



Welcome to

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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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Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

## **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 2:1-5*

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’



He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9*

*Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

## **SECOND READING**

*Romans 13:11-14*

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Ps 84:8*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!*

## **GOSPEL**

*Matthew 24:37-44*

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away.

It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come,

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# Bulletin Board

## PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Stephanie Langridge, Carmen Northcott, Joella Davidson

**November anniversaries:** Jim Airton, Francis E Bannan, Vic Banner, Clorice Bates, Toni Berden, Leon Bourke, Imogen Brinkley, Harold Burgess, Donald Chalmers, Tim Clark, Evelyn Drane, Roy Gatton, John and Dien Hendrix, Carmel Higgins, Agnes Hughes, Margaret Hughes, Peggy Imboden, Andrew Kelly, Thomas Lydon, John McDonald, Colleen Moore, Roger Pahl, Teresa Paniza, Sam Perkins, Roy Rayson, Helen Redden, Patricia Ross, Harold Semler, Marie Slagter, Pat Smith, Graham Turner, Gwen Willson.

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

## PARISH ROSTERS

	Comm	Reader	Cleaning
27/11	L Grant	P Clark	K Brinkley
4/12	K Hammat	M Slagter	A Clark
11/12	M Glynn	W Bennett	A Clark
18/12	P Bennett	A Gibbs	C Berden

## PRIEST ROSTER

*(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)*

27/11	Mons Ian Dempsey
29/11	Fr Anthoni Adimai ( <i>Blessing of the Graves</i> )
4/12	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

## CHRISTMAS GUILD MEETING

Mons Ian Dempsey will be saying Mass on Monday 28 at 9.30am before he heads off home.

This will be followed by a quick Guild meeting at the house and Christmas lunch at the Queenie.

## BLESSING OF GRAVES

Fr Anthoni will say Mass at 6.00pm on Tuesday 29 November at the Kingscote Cemetery, followed by the blessing of graves.

## CHURCH 'SPRING CLEAN'

We are having a "Spring-clean" of the Church on Wednesday 21 December in readiness for Christmas. Please bring your cleaning gear for a start at 9.00am. Many hands make the light work and the work light!

## WOMEN OF PURPOSE

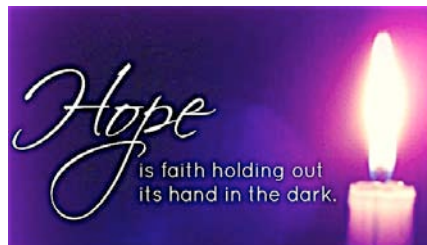
You are invited to an afternoon high tea on Friday 2 December from 1.30pm - 3.30pm in the Uniting Church Hall. The Theme is Joy, Hope, Peace.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Community Christmas Carols will be sung on 16 December after the Christmas Parade on Kingscote Oval. All are welcome.

\*Advance Kingscote seek six child safety volunteers to marshal people during the Christmas parade from 5.30pm -7.00pm. Contact Adrienne Bates, Advance Kingscote (8553 2563 or 0408 320 389).

## THE SECRET OF STAYING AWAKE



My mother never had difficulty staying awake – she would wait up for every family member until they were home and safe in their beds. When the rest of us struggled to stay up past 10:30 to watch the Late Show, she could easily make it to the Late, Late Show. She would be waking us up to watch live events from overseas, like royal weddings and rock concerts. Or she'd stay up all night just to make sure we wouldn't miss a bus back to school, a train to our first job, or a plane to some long-awaited adventure.

I didn't really appreciate my mother's secret to staying awake until recently. It wasn't like mum danced around the living room or drank pots of coffee to stay awake (although she was known to engage in both of those activities

from time to time.) But recently I read somewhere that sleep experts advise engaging in lively conversations to get your mind moving when you're feeling drowsy. Conversation – that was mum's secret during her late-night vigils – conversations with God. Mum was a world-class pray-er. She would say the rosary nightly and a Hail Mary or Our Father or two whenever she had the chance. She shared everything with God – her hopes and dreams for the family and her greatest concerns. While the rest of the household slumbered, she kept watch with her best friend and was ever ready at the appointed hour.

The Commissioning: The joys and the hard places of the world await us, but we have been fed with spiritual food. We have been encouraged as a faith community; we have been motivated to serve the powerless; we have been challenged as those who own the name of Jesus Christ. We leave with Advent hope in our hearts.

