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

WEEKEND MASSES

Kingscote at 9.30am

CONFESSION

Kingscote at 9.00am
(prior to Mass)

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Prayers for Healing and Renewal in
the Church - Thursdays at 9.00am



FIRST READING

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:1-4

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-10

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Sue Semler, Brianna Chudley, Peter Weatherstone, Kay Florance, John Slagter, Annette Roostenburg, Michelle Glynn

May anniversaries: Bill Berden, Mary Bradley, Peter Bradley, Baby Burden, Henry Carslake, Bob Clare, Jaunito Cruz, Charles Darcy, Timothy Hamm, Lorraine Holohan, Brian Kildea, Mildred Lashmar, Anthony Lonzar, Peter Lonzar, Dorothy McMahon, John Reynolds, Vikki Reynolds, Fiona Smith, Ann Wallace, Sr Pauline Wallace, John Williams, Heather Willmott, Ross Wohling

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

PARISH ROSTERS

	Prayers	Reader	Cleaning
5/5	A Clark	L Grant	C Brinkley
12/5	L Grant	S Semler	C Brinkley
19/5	M Glynn	P Bennett	C Brinkley
26/5	K Hammat	A Clark	A Clark
2/6	L Grant	P Clark	A Clark

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

5/5	Fr Leon & Fr George
12/5	Fr Lancy D'Silva
19/5	TBA
26/5	Fr John Stuart-James

LADIES GUILD FUNDRAISER

“Lucky Squares” are being sold at the back of the Church at a cost of \$2 each. Prize: \$20.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

The combined churches of Kangaroo Island will hold a prayer service to celebrate Pentecost on Sunday 19th May at 11.00 a.m. at the Performing Arts Centre KICE Campus Centenary Avenue Kingscote. You are all warmly invited to attend.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a special collection next weekend at all centres for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. This Appeal supports families and individuals in SA who are struggling financially and materially.

MAY MASS COUNTS

The Archdiocese of Adelaide conducts a Count of Attendance for all Masses held on weekends during the month of May each year. This year, attendance counts are to be conducted over the four weekends of May, being the 4/5, 11/12, 18/19 and 25/26 in all Parish Mass Centres. The information gathered is used in pastoral planning and financial reporting’.

R.I.P. SR CATHERINE CLARK

Sr Catherine was chair of the SA Commission for Catholic Schools for 17 years and received a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 2003. She is well known to many in the Archdiocese of Adelaide and the Diocese of Port Pirie, devoting her life to the service of others.

Below are some lovely words that Paul Murphy shared about Catherine. He is a retired Principal, but still very involved in promoting the Josephite tradition.

Catherine was a faith-filled and faithful Josephite woman who walked with her God, and walked in the footsteps of Mary MacKillop over many years and in many roles.

Many would know Catherine as a teacher, a Principal, Province Leader, and Chair of the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools. Catherine was an advocate for Catholic education, for justice and access, for equity and fairness.

Catherine was a thinker, a challenger, a writer, a speaker, one who walked with us in Catholic education seeking to make a difference. Catherine frequently talked about re-imagining and re interpreting the Mary MacKillop story for our time. She challenged leaders to think about what we could learn from Mary’s story and how we might use her witness and inspiration to bring Catholic education to our communities in this time, to witness to the Gospel in our time, to see our compassionate God, and to make God present in our work and life.

Catherine had a passion for challenging our thinking about school fees and school uniforms – two of her favourite topics! Catherine made us think, made us question and act, to seek new ways and new ideas in how we engage with God’s mission in our schools. If you ever gave Catherine a

lift home in your car from meetings, you gained a wise and generous reflection about many issues in Catholic education – a wonderful time of professional learning and sharing professional wisdom. Walking with Catherine in Catholic education was a privilege and joy.

At Kensington, Catherine talked about walking where Mary MacKillop walked, “on holy ground.” It was not just a thought but an action as she journeyed her ministry and mission amongst us in Catholic education, holding Mary as an example of a woman who lived the Gospel values and the Gospel mission.

When you come to the Mary MacKillop Museum you will see a significant contribution from Catherine who researched the timeline which displays the presence and work of the Sisters of Saint Joseph in Catholic schools across our state. Her knowledge in that design provides us with a historical treasure.

