



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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FIRST READING

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was

desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. R.
2. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. R.
3. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. R.
4. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. R.

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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

February anniversaries: Heather Barrett, Joan Marie Berden, Mary Clark, Phillip Deakin, Alice Ellick, Alfred Gray, Bernadette Hehir, Kenneth Howard, Ron King, Jamie Larcombe, Frank May, Tom Meaney, Allan Moray, Pat Pawelski, Horace Riley, Christopher Riley, Bert 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
22/2	S Semler	L Grant	H Mumford
1/3	P Clark	TBA	C Brinkley
8/3	P Clark	TBA	C Brinkley
15/3	M Slagter	W Bennett	C Brinkley

PRIEST ROSTER

22/3 Fr Francis Showri

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

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

will be held on Monday 23 February at 9.30am in the new Parish House.



A GUIDE TO RUNNING SUSTAINABLE EVENTS AND MEETINGS

In an era where the delicate balance between human activities and the health of our planet is becoming increasingly evident, the need for sustainable practices has never been more pressing.

Recognising the urgency of adopting environmentally conscious approaches, this guide is a practical tool for both in-house teams or external providers to create a successful and sustainable event, rooted in the principles of responsible resource management, environmental stewardship, and social responsibility.

What is a sustainable event?

A sustainable event is one that aims to be environmentally sound, economically viable and socially just. To this end, the impact of all aspects of the event, including venue selection, transportation, catering, procurement and waste management must be considered.

DIALOG WEEK

In the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide, Dialogue Week is a key consultation period scheduled for 22–28 February 2026. It serves as a major lead-up event to the [2026 Archdiocesan Synod](#), allowing the local community to help shape the Church's future agenda.

Purpose and Participation

- **Synod Preparation:** Participants gather in parishes, schools, and migrant communities to reflect on five key thematic papers and provide feedback to Archbishop Patrick O'Regan and Synod members.
- **Broad Engagement:** Approx 4,000 parishioners and over 50,000 students from 87 Catholic schools are expected to participate.
- **Voice for All:** The week is designed to give a voice to "all corners of the Church," including Catholic agencies like Centacare and Vinnies.

- **Key Themes for Discussion**
Dialogue groups will focus on five draft thematic papers, including:
 - Formation for Mission and Leadership
 - Mission of Catholic Education and being Church together
 - Structures for Planning, Communion, and Participation
 - Becoming Missionary Disciples
 - Communion in Grace: Sacrament to the World

Featured Events

- **Public Forum at Norwood:** A significant gathering featuring renowned theologian Dr Christina Kheng, who will assist in the discernment process.
- **School Activities:** Students will engage in classroom conversations to explore synodality and share their vision for the Church.

Would you like to know how to join a Dialogue Group in your local parish, or are you interested in the official Synod dates later this year?

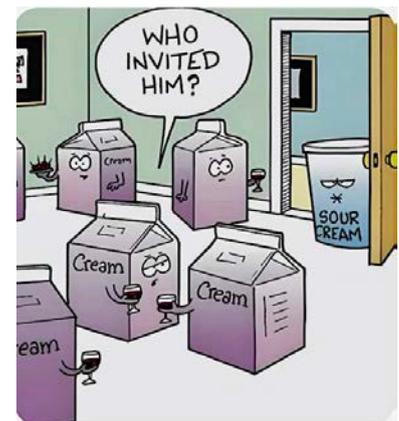
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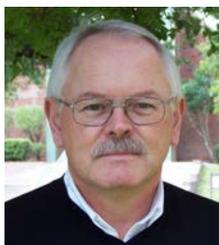
Updates and information will be located at the Diocesan Synod website which includes prayer and formational resources. <http://togetherontheway.au>

KIDS' CORNER

It can be easy to forget that Jesus was tempted by the devil. But we need to remember that temptation is real, and it happens to everyone. During Lent, we might be tempted to give up on our Lenten promises of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. But it's not just during Lent – we will be tempted all through our lives. It can be hard to walk away from temptations. But Jesus tells us, "The Lord, your God, shall you worship." When you are tempted, pray for help. Jesus will give you the strength you need.

Jesus, give me strength this week!





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

FINDING OUR VOCATION

Many of us are familiar with a famous line from C.S. Lewis who, when writing about his conversion to Christianity, shared that he was “the most reluctant convert in the history of Christendom.” When he first knelt down it wasn’t with enthusiastic fervour, but with the sense that *this was something he had to do*. What gave him this sense?

His words: [I knelt down against my resistance] *because I had come to realise that God’s compulsion is our liberation.*

What’s God’s compulsion? It’s the deep irrepressible moral sense we have inside that tells us what we *must do* rather than what we want to do. And this can be very helpful in finding our vocation and place in life.

