



Welcome to

# Kangaroo Island Catholic Community

(Part of the Adelaide Cathedral Parish)

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(All items for the newsletter must be  
received no later than Tuesday  
evening.)

## 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 9.30am.  
All welcome.

## 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  
plough-shares, 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.*

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
'Let us go to God's house.' And  
now our feet are standing within  
your gates, O Jerusalem. <R>
2. It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord. For Israel's  
law it is, there to praise the Lord's  
name. There were set the thrones  
of judgement of the house of  
David. <R>
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:  
'Peace be to your homes! May  
peace reign in your walls, in your  
palaces, peace!' <R>
4. For love of my brethren and  
friends I say: 'Peace upon you!'  
For love of the house of the Lord  
I will ask for your good. <R>



## 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;

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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, MaryAnne

**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 Gaton, 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 may all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ.*

## PARISH ROSTERS

	Reader	Prayers	Cleaning
30/11	P Clark	W Bennett	C Brinkley

## PRIEST ROSTER

30/11 Vicar General Fr Dean Marin,  
Fr Lancy D'Silva



## 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.

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

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

## FAREWELL FOR FR ANTHONY ADAMAI



Fr Anthoni was farewelled by the KI Catholic community last Sunday. We wish him well in his new role as Superior General of his religious order in India.

We will remember him with gratitude for seeing a way for us to have an income by building a new parish house and renting out the old one and for his brilliant homilies

## WALKING TOGETHER THROUGH ADVENT - 2025 ADVENT REFLECTION

Advent is a time of waiting, watching and preparing for the coming of Christ into our midst – Emmanuel, God with us.

As we prepare for the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod, we are invited to listen to the Word of God and to one another.

The Advent season offers us time and space for shared reflection. Walking Together Through Advent, is the 2025 Advent group reflection resource from the Archdiocese and is now available at your parish or online at [www.togetheronetheway.au/resources](http://www.togetheronetheway.au/resources).

## WHAT'S ON

12 Dec	Last day School term 4
25 Dec	Catholic Charities Appeal

## ADVENT 2025

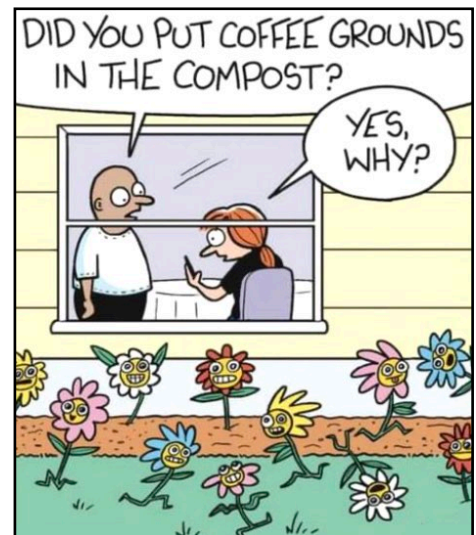
As we begin this Advent season may we resist the temptation to rush through these weeks and instead remain awake to the grace unfolding around us. May our homes be places of kindness and peace. May our parishes be communities where people feel known, supported and encouraged. May we hold space for God to surprise us. Advent is not just a countdown to Christmas it is an invitation to live with attentiveness and hope, trusting that Christ is already drawing near.

## Questions for reflection

Where in my daily family or personal life am I being invited to slow down, notice God's presence and be more intentionally awake to grace? Who in our parish or neighbourhood might be feeling overlooked, rushed past or alone, and how might we respond with genuine welcome and care this Advent? What simple practice could our household or parish community take up during Advent to nurture hope, deepen prayer and strengthen our relationships with one another and with God?

## Action Response

Let this Advent be the moment we choose to live with open eyes and open hearts. Make space in your home and in your parish for God to speak, to guide and to surprise. Reach out to someone who needs encouragement. Bring hope into conversations and kindness into ordinary moments. Stay awake to God's presence and be willing to act with generosity and courage. This is our time to prepare not just for Christmas but for Christ moving among us right now.





## 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*

### SPEAKING TRUTH IN PARABLES

Jesus was once asked why he spoke in parables. His answer is more than a little curious: I speak in parables . . . lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn again, and I should heal them.

At first glance, it would seem that Jesus is being deliberately vague so that people would not understand the truth—and so could remain ignorant and obstinate.

The opposite is true. His studied imprecision is a gentleness, a deep compassion that recognises that because people's lives are complex, the truth should only be spoken in a certain way. How?

It is not enough just to have the truth. Truth can set us free, but it can also freeze hearts further if it is presented carelessly. Here's a poignant example:

Novelist Joyce Carol Oates once published a book called *Them*. Although a novel, the book is based on the life of real person, a young woman whom Oates once taught in a college classroom and to whom she gave a failing grade.

Sometime after she had given this young woman a failing grade, Oates received a letter from her. The woman shared much of her own story, which was very checkered and painful. She had come from a bad home, been abused as a young girl, and had spent a number of years trying to deal with her wounded self through mindless and anonymous sex.

