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(All items for the newsletter must be
received no later than Wednesday
evening.)

MASS CENTRES

- **KINGSCOTE:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Cnr Giles and Todd Streets
Sunday - 9.30am
- **PARNDANA:** Uniting Church, Cook Street
4th Sunday - 4pm
- **PENNESHAU:** St Columba's Anglican Church, Cnr North Terrace and Fourth Street
Saturday before 4th Sunday - 7pm

SPONSORSHIP

KANGAROO ISLAND TRANSFERS (0427 887 575)
generously donate transport for our
visiting Priests.

CHILD PROTECTION UNIT

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FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

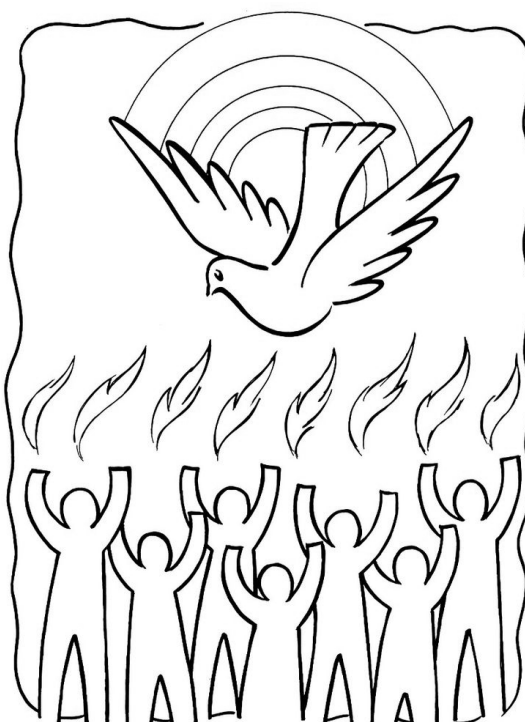
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.*

SECOND READING

Galatians 5:16-25

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that



you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires.

Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of
your faithful and kindle in them the
fire of your love.*

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MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Bill Berden, Mary Bradley, Peter Bradley, Baby Burden, Henry Carslake, Bob Clare, Charles Darcy, Timothy Hamm, Lorraine Holohan, Brian Kildea, Mildred Lashmar, Anthony Lonzar, Peter Lonzar, Dorothy McMahon, John Reynolds, Vikki Reynolds, Ann Wallace, Sr. Pauline Wallace, John Williams, Heather Willmott and all the faithful departed



RENEWING CHURCH TOGETHER – ON THE FLEURIEU REGION AND KANGAROO ISLAND

The Renewing Church Together (RCT) Task Force feels blessed and encouraged by people's goodwill, gifts and wisdom, present in each parish and their willingness to make the best possible use of the resources available and to share these with each other in a Spirit of prayer, hospitality and good stewardship.

'Alpha' promises to be a wonderful tool for the new evangelization and the Information Night was well attended with the concept of Alpha being enthusiastically embraced. Most of those who attended will be undertaking to do the Alpha Course together throughout the second half of the year. This will enable them to have a good understanding of the course prior to offering it in various ways, be it a lunch, evening meal or supper followed by the Alpha DVD and discussions, across the region.

Alpha for Students will also be explored by the APRIMs and RECs hopefully building on the inspiration, motivation and energy inspired by the visit of The National Evangelical Team (NET).

Our Regional Event/ Expo, has been planned for Sunday September the 13th so please mark this date in your diary and we will be organizing a flyer shortly (Venue to be decided). Many of the finer details are still to be worked through but we can tell you that we would like to start this day with prayer and a shared meal.

The Task Force aims to communicate all that is happening via this article for your newsletters and our website; however we rely heavily on volunteers and this committee to get the word out. Please pass on this information to others to ensure that everyone gets to hear about this opportunity to gather.

As Pentecost approaches we will continue to explore how the "Spirit of truth" is guiding us as we seek to be relevant and active in the lives of all whom the Church touches. Please continue to contact us with your feedback and suggestions for how we can continue to Renew Church Together.

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Prayers for the sick

Please pray for Nari Clifford, Clarence Cook, Phil Connell, Manning Depold, Thea Depold, Pam Elliott, Tony Fisher, Vveronica Farnden, Sue and Charles Gorman, Val Lockett, Leigh and Phillip McDonald, Kate Palmer, Anne Redden, Greg Turner, Karen Williams, Ken Willson,

May they know the healing love of Christ through our actions and His healing presence.

