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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.

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
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(8210 8150 - select option 2)

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Resources and Fact Sheets
adelaide.catholic.org.au

FIRE SAFETY

In case of a fire, please exit the front or rear door and gather on the lawn area near the Church. At the time, the Commentator will inform you of which door to exit safely.



FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised his greatness cannot be measured. (R)
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. (R)

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the

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Bulletin Board

KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Brianna Chudlee, Annette Roestenburg, Michelle Glynn, Rebecca Semler, Chris Heath, Josh Semler, MaryAnne Higgs, Peter Barker

September anniversaries: Frank Berden, Mary Bowery, Jimmy Browne, Terrence Browne, Gwen Caldicott, Audrey Carslake, Peg Dow, Thomas Drane, Bernadette Florance, Christopher Glynn, Loretta Hartley, Catherine Hughes, Patrick Hughes, Pearl Malycha, Elvie Meaney, Dean Larcombe, Julia Martienses, Eileen Morris, Reginald Pahl, Maise Rooney, Breton Semler, Vera Shannon, James Smith

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

PRIEST ROSTER

Sep 20 Fr Paul Finucane



HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

We will be celebrating Holy Communion and Confirmation on 29 November this year. The Archbishop and Fr Lancy will concelebrate this special occasion.

Please keep Glenna and Collin and their families in your prayers.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



SEPTEMBER IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES MONTH

The Catholic Charities Appeal is held in September. It supports the following agencies in South Australia: Hutt St Centre, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Centacare Catholic Family Services, Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's Special Schools.



INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY

21 September, 2026

"On this International Day of Peace, let us all be inspired by the

courage of those who champion peace in neighbourhoods, classrooms and communities. And let's call on world leaders to invest in a peaceful future for all people."

*António Guterres
(UN Secretary General)*

The 2026 theme is:

***"Invest in Peace - For Everyone,
Everywhere, Every Day"***

Today, amidst staggering volatility, the search for peace feels overwhelming, but it has never been more urgent. Peace is more than the absence of war; it is the foundation necessary to collectively tackle humanity's challenges. It is the lived experience of safety, dignity, opportunities and cooperation in our daily lives.

Under the theme Invest in Peace: For Everyone, Everywhere, Every Day, this year's International Day of Peace honours the 'everyday architects of peace'—people driving local action, laying the groundwork for stability, and building a lasting peace from the ground up.

Remember, peace isn't just built in conference rooms—it is shaped by everyone, everywhere, every day. Everyone, everywhere can do their part for peace. Take one small step for peace every day:

- Give your time to help someone else.
- Lend your voice to drive positive change.
- Host a Peace Circle - an intergeneration youth-led conversation on solutions.

- Use your platform to promote a cause or tell a story of peace and hope.

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

27 September, 2026

This year's theme, ***"Even just one of these children"***, draws attention to children and young people affected by migration and forced displacement, inviting Catholics and all people of goodwill to recognise their dignity, hear their stories and respond with compassion and solidarity.

In his message for the World Day, Pope Leo XIV highlights the vulnerability of children on the move, noting that "minors are the most vulnerable group within the global movements of migration" and that they are "concrete faces, who have unique stories, and call on our conscience"

The Holy Father reminds us that behind migration statistics are children whose lives have been shaped by war, poverty, violence, environmental disasters and family separation. At the same time, he points to signs of hope in the witness of families, educators, volunteers and faith communities who accompany and support young migrants and refugees.

WHAT'S ON

Sep	Catholic Charities Month
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 Appeal
11 Dec	School term 4 ends
25 Dec	Christmas Day



MASS ROSTERS

Date	Readers/Prayers	Special Ministers	Cleaners
20 Sept	S Heath, P Bennett	S Semler, K Hammat	C Berden
27 Sept	A Clark, M Glynn	M Slagter, H Mumford	C Berden
4 October	M Slagter, W Bennett	K Hammat, S Semler	H Mumford



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

THE CONSPIRACY OF ACCIDENTS THROUGH WHICH GOD SPEAKS

A woman once shared this story in one of my classes:

She had been raised in a religious home and had been a regular churchgoer. However, during her years at university her interest and practice in religion had progressively slipped so that by the time of her graduation she no longer attended church or prayed much. This indifference to prayer and church-going continued for several years after her graduation. Her story focused on how that changed.

One day, nearly four years after having given up all practice of prayer and churchgoing, she flew to Colorado to visit her sister and to do some skiing. She arrived on a Saturday evening and the next morning, Sunday, her sister invited her to come to church with her. She politely refused and went skiing instead.

On her first run down the slope, she hit a tree and broke her leg. Sporting a huge cast, she was released from hospital the following Saturday. The next morning, her sister again asked her to come to church with her. This time ("there wasn't much else to do") she accepted. As chance would have it, it was Good Shepherd Sunday and as chance (again) would have it, there happened to be a priest visiting from Israel. He could not see her sitting near the back with her leg in cast, and yet he began his homily this way:

"There's a custom among shepherds in Israel that existed at the time of Jesus and is still sometimes practiced today that highlights a hidden aspect of a good shepherd. Sometimes a shepherd senses that a young lamb is going to be a congenital stray, forever drifting

away from the flock. What the shepherd does then is deliberately break one of its legs so that he has to carry it until its leg is healed. By that time, the lamb becomes so attached to the shepherd that it never strays again."

