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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

Acts 2:14, 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22:1-6

*The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. <R>

2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. <R>

3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. <R>

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. <R>

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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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

April anniversaries:

Josephine Bannan, Ray Bannan Elizabeth Black, Wilma Buick, Karen Cairney, Gwen Chalmers, Ambrose Clark, Robert Clark, Tony (Noxy) Clark, Francis Clarke, Catherine Commerford, Sarah Cunningham, Jimmy Dow, Tate Furniss, Monika Gibbs, Lynne McArdle, Mary O'Brien, Norah Ridge, Verna Trethewey, Beryl Williams, Albert Willson, Keith 'Hoppy' Willson, Jim Higgins.

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

PRIEST ROSTER

26 April Fr Francis Showri
3 May Fr Vincent Wijesurya

RAFFLE



The Guild is holding a new "Squares" fundraiser to support the end-of-year Maths Prize. Squares are on sale for \$2 each. Your generous support would be very much appreciated.

LIFE TO THE FULL: FAITH, FAMILY AND EVERYDAY MEANING IN A BUSY WORLD

Jesus continued, "A thief is only there to steal and destroy. I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of." (John 10: 10)

John 10:10 speaks into the heart of

family life in a very direct way. "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." For families and parish communities today, that promise lands in the middle of busy calendars, competing demands, and the constant hum of digital life.

It is easy to assume that "life to the full" means having more time, more opportunities, or less stress. Yet the Gospel points somewhere deeper. It suggests fullness is not found in having everything under control, but in how we love, listen, and stay connected in the midst of ordinary life.

In many households, faith is not lived in big dramatic moments but in small, quiet ones. It appears in the patience shown at the end of a long day, in shared meals that actually get eaten together, in the way families navigate disappointment or celebrate small wins. Parish life mirrors this too, often carrying the hidden work of people trying to stay hopeful and grounded in a fast moving world.

For parents and carers, this raises an honest question. Are we simply trying to get through each week, or are we helping shape a sense of meaning and presence in our homes? For parishioners, it invites reflection on how community can be more than attendance, becoming instead a place where people are genuinely known and supported.

John 10:10 does not ignore the pressure of modern life. Instead, it gently reorders what we might call "fullness." It is less about doing more and more about being present to what matters most.

Questions for Reflection

Where in your family or parish life do you most experience moments of real connection, peace, or meaning, even if they are simple or brief?

What tends to crowd out those moments of fullness in your weekly routine, and how intentional are you about protecting space for what matters most?

How might your home or parish community become more of a place where people feel truly seen, supported, and valued in everyday life?

GPBS eNews

WHAT'S ON

- 25 Apr ANZAC Day
- 27 Apr School term 2 begins
- 17 May St Vincent de Paul 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 - 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

MASS ROSTERS

Date	Readers/Prayers	Special Ministers	Cleaners
26 April	M Slagter, L Grant	P Bennett, A Clark	A Clark
03 May	P Bennett, K Hammat	S Semler, W Bennett	C Berden
10 May	H Mumford, A Clark	M Slagter, L Grant	C Berden
17 May	S Semler, L Grant	H Mumford, A Clark	C Berden
24 May	K Hammat, M Glynn	W Bennett, S Semler	C Berden
31 May	S Semler, L Grant	P Bennett, M Slagter	C Berden
7 June	P Clark, W Bennett	L Grant, H Mumford	H Mumford
14 June	K Hammat, S Semler	W Bennett, A Clark	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

STRUGGLING WITH OUR OWN COMPLEXITY

Catherine de Hueck Doherty, the founder of *Madonna House*, once gave a particularly insightful interview. A renowned and respected spiritual figure, she acknowledged that her path wasn't easy, that she had her fair share of inner struggles. Why? Because, like the rest of us, she was pathologically complex. Being a human being, she suggested, isn't easy.

Here's how she described herself. I paraphrase:

"Inside me," she said, "it seems that there are three people. There's someone I call the 'Baroness'. The 'Baroness' is the one who's spiritual, efficient, and given over to prayer and asceticism. She's the religious person inside me. She's the one who founded a religious community, who writes spiritual books, challenges others, and has dedicated her life to God and the poor. The 'Baroness' reads the Gospels and is impatient with the things of this world. For her, life here and now must be sacrificed for the next world.

But, inside me too, there's another person I call 'Catherine'. 'Catherine' is a woman who would like fine things, luxuries, comfort, pleasure. She would like to enjoy idleness, long baths, fine clothes, putting on makeup, good food, and used to (while married) enjoy a healthy sex life. 'Catherine' enjoys this life and doesn't like self-sacrifice. She's not particularly religious and generally hates the 'Baroness'. 'Catherine' and the 'Baroness' don't always get along.

However, there's still another person inside of me, who's neither 'Catherine' or the 'Baroness'. Inside me too there's a *little girl* lying on a hillside in Finland, watching the clouds and daydreaming. This little

girl doesn't particularly like either 'Catherine' or the 'Baroness'. ... "and, as I get older, I feel more like the 'Baroness', long still for 'Catherine', but think maybe the real person inside me is the little girl daydreaming on a hillside."

