



Welcome to

# Kangaroo Island Catholic Community

(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.

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## FIRST READING

*Ezekiel 37:12-14*

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 129*

*With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.*

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. R.
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. R.
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. R.
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. R.

## SECOND READING

*Romans 8:8-11*

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Jn 11:25, 26*

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

## GOSPEL

*John 11:1-45 (abridged)*

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair.

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# Bulletin Board

## KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Healing list:** Brianna Chudlee, Annette Roostenburg, Michelle Glynn, Rebecca Semler, Chris Heath, Simon Laundry, Josh Semler, MaryAnne Higgs

**March anniversaries:** Peter Beinke, Kieren Berden, Ellen Clarke, Peter Clark, Ellen Denholm, Inez Frawley, Kathleen Gannon, Archbishop Gleeson, Alec Grant, Keith Hornby, Gladys Lurn, Jean Lonzar, Patrick Lyden, Kath Northcott, Stephen Northcott, Denis O'Brien, James Palmer, Dilly Reynolds, Richard Semler, Sylvester Shannon, Peter Slagter, Cathy Smythe, Eunice Trethewey, Edie Willson, Glad Nash.

*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

11 Mar TBA

## PRIEST ROSTER

22 Mar Fr Francis Showri  
29 Mar (Palm Sunday)  
Msgr Ian Dempsey  
Easter Msgr Ian Dempsey

## 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

## GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

On Good Friday the annual Holy LandCollection will be taken up. It supports Christians living in the Holy Land and throughout the Middle East. This important appeal assists the Church's pastoral, charitable, educational, and humanitarian works in the places made sacred by the life of Jesus.

## SEE HOW HE (WE!) LOVED

This week we encounter one of the most moving moments in the life of Jesus Christ. Standing among people grieving the death of Lazarus, Jesus doesn't rush to explain things or solve the situation straight away. Instead, the Gospel gives us one of the shortest and most powerful lines in Scripture: "Jesus wept."

Jesus notices the grief around him. He allows himself to feel the pain of the people he loves. He stands with them in their sadness. And the people watching respond with a simple observation: "See how he loved him."

Those words capture something essential about the heart of the Gospel. Love is not distant or abstract. It is present. It pays attention. It notices when someone is hurting and refuses to walk past.

For families and parish communities, this moment feels very real. Behind every household door there are stories – moments of joy, but also quiet struggles that others may never fully see. Families carry the pressures of work, health, finances, relationships, raising children, caring for elderly parents, and simply trying to hold life together in a busy world.

In parish communities the same is true. People arrive at Mass carrying things in their hearts – worry for a loved one, grief after a loss, anxiety about the future, or the weight of everyday life. Often we sit beside one another without knowing what someone else is going through.

Yet this Gospel moment reminds us that faith begins with noticing.

Jesus does not look away from people's pain. He steps closer. He allows compassion to guide his response. And that compassion becomes a powerful witness to everyone watching.

As we move through the fifth week of Lent, the Gospel gently invites us to do the same. Lent is not only about prayer, fasting, or giving things up. It is about becoming people who love more intentionally – in our homes, our friendships, and our communities.

Sometimes that love looks very simple. A phone call to someone who might be lonely. A moment of patience in the middle of family stress. A kind word to a neighbour. A quiet act of support when someone is having a hard time.

These moments might seem small, but they are exactly the kind of moments

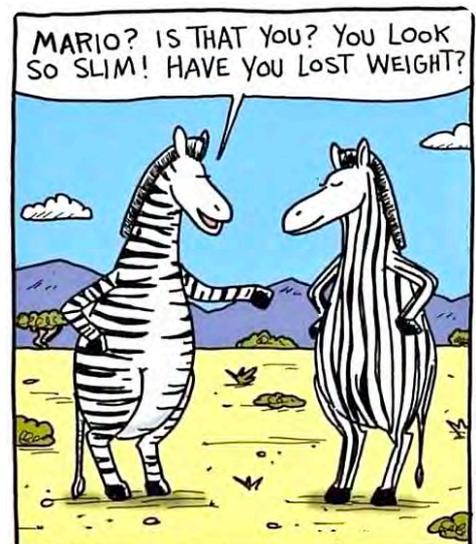
where the Gospel comes alive.

And when people see compassion lived out in ordinary life, they begin to notice something powerful – the same thing people noticed when they watched Jesus that day. "See how he loved."

*GPBS eNews*

## WHAT'S ON

- 02 Apr Holy Thursday
- 03 Apr Good Friday  
(Holy Places Appeal)
- 04 Apr Holy Saturday
- 05 Apr Easter Sunday
- 10 Apr End school term 1
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day
- 27 Apr School term 2 begins
- 17 May St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal
- 8 Jun King's Birthday
- 28 Jun Holy Father's Appeal
- 3 Jul End school term 2
- 5 Jul NATSICC Appeal
- 12 Jul Stella Maris - Sea Sunday Appeal
- 20 Jul Beginning school term 3
- 9 Aug Promotion Vocations Appeal
- Sep Catholic Charities Month
- Sep 5-13 Royal Adelaide Show
- 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 Christmas Appeal
- 11 Dec School term 4 ends
- 25 Dec Christmas Day  
(Catholic Charities Special Appeal)
- 26 Dec Proclamation Day





## Ron Rolheiser column

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### ALL LIVES MATTER

Theodore Roethke begins his poem *In a Dark Time*, with these words: “In a dark time, the eye begins to see.”

We live in a dark time, one beset with hatred, bitter divisions, and wars that, daily, are bringing death and incalculable trauma to millions of people. But are our eyes beginning to see?

