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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.

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## 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

*Ezekiel 18:25-28*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 24:4-9*

*Remember your mercies, O Lord.*

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.
3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path, he teaches his way to the poor.

## SECOND READING

*Philippians 2:1-11*

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself. So that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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# Bulletin Board

## KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

**Recently deceased:** Chris Heath

**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 27 Mons Ian Dempsey  
Oct 4 Fr Vincent Wijesuriya

## WHAT'S ON

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

## 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 Glena and Collin and their families in your prayers.

## WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES



**27 September, 2026**

As we mark Migrant and Refugee Sunday, we need to keep in mind that the task of Christians is to walk with our brothers and sisters in company with Christ.

In Australia, as in many other nations today, many people are hostile to refugees and to migrants. That is not surprising. People who struggle to find accommodation or to keep work can easily be led to see people coming to Australia as threats. They believe that governments should solve local

problems first and only then admit others to Australia. Such opinions may not make economic sense and be self-centred, but they are understandable.

Less understandable and forgivable is the conduct of politicians and ideologues who fish with dynamite in troubled waters by spreading false rumours against people from other cultures, stir up violent demonstrations, and depict refugees and immigrants from unfavored nations as dangerous people who should be locked up. They use contemptuous words as brands with which to mark people from overseas as less than human. In Great Britain and in Europe we have seen how dangerous this behaviour is, how it can be inflamed by politicians and by social media, and how it threatens peace and civil order.

## Reach out

In these times there is little point in entering arguments about refugees. We do better to reach out to come to know and to help them. We can keep in our hearts all the persons who are doing it hard, and not to lump them together in groups in which they are treated as things and not as persons. It is right to reflect on the hardships which many people who live in Australia must bear, to feel compassion for them, and to argue for change in our unequal economy. That should then help us to open our hearts to the stories of people who have been forced from their homes and who seek protection and a new life in Australia.

Australians doing it hard, and refugees and immigrants are not competitors but are all our brothers and sisters.

*Fr Andrew Hamilton*

## MASS ROSTERS

| Date    | Readers/Prayers                                          | Special Ministers    | Cleaners   |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------|
| 27 Sept | A Clark, M Glynn                                         | M Slagter, H Mumford | C Berden   |
| 4 Oct   | M Slagter, W Bennett                                     | K Hammat, S Semler   | H Mumford  |
| 11 Oct  | P Bennett, M Glynn                                       | A Bevan, H Mumford   | H Mumford  |
| 18 Oct  | A Clark, W Bennett                                       | L Grant, K Hammat    | H Mumford  |
| 25 Oct  | M Slagter, L Grant                                       | P Bennett, A Bevan   | C Brinkley |
| 1 Nov   | P Bennett, K Hammat                                      | S Semler, M Slagter  | C Brinkley |
| 8 Nov   | S Heath, A Clark                                         | M Slagter, L Grant   | C Brinkley |
| 15 Nov  | S Semler, L Grant                                        | H Mumford, K Hammat  | C Brinkley |
| 22 Nov  | K Hammat, M Glynn                                        | W Bennett, S Semler  | C Brinkley |
| 29 Nov  | S Semler, L Grant                                        | P Bennett, W Bennett | A Clark    |
| 6 Dec   | P Clark, W Bennett                                       | A Bevan, H Mumford   | A Clark    |
| 13 Dec  | K Hammat, S Semler                                       | P Bennett, L Grant   | A Clark    |
| 20 Dec  | S Heath, P Bennett                                       | S Semler, K Hammat   | A Clark    |
| 25 Dec  | ... Please put your name on the sheets in the Church ... |                      |            |
| 27 Dec  | M Slagter, W Bennett                                     | K Hammat, S Semler   | A Clark    |





## Ron Rolheiser column

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### THE ORIGINAL SIN

I once had the privilege of taking a course from James Mackey. In class one day he shared this story.

A man he knew was part of a hunting expedition in Africa. His group was camped in a jungle. One morning he left camp early, hiked a few miles into the bush by himself, and shot two wild turkeys. Buckling these to his belt, he was walking back toward camp when he heard noises and realised he was being followed. Frightened, his hands tightened on his rifle, he scanned the woods for movement.

His fear was quickly dispelled. What he saw stalking him was a young boy, about twelve years old, naked and hungry. He realised instantly that what the boy wanted was not him but food. He stopped, opened his belt, let the turkeys fall to the ground, and backed away. The young boy ran up to the turkeys but didn't pick them up. Instead, he looked towards the man and in his native language began asking him for something. Not understanding what the boy was asking but sensing that he wanted permission to take the birds, the man began gesturing to him that it was okay. But the boy still was not at ease. He kept asking and gesturing that he wanted something more.

Finally, in desperation, the boy took several steps back from the turkeys and stood silently with his hands out, open in front of him – waiting until the man came and placed the turkeys into his hands. Then he ran off into the jungle. Despite his hunger and need, he had refused to take the birds but had waited until they were given to him.