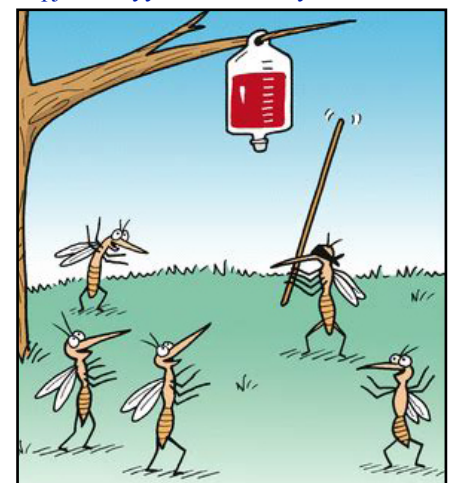
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## CLIMATE CHANGE SEMINAR

Tuesday November 29,  
3.30pm - 6.15pm Adelaide.

All are welcome to attend this online seminar - our aim is to share ideas, hopes and practical proposals to enable us to make beneficial contributions aligned with our faiths, in response to the escalating threat of climate change. Speakers include Rev James Bhagwan, Pacific Council of Churches, and regional representatives from the Asian Conference of Religions for Peace across Asia and Australia including Philippa Rowland from the Archdiocesan office.

Zoom Registration Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYrf-mtpjksGtWyy0kT0UxIWtEyYY4V43N6>





## 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

### YOU HAVE LESS LOVE IN YOU NOW THAN WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG

The first chapter of the Book of Revelation contains a powerful challenge that's hidden within the overall esoteric language of that book. John, its author, speaking in the voice of God, says something to this effect: I have seen how hard you work, I have seen your fidelity and your hunger for the truth; but I have this against you, "*you have less love in you now than when you were young.*" That stings!

It's easy to be blind to this inside of ourselves. We change, we grow, we age, and sometimes we don't look at ourselves closely to see what those changes are doing to us. Hence, we can be dedicated, hard-working, truth-seeking, sincere persons, virtuous in most every way, except that this goodness has become encrusted inside an anger, bitterness, and hatred that wasn't so evident in us when we were young. As we age, it's easier to be committed to the right causes than to remain loving and not let bitter judgment and subtle hatred infect our character.

It's important to have the right causes and to fight for the right truth, but as T.S. Eliot warns, "*The last temptation is the greatest treason, to do the right deed for the wrong reason*". If the author of the Book of Revelations came back today and scrutinized us, conservatives and liberals alike, I suspect, he might say the same thing he said to those Christians in Asia all those years ago, *You are dedicated, that's good – but you have less love in you now than when you were young.* Our causes may be right and our motives good, but there is also in us now some hatred of others and demonization of them that wasn't as evident when we were younger. We need to own this.

Someone once quipped that we spend the first half of our lives struggling with the Sixth Commandment, with the fire of eros, and then spend the second half of our lives struggling with the Fifth Commandment, with the fire of disappointment, anger, and hatred. When I was young and immature, I used to confess to having "bad thoughts" (to do with the Sixth Commandment). Now, aged and more mature, I confess to having "bad thoughts" (to do with the Fifth Commandment).

There is, I fear, less love in me now than when I was young. I went to the seminary at the age of seventeen and for the next eight years lived in a large community (forty-fifty of us). We were young and immature, but our community life together was mostly wonderful. These were happy years. Today, all of us in that group are in our seventies and are mature. However, if we tried to live together now, we would kill each other. We are more mature – though perhaps with less love in us now than when we were young.

Admittedly, this can be a simplistic judgment. Are we really less loving? Is love simply to be identified with warm energy, friendliness, and being nice to each other? It is more than that. Genuine love can also be prophetic, angry, and hard. Moreover, many things conspire to naturally callous our youthful sensitivity, exuberance, and energy, and harden our faces. Our spontaneity, bounce, and ease in hospitality are calloused simply through the natural loss of our naiveté and through the inevitable blows which life deals us: disappointment, failure, rejection, the death of loved ones, the loss of health, and the growing sense of our own mortality. Those things also take the bounce out of our step and make us less pleasant to be around than when we when we radiated

youthful exuberance, and that isn't necessarily a loss of love.

