



Welcome to

# Kangaroo Island Catholic Community

(Part of the Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Cluster of Catholic Parishes)

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## **KANGAROO ISLAND**

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

## **SPONSORSHIP**

**KANGAROO ISLAND  
TRANSFERS** (0427 887 575)  
generously donate transport for  
our visiting Priests.

## **CHILD PROTECTION**

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

## **WEEKEND MASSES**

This weekend Mass will be held at  
Kingscote at 9.30am.



*There are special Readings this week - for Confirmation and First Communion.*

### **FIRST READING**

*Isaiah 42:1-3*

The Lord says this:

‘Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice.’

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Ps 145*

*I will praise your name for ever,  
Lord*

### **SECOND READING**

*Ephesians 1:3, 4, 13-19*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ.

Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good

news of your salvation, and have believed it; and you too have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance, which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

That will explain why I, having once heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus, and the love that you show towards all the saints, have never failed to remember you in my prayers and to thank God for you.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him.

May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Jesus Christ is the firstborn from the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.*

*Alleluia!*

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# Bulletin Board

## PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Bill Roestenberg, Nick Hacker, Fr Peter Milburn, Melanie Howson, Sr Carmel Clarke

**October anniversaries:** Murray Brook, Leo Clark, William Commerford, Trish Dennes, Clifford Dow, Barry Dunn, Leo Dunn, Katarina Faist, James Gibbs, Mary Alice Gibbs, Rosie Grace, Harry Hughes, Thomas Hughes, Kath Hutton, Licci Longzaer, Philis Lorimer, John Lowry, Winifred Lydon, Mary Morrissey, Noel Perkins, Harry Rich, Alf Rombout, Betty Walsh, Bernard Williams, Ethel Willson, Joan Wilson and all the faithful departed.

**Recently deceased:** Pat Hadland, Jean Clark (*Jamestown*)

*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
31/10 S Semler	A Gibbs	H Mumford

**COVID Marshal**  
31/10 W Bennett

### PRIEST ROSTER

*(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)*  
31/10 A/bishop O'Regan / Fr Josy

### PRAYER FOR HEALING

Parishioners are invited to a Prayer for Healing and Renewal gathering on Thursdays: 9.00am - 9.30am.

### COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Please read the most up-to-date information on page 4 of this bulletin.

## CONFIRMATION 31 OCTOBER



*Archbishop Patrick O'Regan*

We are delighted to welcome Archbishop Patrick O'Regan to Kangaroo Island this weekend, the first visit of an Archbishop since Archbishop Philip Wilson came in 2009, also for Confirmation.

We also welcome five candidates for Confirmation. Special thanks to Helen Mumford for all her work helping prepare Harry, Grace, Joshua, Rianna and AJ for their big day. The candidates will receive their First Communion following the Confirmation ceremony.

Following the Mass, everyone is invited to join in a shared meal at the Lions Hall, to celebrate with the children.

### 2021 ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

The Southern Cross newspaper is calling for children to use their artistic skills to design Archbishop Patrick O'Regan's 2021 Christmas card.

Entries are open in the following categories: Reception to Year 2, Years 3-5, Years 6-9 and Years 10-12. The images should be no larger than A4 size.

The winning entry for each category will be published in the December issue of The Southern Cross and on the Archdiocesan website. Category

winners will also receive a Wallis Cinemas pass. All entrants will receive a certificate of participation. Entries must be submitted by close of business Friday, November 19 to The Southern Cross, 39 Wakefield St, Adelaide 5000, or [email cathcomm@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:cathcomm@adelaide.catholic.org.au) with name, address, school and age on the back of the entry.

### DIOCESAN YOUTH ASSEMBLY

*November 21*

**Nazareth College, Findon Campus**  
The 2021 Diocesan Youth Assembly will take place on World Youth Day Sunday, November 21 at Nazareth Catholic College, Findon Campus. The Youth Assembly is an opportunity for young people ages 16-30 to participate in the ongoing dialogue and discernment of the Diocesan Assembly and the Plenary Council. Young People's voices are important to the development of our local faith community. Food, music, speakers, and discussion.