This story, in essence, illustrates the antithesis of original sin. This young boy did what Adam and Eve didn't do. He accepted that life needed to

be given to him, that he could not take it on his own, despite his hunger.

What's at stake here? To answer that we need to look at what constituted the original sin. What did Adam and Eve do that so badly violated God's plan? How is their action the opposite of this young boy's?

The story of the fall of Adam and Eve is coloured throughout, especially at the end (nakedness and shame), with sexual imagery, so much so that we might conclude that their transgression was of a sexual nature. It wasn't. The sexual motif in the story is a metaphor for rape. Adam and Eve took, as by force, something that can only be received in love.

The condition that God gave Adam and Eve might be summarised this way: *"I will give you life. I will bathe you in life. But you must receive it and never take it.* If you receive it, it will always be life-giving, but on the day you begin to take it rather than to receive it, your actions will begin to bring about distrust, alienation, nakedness, shame, and death."

That single commandment summarises the Ten Commandments.

Indeed, we might ask why God gave a commandment to Adam and Eve in the first place. Why a condition? Why not paradise without conditions? The question is a valid one; but in answering it, we must be careful not to see the commandment as a test, as some arbitrary thing that God might have asked or not asked. The condition here isn't arbitrary. *It's something inherent within love itself.* How so?

God made a love-contoured universe so that in the order of things, everything is gift. In life, nothing

may be snatched, grabbed by force, or claimed by right. Life can only be received as gift, respectfully, in its own time. The same with love. Something is only love and can only give life when it is freely given and freely received. This is written into love's DNA.

Love is not unconditional and never can be because there's a condition innate in love itself, namely, to be love, something must be received as gift. Conversely, if love is snatched by force rather than respectfully received as gift, we have a word for that – we call it rape.

The original sin of Adam and Eve wasn't sexual, but it was akin to rape. They wrongfully took what was intended as gift. Our culture, which rewards aggressiveness and tells us that we are foolish not to take for ourselves the good things we want, too often invites us to do the same thing.

It's interesting to note that the story of Adam and Eve was written centuries after the Ten Commandments were given and is an attempt to summarise all of them in a single condition: *"You may receive, but you may never take!"*

That's also the lesson in Jesus' gentle correction of the rich young man: The man had asked, "How can I possess eternal life?" Jesus corrects his verb: "You can only *receive* eternal life" – and you must, like the young African boy, stand before life with empty hands and wait until it's given you.

*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  
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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.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- The 'chief priests and elders' are the leaders of the Jewish religious community. They were the ones with training and were learned in the Scriptures. They should have known and recognised what is from God but they are like the son who says 'yes' and fails to carry out God's will.
- Prostitutes and tax collectors are often bracketed together because both were considered 'sinners': prostitutes for their sexual behaviour and tax collectors because they cooperated with the Roman authorities and cheated their own people.



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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Jn 10:27**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 21:28-32**

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

### IS GOD FAIR?

(Matthew 21: 28 - 32)

I have a work colleague/employee who drives me crazy. He does nothing I ask him to do, is always late, leaves early, takes endless breaks, follows my directions only when it suits him. Most of the time he does just what he wants to do and is completely ungovernable.

Why don't I fire this guy? Because, although he does nothing I ask him to do, he does everything well. He does what needs to be done, and sometimes more than I would ever expect from anyone. Though I tear my hair out about his blatant disregard for my wishes, I have to admit he's the best I've ever seen. He's like the first son in the parable: he says "No" but does "Yes".

Lots of people say No but do Yes in the reign of God. They don't go to church, baptise their babies, or live by the Book in the way we would like. They don't seem to worship the same God we do, or any God at all. Yet God has a different abacus than ours, and the tally may come out better for them than for

faithful churchgoers who live by the Book but have no love in their hearts. Is this fair? Not while we are pushing the beads, perhaps. But God doesn't stoop so low as fairness, and all kinds of unlikely people are making their way toward the Kingdom.

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### LIVING THE WORD

- Words are one thing but deeds are another. In the long run it is deeds which count more. 'Actions speak louder than words'. More importantly, this little story tells us that change is possible, even after a negative decision. We have the ability to have second thoughts and respond generously; we can decide to do the right thing. At times, it is those who are not expected to do the right thing that surprise us!
- Who are the people in your life who inspire you because of the consistency of their vision and action?
- Sometimes it is the simple people who inspire us the most. How might you emulate their approach? Are there ways you can be an inspiration for others? Are there ways you can publicly witness to saying 'yes' or acting for justice this week?

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(28 September - 4 October)

- **Monday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Job 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50)
- **Tuesday, 29:** Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael (Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51)
- **Wednesday, 30:** St Jerome (Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62)
- **Thursday, 1:** St Thérèse of the Child Jesus (Job 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12)
- **Friday, 2:** The Holy Guardian Angels (Ex 23:20-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10)
- **Saturday, 3:** Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24)
- **Sunday 4:** 27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43)

### PASTORAL CARE

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