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

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KANGAROO ISLAND

TRANSFERS (0427 887 575)

generously donate transport for our visiting Priests.

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

WEEKEND MASSES

Kingscote at 9.30am

CONFESSION

Kingscote at 9.00am

(prior to Mass)



FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying:

‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

‘So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you.

Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed.

‘I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people.

They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 70:1-6, 15, 17

I will sing of your salvation.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of

prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people’s sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face.

The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Bill Roestenburg, Peter Weatherstone, Melanie Howson

January anniversaries: Eunice Airton, Eileen Bateman, Dorothy Brook, Monica Buick, May Cairney, Dominic Cash, Maureen Dunn, Marlene Cummins, Pauline Deegan, Jim Dodgson, Lucy Edwards, Colin Fahey, Margaret Flemming, Ralph Florance, Catherine Glynn, Alec Goodwin, Edward Hughes, Ida Jackson, Christina James, Jack Kindellan, Ettie McDonald, Irene Northcott, Ottaviano Orsi, Marj Phillips, Una Reynolds, George Rowen, Ann Smith, Sheila Tabor, Lorraine Laher-Storfer, Mary Weatherstone.

Recently deceased: John Lavers

Please pray for all the faithful departed and may all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ.

ROSTERS

	Comm	Reader	Cleaning
30/1	P Bennett	A Gibbs	K Brinkley

COVID Marshal

30/1 H Mumford

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)
30/1 Fr Sam Arockiasamy
6/2 Fr My Tran

PRAYER FOR HEALING

Prayer for Healing and Renewal gatherings on Thursdays will resume in a few weeks. The date will be advertised in the bulletin.

LATEST COVID RESTRICTIONS

3 people per 4 square metres with social distancing of 1.5 metres. Please see page 4 for the latest restrictions.

SEASONS OF THE SPIRIT

A three-day retreat

This retreat offers a chance to reflect on how God is at work through the seasonal movements of each individual 'inner life'.

Date: Thursday 17 March 4.30pm - Sunday 20 March 10.00am

Venue: Sevenhill Centre of Jesuit

and Ignatian Spirituality, College Road, SEVENHILL
Cost: \$430 – Live-in

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FROM FR ANTHONI

Dear families, friends, visitors, and holiday makers,

In the Second Reading, St Paul speaks of the qualities of love.



They are the same qualities that characterise the listening heart. The listening heart is 'always patient and kind; it is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude;... it does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong but delights in the truth' (1Cor 13: 4-6) Above all, the listening heart is a heart that is capable of appreciating the goodness and beauty in others. Let us live these words of St Paul in our lives.

Thank you for the warm welcome extended to me while I was in the Parish last weekend. I am so delighted to see your enthusiasm, energy, dedication and faith to the glory of God and the growth of our Parish. I was fortunate to have the combined meeting of our Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council with the assistance of technology, some face-to-face and the rest via zoom. I could see all your commitment and volunteering to keep the vibrancy of our Parish community and looking after each other as Jesus Christ invites to do so. Thanks to Wendy and Paul Bennett who hosted the zoom, Peter Clark, the PPC chair, Helen Mumford, the PFC chair, Cathy Howson who took the minutes of the meeting, and Anita Gibbs who prepares the Church for the Mass. My gratitude to Peter and Christine Weatherstone for looking after the Presbytery.

While I was in KI last weekend, I was able to visit some of our sick and elderly at their homes, but

unfortunately, could not make it to the hospital and aged homes due to COVID restrictions. I am sad to inform the passing of *John Lavers* (on 24 Jan 2022) and I was able to visit his wife and the rest of his family. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for peace and consolation to his wife and the family. Let us all be united in prayer and God bless you and your families. *Fr Anthony*