PARISH NOTICES –24/05/2015

1. Thank you to Fr Charles for celebrating Mass with us today
2. Next Sunday there will be Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.
3. We welcome Peter and Cathy Whales to the Catholic Community of Kangaroo Island.



Ron Rolheiser column

Ronald Rolheiser, a Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is president of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas. 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 SCENT OF UNSEEN ROSES

The scent of finding life, wrote George Macdonald, is “to smell the scent of unseen roses. I doubt we understand that very well, caught as we are in the tyranny of the seen rose, the visible, the healthy, the pretty.

We suffer from a very shallow and destructive concept of beauty and worth: We do not really appreciate the beauty of the rose, which we do see because we fail to grasp the scent of the ones that support it. But this is metaphorical and obscure. Let me explain:

Our world revolves around those who are strong, attractive and active. We see beauty and worth in the pretty, the un-sick, the young and the talented. They are the roses whose attention, affection, and autographs we court. It is they we would put on our mantel. Conversely, we find the sick, the handicapped, the aged, the unattractive, the wounded and the non-achievers a nuisance.

We feed them, tolerate them, and perhaps even, through some residual mixture of insight, guilt, and fairness, give them some of our attention and affection. But they are not the roses! There is little place for them on our mantels, nor in our vision of what is important. The perversity of that sends its poison out, both ways, depriving the weak of a sense of worth and depriving the strong of depth, insight and genuine understanding of life and beauty. In our world, sickness and agedness, non-attractiveness and non-utility of all kinds, are seen, both by those afflicted with them and those observing, as a useless burden, sheer wastage in the system. A sick person, an old person, a handicapped person is made to feel that he or she is a misfortune and that his or her condition makes no sense and helps no one. Thus, surrounded by youth,

health, vigor, attractiveness and usefulness, such a person is made to feel small, insignificant, a cripple, a burden and, in the end, is made to feel guilty as well.

Save for being surrounded by extraordinary friends or gifted with extraordinary grace, such a person cannot help but have a horrible self-image: a faded flower among the attractive, unimportant to the mainstream of life. But that is far from being true! Only a society which has all but lost its capacity to see depth can render so shallow and wrong a judgment – and live with itself after imposing it upon its sick and weak members! Real insight, St. Paul tells us, is seeing “face to face,” beyond the “glass, darkly.” The enigma, he calls it. We are in exile, partially distanced from each other, God and the truth. Behind that enigma, we do not see things as they really are. The type of knowledge that ends our exile, by resolving the enigma, sees not just the visible roses, but it scents the unseen ones as well. It scents that humanity is not a bunch of flowers, artificially set together in the interests of the aesthete’s palate, with all the unpretty and faded ones weeded out to keep the bouquet lovely. Rather it sees humanity as it really is, a great and aged tree whose flowers are not artificially chosen but are parts of one great whole, organically dependent one upon the other, with the pretty and the unpretty, the healthy and the sick, all part of one body.

In a bouquet of flowers, because one flower is not dependent upon another, all the unattractive, faded and sickly blooms are carefully eliminated. In a tree, as in life, this is not possible. All is woven together in a body, that body shows its many struggles to come to life and to grow. The ravages of time, sickness, and outside elements have made for

broken branches, bruised blossoms, gnarled surfaces, and shriveled and faded parts. But they are all necessary. There can be no beautiful blossoms and no fruit without the bruised and faded, the gnarled and the aged. The weak, sick, aged, and unpretty are as necessary to life as are the pretty and healthy. They reflect the struggle to come to life and to grow. Teilhard de Chardin, in an insight purged under a desert sun, explains it as follows:

“The world is an immense groping, an immense search... it can only progress at the cost of many failures and many casualties. The sufferers, whatever the nature of their suffering, are the reflection of this austere but noble condition.

They are not useless and diminished elements. They are merely those who pay the price of universal progress and triumph...

It is exactly those who bear in their enfeebled bodies the weight of the moving world who find themselves, by the just dispensation of providence, the most active factors in that very progress which seems to sacrifice and shatter them.” (Le Traite d’union)

“When you give a lunch or dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbors,” Jesus tell us. “No, when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind.”

That’s divine insight! In the sickness and fadedness, in the smell of need, age, wound and uncleanness, can be grasped the scent of the unseen roses!