More information is available from [www.cathyouthadelaide.org.au](http://www.cathyouthadelaide.org.au) or by contacting Peter Bierer at the Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults E: [peter.bierer@cesa.catholic.edu.au](mailto:peter.bierer@cesa.catholic.edu.au)

### DATES

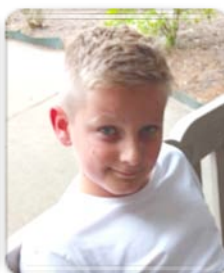
- 1 Nov All Saints' Day
- 2 Nov All Souls' Day
- 14 Nov Vinnies Christmas Appeal
- 21 Nov Christ the King
- 28 Nov First Sunday of Advent
- 5 Dec Second Sunday of Advent
- 10 Dec Last day School Term 4
- 12 Dec Third Sunday of Advent



"No joystick? No mouse? No keyboard? How do you turn the pages?"



Helen



Harry



Grace



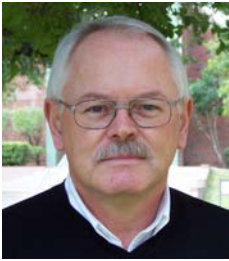
Joshua



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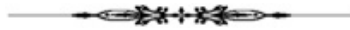


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## Ron Rolheiser column

*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*



### BEWARE OF YOUR INNER CIRCLES

*No man is an island.* John Donne wrote those words four centuries ago and they are as true now as they were then, except we don't believe them anymore.

Today more and more of us are beginning to define our nuclear families and our carefully chosen circle of friends precisely as a self-sufficient *island* and are becoming increasingly selective as to who is allowed on our island, into our circle of friends, and into the circle of those we deem worthy of respect. We define and protect our idiosyncratic islands by a particular ideology, view of politics, view of morality, view of gender, and view of religion. Anyone who doesn't share our view is unwelcome and not worthy of our time and respect.

Moreover, contemporary media plays into this. Beyond the hundreds of mainstream television channels we have to choose from, each with its own agenda, we have social media wherein each of us can find the exact ideology, politics, and moral and religious perspective that fosters, protects, and isolates our island and makes our little nuclear clique, one of self-sufficiency, exclusivity, and intolerance. Today we all have the tools to plumb the media until we find exactly the "truth" we like. We have come a long way from the old days of a Walter Cronkite delivering a truth we all could trust.

The effects of this are everywhere, not least in the increasingly bitter polarization we are experiencing vis-a-vis virtually every political, moral, economic, and religious issue in our world. We find ourselves today on separate islands, not open to listen, respect, or dialogue with anyone not of our own kind. Anyone who

disagrees with me is not worthy of my time, my ear, and my respect; this seems to be the popular attitude today.

We see some of this in certain strident forms of *Cancel Culture* and we see much of it in the increasing hard, inward-turned face of nationalism in so many countries today. What's foreign is unwelcome, pure and simple. We will not deal with anything that challenges our ethos.

What's wrong with that? Almost everything. Irrespective of whether we are looking at this from a biblical and Christian perspective or whether we are looking at it from the point of view of human health and maturity, this is just wrong.

Biblically, it's clear. God breaks into our lives in important ways, mainly through "the stranger", through what's foreign, through what's other, and through what sabotages our thinking and blows apart our calculated expectations. Revelation normally comes to us in the surprise, namely, in a form that turns our thinking upside down. Take for example the incarnation itself. For centuries people looked forward to the coming of a messiah, a god in human flesh, who would overpower and humiliate all their enemies and offer them, those faithfully praying for this, honor and glory. They prayed for and anticipated a superman, and what did they get? A helpless baby lying in the straw. Revelation works like that. This is why St. Paul tells us to always welcome a stranger because it could in fact be an angel in disguise.

All of us, I am sure, at some point in our lives have personally had that experience of meeting an angel in disguise inside a stranger whom we perhaps welcomed only with some

reluctance and fear. I know in my own life, there have been times when I didn't want to welcome a certain person or situation into my life. I live in a religious community where you do not get to choose who you will live with. You are assigned your "immediate family" and (but for a few exceptions when there is clinical dysfunction) like-mindedness is not a criterion as to who is assigned to live with each other in our religious houses. Not infrequently, I have had to live in community with someone who I would not, by choice, have taken for a friend, a colleague, a neighbor, or a member of my family. To my surprise, it has often been the person whom I would have least chosen to live with who has been a vehicle of grace and transformation in my life.