SUPPORT THE PEOPLE OF TONGA



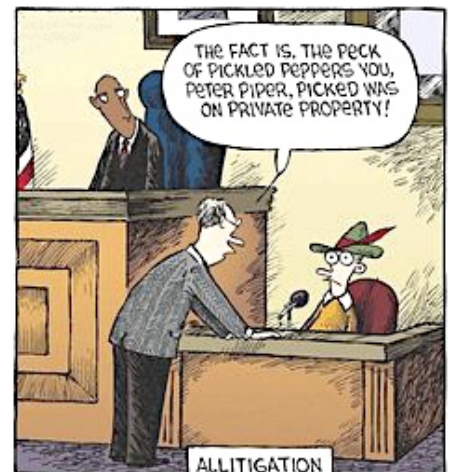
Tonga is coated in a thick blanket of ash after the eruption of undersea volcano Hunga-Tonga-Hunga-Ha'apai on January 15, which triggered tsunamis across the region, destroyed telecommunications and contaminated water supplies in the small Pacific Island nation.

Coastal communities in Fiji, Samoa and Vanuatu have been impacted by tsunami waves, along with communities as far afield as Australia, Japan and the Americas.

The Tongan government has said that "immediate assistance" is needed to deal with the fallout of the massive volcanic eruption. Caritas Australia is currently raising funds to support communities impacted by the eruption and tsunami in Tonga.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meetings will be held each fourth Sunday of the month - Fr Anthony's rostered weekend. If you have anything for the agenda, please contact Peter Clark.





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

MAKING LOVE WITH THE DIVINE

Kabir, a fifteenth-century Hindu mystic, writes:

What you call 'salvation' belongs to the time before death. If you don't break your ropes while you're alive, do you think ghosts will do it after? ... What is found now is found then. If you find nothing now, you will simply end up with an apartment in the City of Death. If you make love with the divine now, in the next life you will have the face of satisfied desire.

To make love with the divine. I suspect most of us will picture that as a warm, privatized, affective intimacy, the way we imagine romantic love, except here the other partner is God. Indeed, Christian mystical literature abounds with images of this kind, as does the Gospel of John. There's nothing wrong with that, except that such a conception is over-idealized and over-privatized. Making love with the divine, if Jesus is to be believed, is something more assessable and more communal than our affective image of intimacy.

How do we make love with the divine in this life? I have always taught that there are four non-negotiables to Christian discipleship: *moral fidelity in our private lives, a commitment to social justice, some involvement within ecclesial community, and a mellow, gracious heart.* We make love to the divine by living out these in our lives.

To make this more assessable, let me suggest that making love with the divine in this life asks *ten* things of us.

- *A moral fidelity in our private lives* Scripture tells us that those who love God keep his commandments and those who say they love him but don't keep his commandments are liars. Moreover, it tells us that we are

inside a body within which even our most private actions affect everyone else. We make love with the divine by not having any dark, hidden secrets.

- *An effort to live out our lives inside of community*

We are called to live our lives and come to God inside of a community. We cannot make love with God alone. It's always God, others, and ourselves. When we stand before God in judgment, as Charles Peguy suggests, we will be asked, "Where are the others?" Making love with the divine means being both spiritual and religious.

- *A mellow heart that radiate gratitude and forgiveness*

Like the older brother of the prodigal son, we can do all the right things, but with the wrong energy. We make love with God by fueling ourselves with gratitude rather than bitterness, and by forgiving others (and God) for life's unfairness and all the things that have wounded us.

- *A proactive reaching out to the poor and a perennial concern for justice to the world*

We cannot make love with God inside an intimacy that does not also take in the poor and the broken. Likewise, we cannot make love with God when we are indifferent to injustice. As Jesus makes clear, a private personal relationship with God never compensates for indifference to the poor and to injustice.

- *A life lived in truth which refuses to lie no matter how inconvenient*

To make love with the divine is to live in the truth. Satan is the prince of lies. The single most dangerous thing we can do spiritually is to refuse to acknowledge what is true, and the single most important way we make love with God is never to lie.

- *A childlikeness that never falls into the illusion of self-sufficiency*

Life may never be taken for granted, but only as granted. We make love to the divine by never living the illusion of self-sufficiency, by acknowledging always that life is gift and that we are dependent and interdependent with others and with God.