At the time she wrote this letter, she was trying to pull herself out of both her past and her destructive patterns of coping. In her letter she complained bitterly that she was not helped much by the class she took from Oates. Here, with a few slight redactions, is an extended quote from her letter:

"You once said in one of your classes: 'Literature gives form to life.' I remember you saying that very clearly. And now I want to ask you something: 'What is form? And why is that better than the way life happens by itself?'

I hate all that, all those lies, so many words in all those books. What form is there to the way things happen? I wanted to run up to you after class and ask you that question, cry it out at you, shout it into your face because your words were wrong! You were wrong!

And yet I envy you. I have envied you since I first saw you. You and others like you. Your easy way with words and people. The way you can talk to others, like friends.

One day before class I saw you walking into the building with another teacher, the two of you, well-dressed, talking, smiling, like that was no accomplishment whatsoever. And another time I saw you driving away from school in a blue car.

And I hate you for that. For that and for your books and for your words, and for your knowing so much about what never happened in any perfect form.

I even see your picture in the newspapers sometimes. You, with all your knowledge, while I have lived my life already, turned myself inside out and got nothing out of it. I have lived my life and there is no form to it. No shape.

I could tell you about life. I and people like me. All of us people who lie alone at night and squirm with a hatred we cannot get straight, into a shape. All of us women who give themselves to men without knowing why, all of us who walk fast with hate, like pain, in our bowels, terrified. What do you know about that?

Like the woman I am sitting across from right now in the library as I write this letter. She is fat, heavy, thick cream-coloured fat-marbled old legs,

cracked with varicose veins. People like her and me know things you don't know, you teachers and writers of books.

We are the ones who wait around libraries when it is time to leave and sit drinking coffee alone in the kitchen. We are the ones who make crazy plans for marriage, but have no one to marry. We are the ones who look around slowly when we get off the bus; but don't know what we are looking for.

We are the ones who leaf through magazines with coloured pictures and spend long hours sunk in our own bodies; thinking, remembering, dreaming, waiting for someone to come and to give form to so much pain. And what do you know about that?"

Yes, what do we know about that, we teachers, preachers, and writers of books? Her letter tells us why Jesus spoke in parables.

The truth can set us free. Indeed, it can give form to life. But can also be spoken unthinkingly, without heart, and then it serves mostly to rub our own inadequacy and shame into our face.

We need to speak our truth in parables. Truth is not something we can play with, fast and easy.

*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 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 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)



*O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord! (Isaiah 2: 5)*

God created everything with a special purpose. Trees, mountains, animals – and you! Each one of God's creations is one of a kind. God wants us to remember this. When we treat God's creation – including all people – with kindness, we are remembering that God lovingly created us. And we are honouring God.

You can honour God in many ways. It can be as simple as inviting someone to play or saying a short prayer of thankfulness when you go outside. How can you honour God today?

God living among us, help me honour your holy name.

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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, 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.'

## THE MOMENT YOU LOOK UP

There was a teacher named Liam who volunteered each week at his parish's community pantry. One Thursday afternoon, after a long day of classes and meetings, he arrived tired and distracted. He kept thinking about the emails he still had to answer and the lessons he hadn't finished planning. As he sorted boxes in the storeroom, he barely noticed the people coming in and out.

Then a young girl arrived with her mum. She couldn't have been more than eight. While her mum spoke quietly with a volunteer, the girl wandered over to Liam and asked if she could help. He handed her a loaf of bread to place on the shelf. She took it carefully, almost reverently, and said, "Mum says this place helps people feel seen." Her words hit him harder than he expected.

In that simple moment he realised how absent he had been not just here, but all week. He had been moving, teaching, serving and speaking, but without truly seeing. The girl smiled, placed the bread neatly on the shelf, and skipped back to her mum. Liam felt something shift. His tiredness didn't magically disappear, but his awareness returned. He slowed down, looked up, noticed the faces around him and greeted each person as if they mattered because they did.

That night as he drove home, he thought about how easily we can miss God's presence when we rush through life. Grace had entered the room through an eight year old offering nothing more than her attention.

Advent invites us into that same kind

of attentiveness. Whether we are in classrooms, staffrooms, parish halls, homes or workplaces, God is already present. The question is whether we are awake enough to notice. This season calls us to pause, to look up, to recognise the needs before us and respond with generosity, presence and hope.

The challenge is simple and demanding. Slow down. Notice someone. Offer a kindness. Make room for grace. Be awake to the moment because Christ is already at the door.

## The Commissioning

- Go from here ready for the coming of Jesus. *We are aware of those who are far away from home.*
- Go from here ready for the coming of Jesus. *We are aware of those for whom this is a stressful time.*
- Go from here ready for the coming of Jesus. *We are aware of those for whom loss is a harsh reality.*
- Go from here ready for the coming of Jesus. *We are aware of those whose hopes or dreams have come to nothing.*
- You will be ready for the coming of God's promised one, *and our celebrations will include a full measure of compassion.*

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

*(01 - 04 December)*

- **Monday, 01:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> week Advent (Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11)
- **Tuesday, 02:** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> week Advent (Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24)
- **Wednesday, 03:** St Andrew (Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22)
- **Thursday, 04:** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> week Advent (Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27)
- **Friday, 05:** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> week Advent (Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31)
- **Saturday, 06:** St Francis Xavier (Is 30: 19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 6-8)
- **Sunday 07:** 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