"I may be dense!" concluded this woman, "but, given my broken leg and all this chance coincidence, hearing this awoke something inside me. Fifteen years have passed since then and I have prayed and gone to church regularly ever since!"

James Mackey once suggested that divine providence is "*a conspiracy of accidents through which God speaks.*" What this woman experienced that Sunday was precisely the language of God, divine providence, God speaking to her through a conspiracy of accidents.

Today the concept of divine providence tends to be ignored or misunderstood. Some Christians identify it with an unhealthy fatalism ("*If God wants my child to live he will not let it die. We won't take the medical procedure*"). Others connect it to an unhealthy theology of God ("*God sent AIDS into the world as a punishment for our sexual promiscuity! God sends us natural and personal disasters to bring us back to true values!*")

But these are false concepts of God and of God's providence. God does not start fires, or floods, or wars, or AIDS, or anything else of this nature to smarten us up and bring us back to true values. Nature, chance, human freedom, and human sin bring these things to pass.

However, to say that God does not initiate or cause these things is not the same thing as saying that God does not speak through them. God speaks through chance events, both

disastrous and advantageous. Past generations, like my parents' generation, more easily understood this.

For example, my parents were farmers. For them, like for Abraham and Sarah of old, there were no mere accidents; in everything there was always providence and the finger of God. If they had a good crop, God was blessing them. If they had a poor crop, well, they concluded that God wanted them to live on less for a while for some good reason. And they would always in the deep parts of their minds and hearts try to discern that reason.

When Jesus invites us to "*read the signs of the times*", he is not suggesting an intellectual exercise wherein we try to articulate for ourselves how the cultural, political, social, and religious movements are shaping our times. That could indeed be a good thing, but that's not what Jesus is inviting us to do. Rather he is inviting us to look at the events in our personal lives and in the life of the world and, as a deep form of prayer, try to discern what the finger of God is writing through those events.

In the conspiracy of accidents that make up our ordinary lives, the finger of God is writing. John of the Cross says that "*the language of God is the experience God writes into our lives.*" As a form of prayer, we need to look at the conspiracy of accidents in our lives and ask ourselves: "What is God saying to us in all of this?"

And hopefully it won't take a broken leg for us to get the message.

You can read, or download, Ron Rolheiser's weekly columns from his website at: 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
14870 S7.65
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.



For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways, my ways, says the Lord. (Isaiah 55: 8)

“I wish Franklin understood why he has to go to the vet,” Jacob says as he sits with his dog in the waiting room. “Well, he needs his shots to stay healthy,” Jacob’s mum says. “And he’ll get a tasty-treat too”. Jacob looks at Franklin again. “I know that, but Franklin doesn’t,” he says. It’s a little bit like that with God and us. When things happen that we don’t understand, God longs to tell us how much God loves us and that there’s a good reason for everything.

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market place and said to them, “You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.” So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, “Why have you been standing here idle all day?” “Because no one has hired us” they answered. He said to them, “You go into my vineyard too.” In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.” So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. “The men who came last” they said “have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day’s work in all the heat.” He answered one of them and said, “My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?” Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.’

HERE'S A TIP ABOUT GOD

“He replied to the one speaking for the rest, ‘Friend, I haven’t been unfair. We agreed on the wage of a dollar; didn’t we? So take it and go. I decided to give to the one who came last the same as you. Can’t I do what I want with my own money? Are you going to get stingy because I am generous?’ Here it is again, the Great Reversal: many of the first ending up last, and the last first”. (Matthew 20: 13 - 16)

When visiting Paris for the first time, I found one custom so different from here or other places I had visited that it made me genuinely uncomfortable: It was tipping. My guidebook told me not to tip the staff who cleaned my hotel room. They would take it as an insult that they were not doing their job well enough and needed further incentive. The same went for taxi drivers and to the infamous French waiters. An English-speaking waiter explained that the French do their job and leave you

to eat, not hovering around the table working for a larger tip. That is why we often consider them to be aloof or inattentive, when in fact they are neither.

We cannot possibly reach the standards of perfection we sometimes think God places on us. We fail to realise how generous God is with us. God’s ways remain a mystery to us.

So we need merely to accept the generosity of God as God chooses to share it with us. We cannot work harder trying to impress God to get a bigger response from God who is already totally generous. We need instead to be accepting of what God chooses to give to us, grateful and humble. *GPBS eNews*

LIVING THE WORD

The ‘vineyard’ in the Hebrew Scriptures always referred to Israel, the people of God, while the ‘master’ was God himself. This parable would have been clearly understood to be about being gathered into God’s people and who was welcomed into the kingdom. The unbounded generosity of God is highlighted.

- In what ways are we able to offer generosity to new-comers in our parish or local area?
- What welcoming ministries exist in our parish for those who move into the area or for new migrants?
- Who are the people in our society who are in need of generosity and welcome?

THIS WEEK'S READINGS (21 - 27 September)

- **Monday, 21:** St Matthew (Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13)
- **Tuesday, 22:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Prov 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21)
- **Wednesday, 23:** St Pius of Pietrelcina (Prov 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-06)
- **Thursday, 24:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9)
- **Friday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22)
- **Saturday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Eccl 11:9 - 12:8; Lk 9:43-35)
- **Sunday 27:** 26th SUNDAY in ORD TIME (Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32)

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