- *A perennial effort to love those who hate us, to not give back in kind*

We make love with the divine whenever we love those who hate us, bless those who curse us, and forgive those who hurt us. This is its very essence.

- *A heart open to all*

God's eternal banquet table is open to everyone who is willing to sit down with everyone. Since God loves everyone, we make love with the divine by sharing God's universal embrace.

- *An habitual openness to let God's energy flourish within our lives*

We make love with the divine by letting God's energy flourish through our lives, namely, when we let the divine energy inside us be joyous and generative so as to radiate life no matter what cards we are dealt.

- *A willingness to wait, to live in patience*

We make love with the divine whenever we accept to live in patience, to wait for life and love to unfold according to their own inner dictates. We make love to the divine whenever we carry healthily the tension of chastity, not just in the area of sexuality, but also in all areas of life.

The prophet Micah puts all of this succinctly: *act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly.*

You can read, or download, Ron Rolheiser's weekly columns from his website at: www.ronrolheiser.com

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS (Current from 27 January, 2022)

- Places of Worship are restricted to 3:4 sqm with social distancing of 1.5ms. A change in wording means that a wedding and funeral (previously viewed as a private activity) is taken to mean a defined public activity (in our circumstance a ceremony: religious / faith-based ceremony) and the 3:4sqm applies.
- Wearing of masks is mandatory. (An official medical certificate must be produced on request, if claiming an exemption.)
- Attendees at indoor religious services may sing during worship, if they wear masks while doing so.
- Social distancing is mandatory - DO NOT CONGREGATE at entry/exit and outside.
- There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- Every gathering must record contact details - either with the QR code for smart phones, or the handwritten log - both located at the entrance to the Church
- Hand sanitizer is available at Church entrances.
- Offertory procession will be omitted. Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Collection plates will not be passed around.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people should be encouraged not to attend.
- The Archdiocese recommends Covid vaccination for all (please check with your GP if you have concerns).
- Obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage. You may wish to access:
[Mass for You at Home – The official website of Mass For You At Home, Australia](#) online and on Channel 10 every Sunday at 6 am.



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In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 4:21-30

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue: 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

DID YOU KNOW

- The Lake of Gennesaret is simply another name for the Sea of Galilee. It is also sometimes known as the Sea of Tiberias.
- This episode probably took place on the north-west corner of the lake near the village of Capernaum, where Simon Peter lived.

- The huge haul of fish is symbolic of the overabundance of good that is promised to those who believe in and follow Jesus. It is also a symbol of the abundance of the messianic banquet that Jesus brings.

EXPLORING THE WORD

This text tells Luke's story of the call of Simon to become a disciple of Jesus. Jesus already knew Simon; he had cured his mother-in-law after 'they interceded with him about her' (Luke 4:38). Jesus had already spent time in Capernaum, Simon's hometown, and had performed miracles and cures. The large crowd who had witnessed these things now pressed on Jesus and he made use of the 'pulpit' of the boat. When asked to 'put into the deep', Simon, despite his misgivings, complies. The sheer wonder of the unprecedented catch of fish hints that somehow the action of God is to be traced in this extraordinary event. Simon - now with his Christian name, Peter, added to his Hebrew name - confesses his unworthiness and addresses Jesus as 'Lord'. It is only then, in the face of Peter's faith, that Jesus reveals the vocation and the mission of the disciple, and Peter, along with James and John, immediately accepts that mission wholeheartedly. They leave everything and follow him.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(31 January - 6 February)

- **Monday, 31:** St John Bosco (2 Sam 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20)
- **Tuesday, 01:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (2 Sam 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30 - 19:3; Mk 5:21-43)
- **Wednesday, 02:** The Presentation of the Lord (Mal 3:1-4; Lk 2:22-40)
- **Thursday, 03:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (1 Kg 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13)
- **Friday, 04:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (Sirach 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29)
- **Saturday, 05:** St Agatha (1 Kg 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34)
- **Sunday, 06:** 5th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 6:1-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11)

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