Catherine was fun to be with, a wonderful talker and listener, who had many stories and insights to share from her years in education and her years in life. She was sage for our time.

Vale dear friend and colleague. Thank you for the gift you have given in this life. May God hold you gently.

Our deepest sympathy to Catherine’s family (including those on KI), friends and to the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

DATES

12 May	St Vincent de Paul Appeal
19 May	Marian Procession
10 Jun	King’s Birthday holiday
30 Jun	Holy Father’s Appeal
05 Jul	Last day School term 2
07 July	NATSICC Appeal





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

WHO ARE OUR REAL FAITH COMPANIONS?

I work and move within church circles and find that most of the people there are honest, committed, and for the most part radiate their faith positively. Most churchgoers aren't hypocrites. What I do find disturbing in church circles though is that many of us can be bitter, mean-spirited, and judgmental in terms of defending the very values that we hold most dear.

It was Henri Nouwen who first highlighted this, commenting with sadness that many of the bitter and ideologically driven people he knew, he had met inside of church circles and places of ministry. Within church circles, it sometimes seems, almost everyone is angry about something. Moreover, within church circles, it is all too easy to rationalize that in the name of prophecy, as a righteous passion for truth and morals.

The algebra works this way: because I am sincerely concerned about an important moral, ecclesial, or justice issue, I can excuse a certain amount of anger, elitism, and negative judgment, because I can rationalize that my cause, dogmatic or moral, is so important that it justifies my mean spirit, that is, I have a right to be cold and harsh because this is such an important truth.

And so we justify a mean spirit by giving it a prophetic cloak, believing that we are warriors for God, truth, and morals when, in fact, we are struggling equally with our own wounds, insecurities, and fears. Hence we often look at others, even whole churches made up of sincere persons trying to live the gospel, and instead of seeing brothers and sisters struggling, like us, to follow Jesus, we see "people in error", "dangerous relativists", "new age pagans", "religious flakes", and in our more generous moments, "poor misguided souls". But seldom do we look at what this kind of judgment is saying about us, about our own health of soul and our own following of Jesus.

Don't get me wrong: Truth is not relative, moral issues are important, and right truth and proper morals, like all kingdoms, are under perpetual siege and need to be defended. Not all moral judgments are created equal, and neither are all churches.

But the truth of that doesn't override everything else and give us an excuse to rationalize a mean spirit. We must defend truth, defend those who cannot defend themselves, and be faithful in the traditions of our own churches. However, right truth and right morals don't all alone make us disciples of Jesus. What does?

What makes us genuine disciples of Jesus is living inside his Spirit, the Holy Spirit, and this is not something abstract and vague. If one were searching for a single formula to determine who is Christian and who isn't, one might look at the Epistle to the Galatians, Chapter 5. In it, St. Paul tells us that we can live according to either the spirit of the flesh or of the Holy Spirit.

We live according to the spirit of the flesh when we live in bitterness, judgment of our neighbor, factionalism, and non-forgiveness. When these things characterize our lives, we shouldn't delude ourselves and think that we are living inside of the Holy Spirit.

Conversely, we live inside of the Holy Spirit when our lives are characterized by *charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, longsuffering, constancy, faith, gentleness, and chastity*. If these do not characterize our lives, we should not nurse the illusion that we are inside of God's Spirit, irrespective of our passion for truth, dogma, or justice.

This may be a cruel thing to say, and perhaps more cruel not to say, but I sometimes see more charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, and gentleness among persons who are Unitarian or New Age (people who are often judged by other churches as being wishy-washy and as not standing for anything) than I see among those of us who do stand so

strongly for certain ecclesial and moral issues that we become mean-spirited and non-charitable inside of those convictions. Given the choice of whom I'd like as a neighbor or, more deeply, the choice of whom I might want to spend eternity with, I am sometimes conflicted about the choice. Who is my real faith companion? The mean-spirited zealot at war for Jesus or cause, or the gentler soul who is branded wishy-washy or "new age"? At the end of the day, who is living more inside the Holy Spirit?

