



Welcome to

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(Part of the Adelaide Cathedral Parish)

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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.

- Mrs Helen Mumford (KI contact - 0408 367 009)
- Integrity and Safeguarding Dept (8210 8150 - select option 2)

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## GOSPEL

*(Read at the procession before Mass)*

### Matthew 21:1-11

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately'. This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

'Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass'.

The disciples went and did as Jesus directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted,

'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!'

And when he entered Jerusalem all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee'.

## FIRST READING

*Is 50:4-7*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. "He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.
2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and feet. I can count every one of my bones.
3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me!
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons. *(Continued page 4)*



# 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

**March anniversaries:** Peter Beinke, Kieren Berden, Ellen Clarke, Peter Clark, Ellen Denholm, Inez Frawley, Kathleen Gannon, Archbishop Gleeson, Alec Grant, Keith Hornby, Gladys Lurn, Jean Lonzar, Patrick Lyden, Kath Northcott, Stephen Northcott, Denis O'Brien, James Palmer, Dilly Reynolds, Richard Semler, Sylvester Shannon, Peter Slagter, Cathy Smythe, Eunice Trethewey, Edie Willson, Glad Nash.

*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

29 Mar TBA

## PRIEST ROSTER

29 Mar (Palm Sunday)  
Fr Francis Showri  
Easter Msgr Ian Dempsey

## 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



## WANTED CLEANER

We are currently looking for a cleaner for the Parish House.

If interested, please contact Helen Mumford (phone 0408 367 009) to find out about the application process.

## GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

On Good Friday the annual Holy LandCollection will be taken up. It supports Christians living in the Holy Land and throughout the Middle East. This important appeal assists the Church's pastoral, charitable, educational, and humanitarian works in the places made sacred by the life of Jesus.



## RAFFLE

The Guild is holding a new "Squares" fundraiser to support the end-of-year Maths Prize for each Campus. We would appreciate prizes to go in the raffle basket (and the purchase of some \$2 squares).

## THE MOMENT YOU CAN'T IGNORE

It was the kind of morning that felt like any other. Phones buzzed, people rushed, and screens lit up with headlines and notifications. Emma walked through the crowded street, earbuds in, half-listening to a podcast while trying not to trip over the sidewalk chaos.

Then she saw him. A young man, maybe no older than she was, sitting on the curb with a cardboard sign. His eyes weren't angry, just tired and a little scared. Everyone walked past, focused on their own world. Emma felt that familiar itch – she wanted to scroll on, look away, do nothing. But something inside her wouldn't let her.

She paused. She noticed the small things – how his shoes were worn, how his hands shook slightly as he held the sign, how the wind whipped his coat around. She realized in that moment that this was more than a snapshot for Instagram or a story to share later. This was real life. And she had a choice.

Emma knelt beside him and asked if he was okay, if he needed water, a warm drink, even just someone to talk to. He smiled, surprised but grateful. It wasn't a fix for everything, not even close, but it was a start. In that tiny moment, courage and care met. She realised that living her values didn't have to be perfect, it just had to be real.

Walking away, Emma felt a shift

inside. She couldn't undo the world's problems, but she could choose how she responded to them. Every choice mattered. Every small act of noticing, listening, helping, or standing up shaped the kind of person she wanted to be. And maybe, just maybe, it nudged the world a little closer to what it could be.

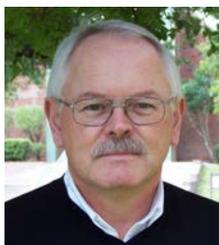
The moment she couldn't ignore had become the moment she chose.

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## WHAT'S ON

- 02 Apr Holy Thursday
- 03 Apr Good Friday  
(Holy Places Appeal)
- 04 Apr Holy Saturday
- 05 Apr Easter Sunday
- 10 Apr End school term 1
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day
- 27 Apr School term 2 begins
- 17 May St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal
- 8 Jun King's Birthday
- 28 Jun Holy Father's Appeal
- 3 Jul End school term 2
- 5 Jul NATSICC Appeal
- 12 Jul Stella Maris - Sea Sunday Appeal
- 20 Jul Beginning school term 3
- 9 Aug Promotion Vocations Appeal
- Sep Catholic Charities Month
- Sep 5-13 Royal Adelaide Show
- 25 Sep School term 3 ends
- 26 Sep AFL Grand Final
- 5 Oct Labour Day
- 12 Oct School term 4 begins
- 18 Oct World Mission Month
- 3 Nov Melbourne Cup
- 8 Nov Supporting our Clergy Appeal
- 15 Nov St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal
- 11 Dec School term 4 ends
- 25 Dec Christmas Day  
(Catholic Charities Special Appeal)
- 26 Dec Proclamation Day





## 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

### ON NOT BEING STINGY WITH GOD'S MERCY

Shortly after my ordination, doing replacement work in a parish, I found myself in a rectory with a saintly old priest. He was over eighty, nearly blind, but widely sought out and respected. One night, alone with him, I asked him this question: "If you had your priesthood to live over again, would you do anything differently?"

From a man so full of integrity, I had fully expected that there would be no regrets. So, his answer surprised me. Yes, he did have a regret, a major one, he said: "If I had my priesthood to do over again, I would be easier on people the next time. I wouldn't be so stingy with God's mercy, with the sacraments, with forgiveness. You see what was drilled into me in the seminary was the phrase: *The truth will set you free*. So, I believed it was my responsibility always to give a hard challenge, and that can be good. But I fear that I was too hard on people. They have pain enough without me and the Church laying further burdens on them. *I should have risked God's mercy more!*"

This struck me because, less than a year before, as I took my final exams in the seminary, one of the priests who examined me, gave me this warning: "Be careful," he said, "never let your feelings get in the way. Don't be soft, that's wrong. Remember, hard as it is, the truth sets people free!" Sound advice, it would seem, for a young priest.