Had these words been uttered by someone still struggling with basic conversion, they wouldn't pack much punch. They came however from a spiritual giant, from someone who had long ago mastered essential discipleship and had, long ago too, vowed herself to a radical discipleship of service to God and the poor.

If saints struggle in this way, what about the rest of us?

We all struggle because we're all complex. It's not a simple thing to be a human being and it's even more complex if you're striving to give yourself over beyond what comes naturally.

Like Catherine de Hueck Doherty, all of us have multiple "persons" inside us. Inside each of us there's someone who has faith, who wants to live the Beatitudes, who wants to be attuned to truths and realities of the Gospels. Inside each of us, there's a martyr who wants to die for others, a saint who wants to serve the poor, and a moral artist who wants to carry his or her solitude at a high level. But inside each of us there's also someone who wants to taste life and all its pleasures. Inside each of us there's a hedonist, a sensualist, a libertine, a materialist, an agnostic, and an egoist.

Beyond that, inside each of us there's also a little girl or little boy, innocent, daydreaming, watching the clouds on some hillside, not particularly enamoured with either the saint or the sinner inside us.

Who's the real person? They all are. We're all of these: saint and pleasure-seeker, altruist and egoist,

martyr and hedonist, person-of-faith and agnostic, moral artist and compensating libertine, innocent child and jaded adult, and the task of life is not to crucify one for the other, but to have them make peace with each other.

And peace, as we know, is more than the simple absence of war. It's a positive quality. What makes for peace? Two things: harmony and completeness.

Harmony. A melody is peaceful when all the different notes are strung together to make a harmony, a melody. To have peace, is to not have discord. And there's also another part to peace, completeness. To play a complex melody, you need a full keyboard. Peace depends upon having enough keys at your disposal to play all the notes life demands.

That's true too of human nature. Our complexity is not our enemy but our friend. All those seemingly opposites inside us demand a full keyboard. Because we're both sinner and saint, hedonist and martyr, adult and child, we need a complete set of keys to play the various musical scores that life hands us.

The secret is to arrive at harmony, where the various aspects of our lives make a melody. Metaphorically, we need to move beyond a random stabbing at the keyboard that produces discord. We must also employ a full keyboard so that we can play all the notes life demands. We've all had enough experience in life to know that. Peace comes when we put all the complex pieces inside of us together in an order to make a beautiful melody. And, of course, the more varied the notes, the more complex the musical score, the richer the final melody.

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.

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Kangaroo Island Parish – CDF Account
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BSB 066-782
A/c No 100000067
Reference: Your name

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Priests and Parish Facilities.



Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2: 38)

Think about the last time you asked forgiveness from a friend or a family member. How did you feel afterward? When I'm feeling guilty about something, it can really weight me down. I feel like I'm carrying a backpack full of bricks! But when I go to Reconciliation, I come out feeling like a new person, as if I can do almost anything with God's help. That's God's grace! I'm so thankful for the many gifts God gives me in Reconciliation. How about you?

Jesus, thank you for forgiving me.



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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and mine know me. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

Jesus said:

'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

WHERE LIFE BECOMES FULL: A STORY OF FAITH IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS

Maya first heard John 10:10 at school, but it stayed with her because no one tried to over-explain it. "Life to the full," her teacher said, "where do you actually see that happening?"

At first, Maya didn't know.

That changed in small moments she almost missed.

Her younger brother came home with a simple note from his teacher: I

noticed how you helped someone today. He didn't say much, but he kept it in his pocket all evening like it mattered more than a grade.

On Friday, Maya went with her mum to the parish hall. Nothing special, just setup for Sunday morning tea. Chairs, urns, noise that didn't quite settle. An older parishioner moved through the room quietly, making sure there was space for people to sit together rather than apart. "It makes a difference," she said, like it was obvious.

Later that night, her dad put his phone down mid-conversation and didn't pick it up again.

No one announced anything. Nothing dramatic happened. But Maya noticed the pattern: people choosing presence over distraction, kindness over hurry, attention over noise.

At Sunday Mass, the Gospel was read again. John 10:10. Same words. But this time they didn't feel distant.

Maya realised it wasn't about finding a different life. It was about recognising the one already unfolding, in homes, schools, and parishes, whenever people chose to really see each other. And somehow, that made all the difference.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(01 - 07 May)

- **Monday, 01:** Monday 4th week Easter (Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18)
- **Tuesday, 02:** St Athanasius Easter (Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30)
- **Wednesday, 03:** Sts Philip and James (1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14)
- **Thursday, 04:** Thursday 4th week Easter (Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20)
- **Friday, 05:** Friday 4th week Easter (Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6)
- **Saturday, 06:** Saturday 4th week Easter (Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14)
- **Sunday 07:** Fifth Sunday of Easter (Acts 6:1-7, 1 Pet 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12)

PASTORAL CARE

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