says the Lord; no one comes to the  
Father, except through me. Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*Luke 13:22-30*

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.'

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from."

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# Bulletin Board

## KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

**August anniversaries:** Alma Adams, 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, Bill Roestenberg

*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
24/08	S Semler	L Grant	A Clark
31/08	P Clark	W Bennett	A Clark

## PRIEST ROSTER

24/08	Fr Lancey D'Silva
31/08	TBA

## BLESSING OF MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*Sunday September 21, 2025*

  
Celebrations of significant wedding anniversaries will be held in local Parish communities again this year. All couples who are celebrating a significant year of marriage in 2025 (1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40 or 50 years or more), are invited to leave their details with the Parish Office (by 5 September) to receive a special acknowledgement from the Archbishop.

## SEPTEMBER IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES MONTH

*Help make a difference to the lives of South Australians.*

In the month of September, we are promoting the Catholic Charities Appeal which supports the following agencies in South Australia: Hutt St Centre, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Centacare Catholic Family Services, Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's Special Schools.

Please take a leaflet with you to find out more about the September Appeal.



Donations can be made via the reply-paid slip on the leaflet or online at <https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/qr/cc> or click the QR code.

## LIGHT A CANDLE FOR GAZA

Caritas Australia invites us to light a candle and pray for the people of Gaza

*God of light,*

*You meet us in the darkest places.*

*Every year, when we light our Easter candle, we pray 'may the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our minds and hearts.'*

*We pray today that all people may work with you to dispel the darkness of violence and war.*

*May this fragile light be a sign of our hope for the people of Gaza.*

*May they find healing and lasting peace.*

*Amen.*

On a daily basis, we are all hearing reports of the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza that has claimed over 58,000 lives to date, with tens of thousands more wounded or missing under rubble. The situation continues to deteriorate at an alarming rate, with severe shortages of food, safe drinking water, and emergency shelter. Gaza is the most dangerous place in the world for children. Over 13,000 children have been killed. Caritas is calling for an immediate and permanent ceasefire. Pope Leo XIV encourages us, *"one and all, to build bridges through dialogue and encounter, joining together as one people, always at peace".*

If you are able to support Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal, please donate online at [www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or phone 1800 024 413.

## STRIVING TOGETHER THROUGH THE NARROW DOOR – WALKING THE NARROW PATH AS A FAMILY

*(Luke 13: 22-30)*

Jesus said, "A lot of you are going to assume that you sit down to God's salvation banquet just because you've been hanging around the

neighbourhood all your lives. Well, one day you're going to be banging on the door, wanting to get in, but you'll find the door locked and the Master saying, 'Sorry, you're not on my guest list.'"

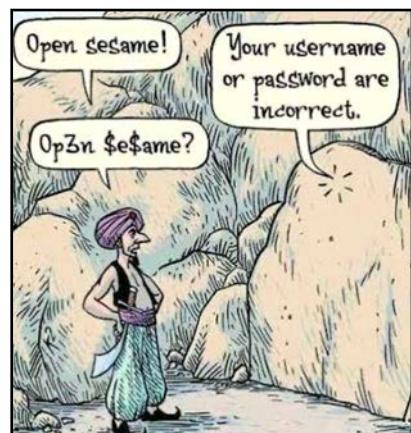
As a family, this passage invites us to think about the paths we take together – both in our everyday lives and in our spiritual journey. The "narrow door" reminds us that following Jesus isn't always the easiest or most popular path. It's an invitation to live intentionally, with love, patience, and faith guiding our choices.

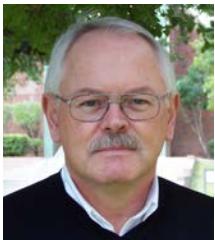
In family life, striving through the narrow door can take many forms: showing kindness to each other even when tempers flare, choosing honesty over convenience, making time for prayer and reflection, or reaching out to help someone in need. It reminds us that faith isn't just about going to Mass on Sundays – it's about the small, daily decisions that shape the heart of our home.

Jesus' words also challenge us to reflect on how we support one another as a family in living out our values. Are we encouraging each other to grow in love, compassion, and courage? Are we making space for conversations about what really matters, about how we can be people of faith in our words and actions?

## WHAT'S ON

Sep	Catholic Charities Month
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
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

### WHAT MAKES A GOOD MARRIAGE?

No amount of preaching shapes a soul as much as seeing someone living an honest life. If that's true, and it is, then no marriage course is ever as powerful to teach about marriage as is the witness of a good marriage.

I understood this first-hand several years ago when I attended the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of an uncle and aunt. Theirs was a good marriage: harmony, hospitality, family, faith.

However, and only they knew the price tag, this did not always come easily. They spent the first years of their marriage without much money and without extras, raising a large family. His first job, clerking in a store, paid him a pittance. She couldn't find any work at all, since in the small town where they lived, women weren't much wanted in the job market then.

As well, as in all families, there were countless other struggles and, in their case, countless hours spent by both, beyond their own family concerns, working in church and community circles.

More than two hundred of us, family and friends, gathered to toast and roast them. At the end of the banquet my uncle stood up to thank everyone and ended his comments with these words.

"When we got married fifty years ago, we didn't have much, but we had an unconscious trust that if we lived by the Ten Commandments and the laws of the church, then things would turn out all right – and I think they did."

What an understatement! They turned out better than all right.

A good marriage can best be described, I believe, by *four* images, and theirs is the prime analogate of each:

- *A good marriage is a warm fireplace.* The love that the two people have for each other generates a warm place. But the

warmth it creates does not just warm the two of them, it also warms everyone else who comes near them: their children, their neighbours, their community, and everyone who meets them.