What is a vocation, and how do we find ours? A vocation, as David Brooks suggests, is an irrational factor wherein you hear an inner voice that is so strong that it becomes unthinkable to turn away and where you intuitively know that you don’t have a choice, but can only ask yourself, what is my responsibility here?

That’s the story of my own vocation to the priesthood and religious life, and I share it here not because it is in any way special; it isn’t. It’s ordinary, one among millions. I share it with the hope that it might help someone else discern his or her vocation in life. Here’s my story.

I grew up in a Catholic culture which at that time basically asked every boy and girl to consider whether he or she was being called to the vowed religious life and/or to the priesthood. I heard this explicitly from my parents and from the Ursuline nuns who taught me in

school, and I heard it in the ethos of Roman Catholic culture at the time.

But I always felt a strong resistance inside. This is not what I wanted to do with my life! I did not want to be a Catholic priest. I nursed this resistance through my high school years and graduated with the intention of going to university, ideally to become a psychologist. But a voice in me would not stay quiet.

I spent the summer after graduation from high school working on two farms, our own and one of our neighbour’s. Mostly I worked outside, often alone, on a tractor for long hours working in a field. And in those long hours God’s compulsion began to wear away at my resistance. The idea that I was called to become a priest simply would not be silenced, though I tried. I remember one particular afternoon while working alone on a tractor, I tried to push the thought out of my head by singing out loud, but God’s voice isn’t shut out that easily.

This came to a head in late summer, just two weeks before I was scheduled to go off to university. I came home one evening after working another solitary afternoon on a tractor. My parents weren’t home so I tried to distract myself by tossing a football around with my younger brother. Peace didn’t come then. It came later as I was going to bed, after I had made the decision to pursue becoming a priest. I shared my decision with my mother and father in the morning. They smiled, and took me to see our local parish priest, a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate.

In fairness, the priest told me that, while he was an Oblate, there were other options for me, such as becoming a diocesan priest or a Jesuit. I chose the Oblates because

they were what I knew and because I already had an older brother in the order. Two weeks later I was in the Oblate novitiate – as one of the most reluctant novices in the history of the Oblates!

But from day one, it was right. I knew it was where I was called to be. That was sixty years ago and, whatever the struggles I’ve had in my priesthood, I have never doubted that this was my vocation – the priesthood and the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

And God, life, ministry, and the Oblates have been life-giving beyond what I deserve. Ministry has been grace-filled beyond measure and the Oblates have given me healthy community, exceptional educational opportunities, a series of wonderful ministries, and a pride in our congregation’s charism to serve the poor.

Sixty years in this vocation and I have only this to say: *Thank you God, for taking me where I didn’t want to go.*

I made that choice at the age of seventeen. Today our culture would say that such a decision cannot be made with sufficient maturity and clarity at so tender an age. Well, I have never seriously doubted my choice, and I look back on it now as the clearest, most unselfish, and life-giving decision I have ever made. That’s my story, but there are many life-giving stories different from mine. God’s compulsion has an infinite variety of modalities.

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):
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.

DESERT DECISIONS

On the first Sunday of Lent, a father sat at the kitchen table late at night, staring at unpaid bills and a calendar that was already too full. Notifications kept lighting up his phone. Work deadlines. Family commitments. Parish messages. He felt stretched thin.

That morning at Mass, the Gospel had taken him into the desert with Jesus. Hungry. Tired. Tempted. "If you are the Son of God ..." The temptation was not dramatic. It was subtle. Prove yourself. Take control. Fix everything quickly. Don't let anyone see the cracks.

Sitting there in the quiet, he realised something. The real pressure was not the workload. It was the need to prove he was enough.

In the desert, Jesus refuses to perform. He refuses the shortcut. He stands secure in God's love.

So the father put his phone face down. Not forever. Just for the night. He said a simple prayer instead of spiralling through stress. He chose that over panic. Nothing magical changed. The bills were still there in the morning. But he was different.

That is how Lent begins. Not with grand gestures, but with quiet decisions in the desert moments of ordinary life. Decisions to trust. Decisions to resist the shortcut. Decisions to remember who we are.

The wilderness is not a place of failure. It is where identity is strengthened. And that changes everything. *GPBS eNews*

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SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-19

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But

he replied, 'Scripture says: *Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: *He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.*'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: *You must not put the Lord your God to the test.*'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: *You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.*'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(23 February - 1 March)

- **Monday, 23:** Monday, first week of Lent (Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46)
- **Tuesday, 24:** Tuesday, first week of Lent (Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15)
- **Wednesday, 25:** Wednesday, first week of Lent (Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32)
- **Thursday, 26:** Thursday, first week of Lent (Esther 14:1, 3-5, 12-14; Mt 7:7-12)
- **Friday, 27:** Friday, first week of Lent (Ezek 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26)
- **Saturday, 28:** Saturday, first week of Lent (Deut 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48)
- **Sunday 01:** SECOND SUNDAY of LENT (Gen 12:1-4; 2 Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9:)



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