We need, I believe, to be more self-critical vis-a-vis our anger, harsh judgments, mean-spirit, exclusiveness, and disdain for other ecclesial and moral paths. As T.S. Eliot once said: The last temptation that's the greatest treason is to do the right thing for the wrong reason. We may have truth and right morals on our side, but our anger and harsh judgments towards those who don't share our truth and morals may well have us standing outside the Father's house, like the older brother of the prodigal son, bitter both at God's mercy and at those who are, seemingly without merit, receiving it.

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



"It's a pacemaker for your heart. Plus, you can download apps for your liver, kidneys, lungs, and pancreas!"

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:
BSB 085 005
A/c No 585353994
Reference: K Island or 765

2nd Collection:
BSB 085 005
A/c No 918111484
Reference: Your name

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CHILD PROTECTION

We are a Child Safe Organisation which is committed to the care, well-being and protection of children and young people.

We believe that all God's children and young people 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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EXPLORING THE WORD

The heart of today's gospel lies in Jesus repeating himself: 'Love one another'. The model for this love is the love that Jesus showed towards all those who follow him. Jesus has changed the way in which God relates to human beings. We are no longer servants of God but are drawn into deep intimacy and friendship through the Son. This new relationship is not dependent on our choice or will. God has chosen us and we are now commissioned to bear fruit, fruit that will last.

The Christian command to love is not a vague feeling of good will; it is a love which suffers all, and may demand great sacrifice. The command to love as Jesus loved may be the most difficult test of our Christianity. This is how the presence of Jesus is experienced even in his absence.

Love • ONE • Another

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GOSPEL (John 15:9-17)

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

I CALL YOU FRIENDS

Jesus sets the ultimate standard for love: putting your life on the line for your friends. Most of us don't go anywhere near that far. I have a physically challenged friend who's greatly loved within our parish and school community. Everyone declares how much he means to them, and how they would do anything for him. But there are things that few will actually do. Sitting with him is one thing; bathing him is another. Bringing over dinner is okay, but cleaning potties is not. Some will only come by when he's particularly well; when he's especially frail and helpless, some can't bear the sight of his suffering. Each of us has limits on how far we're willing to go with love, how much responsibility we're prepared to assume. None of us has a perfect record, and no one shows signs of the "best love" that Jesus models.

Yet Jesus calls us friends anyway. Even though he's a better friend to us than we'll ever be in return. Jesus takes our imperfect love and breaks it, blesses it, and passes it around like Eucharist to a hungry world. Jesus multiplies our little fragments of love and makes them sufficient. Our love may not be perfect, but that's no excuse to withhold what

we've got. Jesus will make it what it needs to be. Our task is to offer it.

CREATE COMMUNITY ONLINE

I'm grateful the pandemic didn't happen 10 years ago – before the ability to meet virtually was widespread. While I had already been working remotely for many years, it made staying in touch with loved ones easier – and for the first time, I created new relationships solely online. One of them was with a spiritual director. Having this new friend guide me in my spiritual journey, especially through the COVID years like we had, helped me enormously to recognise God's presence and action in my life and discern how to respond.

She and I often talked about how much we missed Mass, but I also shared with her my disappointment in my neighbourhood parish – its lacklustre spirit, problem priests, and comfortable congregation. I told her I stayed there to try to make it better. "You deserve to be fed too," she said, and together we prayed for that.

Very quickly, I found pockets of people all over the country – a Tuesday evening prayer group, a Sunday Liturgy of the Word – to connect with via Zoom. These new faith communities nourished me spiritually in ways I didn't realise I needed. Even now, since things have returned to "normal", we still meet online and share from time to time – and my cup is more full than it used to be when it comes to loving one another.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(06 - 13 May)

- **Monday, 06:** Monday, 6th week Easter (Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 - 16:4)
- **Tuesday, 07:** Tuesday, 6th week Easter (Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11)
- **Wednesday, 08:** Wednesday, 6th week Easter (Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15)
- **Thursday, 09:** Thursday, 6th week Easter (Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20)
- **Friday, 10:** Friday 6th week Easter (Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23)
- **Saturday, 11:** Saturday 6th week Easter (Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28)
- **Sunday 12:** The ASCENSION of the LORD (Acts 1:1-11; Eph 4:1-13; Mk 16:15-20)

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