Sometimes in a dark time, irreverent humour can help us see. Here’s an example: Recently I was leading a retreat at a renewal centre near a beach. Taking a walk on the beach during one of our breaks, I saw three young men sitting on the back of a pickup truck. The truck’s stereo was blasting music that could be heard for hundreds of yards, and the three young men, their baseball caps turned backwards, were joyously hoisting beer cans and happily waving to everyone around them. And above the truck flew a large flag which read: *Drunk lives matter!* Their joyous irreverence lifted my spirits, as it did too for the retreatants when I shared the story with them.

Yes, sometimes we see that even drunk lives matter. All lives matter.

That all lives matter needs to be highlighted right now because today we are being given the strong impression from some of our top government officials and others that some lives don’t matter, at least not as much as our own and those of our loved ones. Here’s the point:

During the past weeks, the USA and Israel have been at war with Iran, a war that has destabilised millions of lives. During these weeks there have been 15,000 bombing strikes in Iran and Lebanon, and Iran has retaliated with countless strikes directed against USA and Israeli interests.

A number of American and Israeli lives have been lost and several hundred Americans and Israelis have been injured. And we have properly mourned those deaths and injuries, mourned that these precious lives were lost or injured. Our empathy let us see that these lives were precious and that some irreplaceable oxygen left the planet when each of them died. We recognised that their lives mattered. And that’s to our credit.

However, during this time, more than 2000 lives have been lost in Iran and Lebanon and hundreds of thousands have had their lives ripped apart irrevocably, and (at least publicly) we have not awarded them the same empathy that we gave to our own. For us, it seems, their lives were not as precious as our own.

Perhaps this can be excused (or at least understood) by the fact that we don’t see these other lives firsthand. They’re far from us, abstract, faceless, nameless, Iranians and Lebanese.

However, what’s not excusable is the very cavalier and callous way this war and those deaths are being talked about by some government leaders and others around them. Their language in the face of all these deaths and the dislocation of millions is the language of celebration; what one might hear at a football game when your home team is humiliating a hated foe. *We’re beating them! We’re humiliating them! We’re bombing them into oblivion! Yay!*

Where is our empathy for their suffering, for their dead, for the millions of lives that are now being torn apart by death, dislocation, and heartbreak? It’s as if Iranian and Lebanese deaths aren’t real, like the virtual killings in a video game. Even the title of this war smacks of a video game: *Epic Fury!* But this isn’t

a video game. Real people are dying. Hundreds are dead and millions are living with hearts that are breaking or in despair.

We are called by what’s best in us is to touch that part of our heart where we care for more than only our own. We need to touch that deeper empathic part inside us that can say (and say out loud): *Iranian lives matter! Lebanese lives matter! All lives matter! Every life is as precious as my own.*

Of course, we also need to keep saying that American lives and Israeli lives matter.

All human lives are equally precious in God’s eyes. As St. Paul says in his *Letter to the Galatians* (3,28): “There is neither Jew nor Greek, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Jesus Christ.” In effect, that’s saying that in Christ there is no American or Iranian, no Israeli or Lebanese, no lives that don’t matter or matter less than other lives.

War is war and there can even be just wars, and understandably people die in wars. That can be accepted.

But, we have better hearts than falling into selective empathy. We have better hearts than to celebrate the death and the destruction of lives as we would celebrate the triumph of our favourite sports team demolishing a hated rival. We have better hearts than seeing the deaths and the destruction of countless lives as not fully real, like the dead in video games.

We’re better than that!

*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):  
Kangaroo Island DPF - CDF Account  
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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.

## THE EXTRA CHAIR

It started with a chair. Not a special chair. Just one of those spare plastic ones that somehow appear in classrooms, meeting rooms, and parish halls. This one had been sitting against the wall for weeks. The kind of chair everyone walks past without noticing. Until someone moved it.

At a school staff meeting one afternoon, a teacher quietly pulled the chair into the circle. "Just in case someone needs a place," she said. People smiled politely. The meeting continued. But the chair stayed there.

The next day, a student who had been having a rough week came to talk after class. The teacher dragged the same chair across the room and said, "Sit for a minute." No lecture. No fixing everything. Just a moment to sit and talk.

Later that week, the same chair appeared in the parish hall during a small group gathering. Someone who had lost their partner recently wandered in late, unsure if they should stay. There was a chair ready. They sat down.

Something about an open chair sends a message: there's room for you here. Not just physically. Humanly.

We live in a world that moves fast. Class bells ring. Emails arrive. Parish meetings start and finish. Families rush from one commitment to the next. It's easy to move through our days without really noticing who might be standing just outside the circle.

But the Gospel keeps reminding us that Jesus was always making space for people. *GPBS eNews*

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The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already.

When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

## KIDS' CORNER

*Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" (John 11: 43)*

A lot of people think they know better than Jesus. In this week's Gospel, his own disciples ask if he's sure he wants to go up to Jerusalem. Martha and Mary even scold Jesus a little, saying that if only he'd arrived earlier, their brother would be okay. And when Jesus orders them to open the tomb, Martha warns him it will be pretty stinky – like Jesus doesn't already know that! What everyone seems to forget is that Jesus trusts his Father's plan, and he follows it.

God has a beautiful plan for each of us. He tells us to come out of the darkness and into the light – and trust his love for us.

Jesus, guide me into your light.  
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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

*(23 - 29 March)*

- **Monday, 23:** Mon, 5<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11)
- **Tuesday, 24:** Tues, 5<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Num 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30)
- **Wednesday, 25:** The Annunciation of the Lord (Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Thursday, 26:** Thur, 5<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Gen 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59)
- **Friday, 27:** Fri, 5<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42)
- **Saturday, 28:** Sat, 5<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Ezek 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56)
- **Sunday 29:** PALM SUNDAY (Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66)

## 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