Still, I'm haunted by an image Margaret Laurence gives us in the person of Hagar Shipley in her novel, *The Stone Angel*. As Hagar ages, she grows ever more bitter and critical of others, without ever recognizing how much she has changed. One day, ringing a doorbell, she overhears a little girl telling her mother "that horrible old woman is at the door." Hearing this, stung to her roots, she goes to a bathroom, turns on all the lights, and for the first time in years examines her face in the mirror and is taken aback by what she sees. She no longer recognizes her own face. It has become something other than how she pictures herself. Her face now is that of a bitter, hateful old person.

We need to do what she did, have a good look at our faces in a mirror. Better yet, lay out a series of photographs of yourself from childhood, through adolescence, through young adulthood, through middle age, to your present age and study your face over the years to see how it has changed from when you were younger. Sadly, you will probably see there some hardening that is less attributable to natural aging than it is to bitterness, jealousy, and hatred.



## COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 25/11/22)



- 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

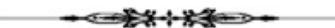
### DID YOU KNOW?

- Advent is a four week season of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. The word 'advent' means coming. Advent takes up this theme in looking forward to the coming of Christ at Christmas, and especially in looking towards the future coming of Christ at the end times.
- The early church believed that the second coming of Christ—the Parousia—was imminent. It could happen at any moment.
- The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the church's liturgical year.
- This is Year A of the liturgical calendar, during which the Lectionary readings come predominantly from the Gospel of Matthew.

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he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house.

Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'



### EXPLORING THE WORD

Matthew's Gospel is written for a mostly Jewish audience who had converted to Christianity. Because of this Jewish background, Matthew often uses images and incidents from the Hebrew Scriptures or Old Testament, with which his community is very familiar. For Matthew, Jesus is the fulfilment of the prophecies of old, and the Messiah who has long been awaited. In this text, Jesus twice uses the title 'Son of Man' to describe himself. It is an ambiguous term because it can simply mean a human being but is also used in the Hebrew Scriptures to refer to the one who will be judge and saviour of all.

### SHARING THE TRADITION

The celebration of a feast to honour the birth of Jesus did not emerge in the West until the fourth century. Scholars generally note that by ad 336, such a feast was in place and celebrated in Rome on 25 December. This comparatively late development of a feast to celebrate the birth of Christ may seem surprising to contemporary Christians, for whom Christmas is so central. However, we must remember that the earliest Christians expected the glorious return of Christ in their own lifetimes. It was only with time and an obvious delay to the Second Coming that such a feast could emerge. Furthermore, time provided the opportunity for a greater and more mature theological reflection on the mysteries of the incarnation and the Second Coming.

Advent, as a period of preparation for the feast of Christmas, developed later still. There is no evidence of such a preparatory time in Rome until well into the sixth century. It was Pope Gregory the Great (ad 590–604) who established a four-week liturgical preparation for Christmas, but the eschatological (end-time) themes of the Second Coming were not established until the Middle Ages.

### SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

Advent has a past, present and future dimension. We look back to the events of Bethlehem when Christ first entered the world; we reflect on Christ's presence today, and we look forward with joy to the future coming of Christ. Today's gospel reminds us that we must be ready for that coming.



### THE NIGHT IS FAR FROM SPENT

We know for sure that Santa Claus is coming to town; and so is Snoopy, Peanuts, Frosty, the Grinch, Rudolph, and more seasonal visitors than we may care to name. We also know that Jesus is coming, but he doesn't advertise his arrival as relentlessly as these others so we aren't sure quiet when. Will he arrive in time for the holidays? Too late to stop the next war? Too soon for me to acquire all the things I'd like to have in this world?

This is the Advent from which the season takes its name. Jesus is coming, and his advent is the one all these modern myths seek to recreate. Will Charlie Brown find the real meaning of Christmas? Only with a Scripture-quoting friend like Linus. Will the Grinch get a life? Only if he opens his eyes to the world he's always had. Jesus is coming all the time, but we won't know it if we refuse to change. That is the purpose of Advent, to give us fair notice that it's time to take time seriously.

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(28 November - 04 December)

- **Monday, 28:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> week Advent (Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11)
- **Tuesday, 29:** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> week Advent (Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24)
- **Wednesday, 30:** St Andrew (Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22)
- **Thursday, 01:** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> week Advent (Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27)
- **Friday, 02:** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> week Advent (Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31)
- **Saturday, 03:** St Francis Xavier (Is 30: 19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 6-8)
- **Sunday 04:** SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT (Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12)

### 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