You can read, or download, Ron Rolheiser’s weekly columns from his website at: www.ronrolheiser.com

REGULAR MASS TIMES IN OUR CLUSTER CHURCHES

ALDINGA

Mary of Galilee, the First Disciple
cnr Quinliven and Howe Roads
Saturday 5.30pm
Tuesday 9.15am

GOOLWA

St John the Apostle, 10-14 Gardiner St
Sunday 9.00am
Wednesday 9.30am

KINGSCOTE

Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
cnr Todd and Giles Streets
Sunday 9.30am

NOARLUNGA

St Luke, the Evangelist,
cnr Honeypot Rd and Goldsmith Dve
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 9.00am
1st Sunday 11.00am (Spanish Mass)
2nd Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)
Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm
Monday 9.00am
Tuesday 8.00am
Wednesday 7.00am
Thursday 9.00am (St John's School)
Friday 10.00am

NORMANVILLE

St Peter, Cape Jervis Road
1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 10.30am
2nd, 4th Sundays 8.30am
1st Friday 6.00pm

PARNDANA

4th Sunday 4.00pm

PENNESHAW

St Columba, North Terrace
(shared with Anglicans)
Saturday before 4th Sunday 7.00pm

SEAFORD

Seaford Ecumenical Mission, Grand Bvd
Sunday 10.45am
Wednesday 9.00am

VICTOR HARBOR

St Joan of Arc, 30 Seaview Road
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 11.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Thursday 9.00am
Friday (other than 1st) 9.00am
1st Friday 11.30am

WILLUNGA

St Joseph, 12 St Judes Street
1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 8.30am
2nd, 4th Sundays 10.30am
Wednesday 9.00am
Thursday 9.00am
Friday 9.00am

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GOSPEL

John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness.

And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset.

‘I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now.

But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come.

He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine.

Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.’



EVANGELII GAUDIUM

“Thanks to our bodies, God has joined us so closely to the world around us that we can feel the desertification of the soil almost as a physical ailment, and the extinction of a species as a painful disfigurement. Let us not leave in our wake a swath of destruction and death which will affect our own lives and those of future generations.”

Para 213 from Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

NOTES ON THE TEXT

It is in the power of the Spirit that the Church takes up its mission. Today, before all days, the Church invites us to deepen our faith in the Saviour's gift of his own Spirit. Already in the Old Testament, ‘the Spirit of God’ was active as a life-giving force at work in creation. Anointed by the Spirit as God's ‘Servant’, in fulfilment of the prophecies of the Book of Isaiah, Jesus has led us to know the Spirit as a Person sharing the one divine life with the Father and the Son. Today's gospel reading is a meditation upon this shared life, and the way in which those who find faith in Christ are made to share in it. Those who

have received the gift of the Spirit can tell the world the ‘complete truth’ about the Saviour of the world, and can announce ‘the things to come,’ because the mystery of God's final plan for the world has been revealed in the events which took place in Jerusalem at the time of the Passover. *Fr John Thornhill, sm*

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

Red is the colour often associated with the Spirit. Red vestments are worn at Pentecost and red is often associated with Confirmation. Red symbolises the intense love or ‘fire’ of the Holy Spirit. Other symbols of the Spirit are tongues of flame, wind and a white dove. Each of these conveys something of the mystery of the Spirit of God, which is beyond human understanding.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The disciples were in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost to celebrate the Jewish Harvest Festival, which occurs 50 days after the Passover. This festival also celebrated the covenant made by God with the people of Israel on Mt Sinai.
- The Christian feast of Pentecost is 50 days after Easter Sunday and marks the culmination and closure of the Lent-Easter-Pentecost cycle.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(25 - 31 May)

- **Monday, 25:** Our Lady Help of Christians (Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; James 3:113-18; Lk 1:39-56)
- **Tuesday, 26:** St Philip Neri (Sirach 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31)
- **Wednesday, 27:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 8 (Sirach 36:1, 4-5, 10-17; Mk 10:32-45)
- **Thursday, 28:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 8 (Sirach 42:15-25; Mk 10:46-52)
- **Friday, 29:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 8 (Sirach 44:1, 9-13; Mk 11:11-26)
- **Saturday, 30:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 8 (Sirach 51:12-20; Mk 11:27-33)
- **Sunday, 31:** The Most Holy Trinity (Deut 4:31-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17)