- *A good marriage is a big table, loaded with food and drink.* When two people love each other in a true sense, that love becomes a place of hospitality, a table where people come to be fed, figuratively and literally. In a good marriage, love feeds not just the two people who are generating it, it always contains more than enough surplus to feed everyone who is fortunate enough to meet it. This is what makes it sacramental.

- *A good marriage is a container which holds suffering.* An old axiom says: "Everything can be borne if it can be shared!" That's true. Anyone fortunate enough to have a true moral partner in life can bear a lot of suffering. This is particularly true in a good marriage where the wife and husband, because of their deep moral affinity, can carry not just their own sufferings but also can help carry the sufferings of many others.

- *Finally, a good marriage is Christ's body, flesh that is "food for the life of the world."* Christ left us his body to feed the world. A good marriage does precisely that, it feeds everything and everybody around it. This, above all else, is what makes marriage a sacrament.

Many of us have experienced this in some of the married people we've met. Having them in our lives is a constant source of moral, psychological, and religious nourishment.

The marriage of my aunt and uncle can be described by these images. Their relationship with each other was a fireplace, where many people, including myself, found warmth. It was a table; their houses always had big tables, loaded refrigerators, and friendly doors that welcomed and gave hospitality and food and drink to everyone who crossed their threshold.

And their relationship was a container for suffering. Through the years, thanks to their love for each other, they were able to bear with faith, dignity, soft hearts, and an ever-deepening charity, all the pain, tragedy, and suffering that came their way, and were able to help many other people carry their sufferings.

Finally, their relationship was, in real human flesh, Christ's body, food for the life of the world. Virtually everyone whose path ever crossed theirs was in some way fed, nourished, and given vitamins for their souls.

In an age which no longer understands sacrament, we might look at a marriage like this one to better understand what constitutes a sacrament.

Sometimes the answers we seek are not found in a book, but in the house across the street; sometimes the divine grace we seek is found when someone opens a door of welcome to us; sometimes the elusive consolation we seek is given us by a friend who understands our pain; and sometimes the sacrament we seek to feed our souls is found in a warm living room, at a loaded table, in the banter and humour flowing back and forth across the table, and in a couple who are happily married.

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 our 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 Child Safe Organisation which is committed to the care, well-being and protection of children and young people. We believe that all God's children and young people 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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Integrity and Safeguarding Dept  
(8210 8159)



*For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last. (Luke 13:30)*

“That cake looks awfully small,” Sarah thought as she stood in line at the birthday party. Sarah worried that there wouldn’t be any cake left for her, so she elbowed and shoved her way to the front. She didn’t notice the little kid she knocked over. All she thought about was getting that cake. Josh stopped and helped. He made sure the little guy got a piece of cake. Josh didn’t mind being last in line. He wanted to be sure the littlest kids got cake before he did. Josh received something better than cake – the blessing of God!

Jesus, help me remember that love means putting others first.

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Then you will find yourself saying, “We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets” but he will reply, “I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!” ‘Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

‘Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.’

## THE NARROW GATE AT MAPLE STREET

Every Tuesday morning, the neighbourhood church buzzed with life. Children’s laughter spilled into the streets, parents chatted over coffee, and teachers from the local school dropped by after morning drop-offs. Among them was Maria, a veteran high school teacher, juggling lesson plans, parish volunteer work, and the subtle chaos of her own family life.

One Tuesday, during a short break in the hustle, a young man approached her. “Maria, I’ve been trying to be a good person,” he said, nervously twisting the strap of his backpack. “I pray sometimes, I help people when I can ... but is that enough? Will I get in?”

Maria paused. His question reminded her of a verse she’d read that morning in Luke 13: “Strive to enter through the narrow door ...” The words weren’t a threat – they were a challenge. She realised this young man, like so many, wanted an easy ticket to salvation without the daily effort God calls us to.

“Listen,” she said gently, “it’s not about checking boxes. It’s about living fully – loving boldly, forgiving quickly, teaching with patience, and showing up even when it’s inconvenient. The door is narrow because it requires courage. It asks you to stand for what’s right, even when everyone else is quiet. It asks you to give yourself away, not just

your time or money.”

He looked unsure. Maria smiled. “Start with one small act today. Hold the door for someone who feels invisible. Speak kindly to a co-worker who’s struggling. Invite someone new to your parish group. These little steps? They are how you practice walking through the narrow door.”

As he left, Maria glanced at the classroom windows across the street, watching her students arrive. She thought of her own family, her parish, the lessons she’s teach that day – not just in history or literature, but in life. The narrow door wasn’t far away or impossible. It was right here, in ordinary moments, in the choices that required love over convenience, action over apathy.

And for everyone who chose to walk through it, God’s welcome was already waiting.

From here to the waiting world is just a few steps. We leave this place with confidence.

- God will enable us to make the crooked paths straight and the rough places smooth.
- God will grant us freedom from the ways that restrict us, and boundless joy in our adventuring.
- God will give us love within our families, and trust within our deepest friendships.
- And God will never leave in this earthly time, or when this time merges with eternity.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

*(25 - 31 August)*

- **Monday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (1 Thess 1:1-5, 8-10; Mt 23:13-22)
- **Tuesday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (1 Thess 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26)
- **Wednesday, 27:** St Monica (1 Thess 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32)
- **Thursday, 28:** St Augustine (1 Thess 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51)
- **Friday, 29:** The Passion of St John the Baptist (Jer 1:17-19; Mk 6:17-29)
- **Saturday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (1 Thess 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30)
- **Sunday 31:** 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ord Time (Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24; Lk 14:1, 7-14)

## 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