However, after fifty years in ministry, I'm more inclined to the old priest's advice: We need to risk more God's mercy. The place of justice and truth should never be ignored, but we must risk letting the infinite, unbounded, unconditional, undeserved mercy of God flow more freely. The mercy of God is as accessible as the nearest water tap,

and so we, like Isaiah, must proclaim a mercy that has no price tag: *Come, come without money, without virtue, come, drink freely of God's mercy!* What holds us back? Why are we so hesitant in proclaiming God's inexhaustible, prodigal, indiscriminate mercy?

Partly our motives are good, noble even. The concern for truth, justice, sound orthodoxy, proper morality, public form, proper sacramental preparation, and fear of scandal, are not unimportant. Love needs to be tempered by truth, even as truth must be moderated by love.

But sometimes our motives are less noble and our hesitancy arises more out of timidity, fear, legalism, the self-righteousness of the Pharisees, and an impoverished understanding of God. Thus, no cheap grace is dispensed on our watch!

In doing this we are, I fear, misguided, less than good shepherds, out of tune with the God that Jesus incarnated. God's mercy, as Jesus revealed it, embraces indiscriminately, like the sun that shines equally on the good as well as the bad, the deserving and the undeserving, the initiated and the uninitiated.

One of the truly startling insights that Jesus gave us is that the mercy of God *cannot not* go out to everyone. It's always free, undeserved, unconditional, universal in embrace, reaching beyond all religion, custom, rubric, political affiliation, mandatory program, ideology, and even sin itself.

For our part then, especially those of us who are parents, ministers, teachers, catechists, and elders, we must risk proclaiming the prodigal character of God's mercy. We must not dispense God's mercy as if it were ours to dispense; dole out God's forgiveness as if it were a

limited commodity; put conditions on God's love as if God needs to be protected; or cut off access to God as if we were the keeper of the heavenly gates. We aren't. If we tie God's mercy to our own timidity and fear, we limit it to the size of our own minds. A bad game.

It is interesting to note in the Gospels how the apostles, well-meaning of course, often tried to keep certain people away from Jesus as if they weren't worthy, as if they were an affront to his holiness or would somehow taint his purity. So, they tried to send away children, prostitutes, tax collectors, known sinners, and the uninitiated of all kinds. Always Jesus overruled their attempts with words to this effect: "Let them come to me. I want them to come."

Things haven't changed. Perennially, we, well-intentioned persons, for the same reasons as the apostles, continue trying to keep certain individuals and groups away from God's mercy as it is accessible in Christian Word, Sacrament, and Community. Jesus managed things then; I suspect that he can manage them now. *God doesn't need our gatekeeping.*

What God wants is for everyone, regardless of age, religion, culture, personal weakness, or lack of Christian practice, to come to the unlimited waters of divine mercy.

The renowned naturalist John Muir once challenged Christians with these words: *Why are Christians so reluctant to let animals into their stingy heaven?*

We are also, I fear, stingy with God's prodigal mercy.

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):  
Kangaroo Island DPF - CDF Account  
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BSB 066-782  
A/c No 100027201  
Reference: Your name

2nd Collection (Support for Parish):  
Kangaroo Island Parish – CDF Account  
1040 S1  
BSB 066-782  
A/c No 100000067  
Reference: Your name

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Priests and Parish Facilities.



Throughout Lent, we've been getting ready for our holiest time of the year: Holy Week. But as we read in the Gospels, Jesus has been preparing his whole life. Jesus accepts what is about to happen because it is his Father's plan and because he loves us so much.

It will be hard for us to hear some of the things that happen to Jesus. He will be betrayed. People will say awful things about him. He will suffer terrible pain. He will carry the heavy wooden cross. And he will die. Don't be afraid to think of Jesus on the Cross. Don't be afraid to think of how much he loves you.

Jesus, help me stay close to you.

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## SECOND READING

### Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Phil 2:8-9

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

## GOSPEL

### Matthew 26:14-27:66

(Heavily abridged)

The Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani', that is, "My God, my God, why have you deserted me?" ...But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom ...

Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said, 'In truth this was a son of God'. And many were there watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and looked after him. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

When it was evening there came a rich man of Arimathaea, called Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and

asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate thereupon ordered it to be handed over ...

## STEPPING INTO THE STORY

Jesus enters Jerusalem not with power or status, but on a donkey. It is quiet, unexpected, and completely reshapes what people thought a leader should look like.

The crowd is loud and full of excitement. There is energy, celebration, and movement. But underneath it all is a deeper question. Do we really understand who Jesus is, or are we just caught up in the moment?

That question matters for us as a parish community. Life today is busy, noisy, and often overwhelming. It is easy to move quickly from one thing to the next, from one celebration to another, without really stopping to reflect. Even our faith can sometimes become something we attend rather than something we truly live.

Palm Sunday invites us to pause. To notice how Jesus chooses humility over power, presence over performance, and love over recognition. It invites us to ask what we are really celebrating and what place faith has in our everyday lives.

As we begin Holy Week, we are invited to move beyond the noise and step more deeply into the story. Not just to remember it, but to let it shape us.

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(30 March / 05 April)

- **Monday, 30:** Monday of Holy Week (Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11)
- **Tuesday, 31:** Tuesday of Holy Week (Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38)
- **Wednesday, 01:** Wednesday of Holy Week (Is 50:4-9; Mt 26:14-25)
- **Thursday, 02:** HOLY THURSDAY readings
- **Friday, 03:** GOOD FRIDAY readings
- **Saturday, 04:** HOLY SATURDAY readings
- **Sunday 05:** SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION (Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9)

## 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