Moreover, this has been true for my life in general. I have often found myself graced by the most unlikely, unexpected, initially unwelcome sources. Admittedly, this has not always been without pain. What's foreign, what's other, can be upsetting and painful for a long time before grace and revelation are recognized, but it's what carries grace.

That is our challenge always, though particularly today when so many of us are retreating to our own islands, imagining this as maturity, and then rationalizing it by a false faith, a false nationalism, and a false idea of what constitutes maturity. This is both wrong and dangerous. Engaging with what is other enlarges us. God is in the stranger, and so we are cutting ourselves off from a major avenue of grace whenever we will not let the foreign into our lives.

*You can read, or download, Ron Rolheiser's weekly columns from his website at: [www.ronrolheiser.com](http://www.ronrolheiser.com)*

## COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 26 October, 2021)

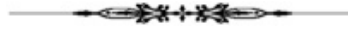
- Places of Worship are restricted to 3 people per 4 square metres with social distancing of 1.5 metres. The number of people at a Private Activity has increased from 50 people to 150 people, provided density requirements are met. If more than 50 people are present, there must be an independent COVID Marshal. QR codes and/or handwritten logs are essential.
- Wearing of masks is mandatory. Wearing of masks in parish offices is strongly recommended.
- Attendees at indoor religious services may sing during worship and members of choirs or chorus groups may perform or rehearse indoors, if they wear masks while doing so.
- Recommendation from Archdiocesan Office that tea/coffee after Mass be suspended.
- 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.
- All surfaces should be cleaned at least daily, with special attention given to frequently touched surfaces.
- 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](#),

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## GOSPEL

**Mark 1:9-11**

Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'



## MISSING BY A LITTLE BIT

Melissa gave herself plenty of time to get to the airport. But she didn't figure on the heavy traffic or the long line at the rental car desk. And the shuttle must have stopped a hundred times for more passengers headed home for the holidays.

At the check-in desk she had to wait behind a mob of people with tons of baggage. When she got to the counter, the ticket agent was alarmed, "You don't have time to check your bag," he said. "You'll have to carry it on. Hurry or you'll miss your flight". She raced to security, but her cosmetics, toothpaste, and manicure scissors set off all the alarms. It took forever, but they finally let her go, and as she raced down the concourse, she could hear her name being called on the public address system. Breathless, she arrived at the gate only to see her plane being pushed back from the gateway. She was crushed. So close, yet so far.

The young man who'd followed all the commandments all his life ended up "not far" from the kingdom of God, too. Imagine having that kind of moral track record and missing out. God's kingdom, you see, isn't a matter of being perfectly good, because no one is. Salvation can never be earned. It must be accepted in faith, allowing the gracious gift of God to work its divine transformation in the human soul.

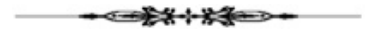
Love with a love that defies fear. We will love with a love that will not

give in. Love with a love that seeks the best. We will love with a love that will not see the worst. Love with a love that finds joy in community. We will love with a love that makes friends. Love with a love that crosses boundaries. We will love with a love that confronts evil, wherever it is found.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

- The title 'Son of David' was one applied to the longed-for anointed one of God. Its use indicates that Bartimaeus has recognised Jesus as the Messiah.
- Jericho is the main town on the west bank of the Jordan River in the south. It was the crossing point for people journeying from the north and led to the main road up to Jerusalem, 22 kilometres away. Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, and to his death, has almost ended.



## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(November 01 - 07)

- **Monday, 01:** All Saints (Apoc 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12)
- **Tuesday, 02:** All Souls (Readings from Masses for the Dead)
- **Wednesday, 03:** Weekday, Ord Time 31 (Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33)
- **Thursday, 04:** St Charles Borromeo (Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10)
- **Friday, 05:** Weekday, Ord Time 31 (Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8)
- **Saturday, 06:** Weekday, Ord Time 31 (Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15)
- **Sunday 07:** 32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (1Kg 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44)



## PASTORAL CARE

If you need a Priest for anointing of the sick or last rites contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).