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

CHILD PROTECTION

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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 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the

whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 99:1-3,5

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun

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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Bill Roestenburg, Peter Weatherstone, Joelle Davidson

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

	Comm	Reader	Cleaning
08/05	A Gibbs	A Clark	A Clark
15/05	S Semler	P Clark	A Clark
22/05	M Glynn	L Grant	C Berden
29/05	A Clark	K Hammatt	C Berden

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes

if something unforeseen crops up)

08/05	Fr My Tran - Cathedral Parish
15/05	Fr Eldridge - St Francis of Assisi
22/05	Fr Iain Radvan
29/05	Fr Anthoni Adimai - Cathedral Parish

COVID RESTRICTIONS

For the latest Archdiocesan restrictions please see page 4 of this bulletin. Please keep in mind the importance of social distancing and good hygiene practices.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN COUNT OF ATTENDANCE



As you may be aware, the Archdiocese of Adelaide conducts a Count of Attendance for four Masses held on the weekends during the month of May, which is used for pastoral planning and financial reporting. The count starts today. We need to record how many people are in the different age groups.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY '22 WINTER APPEAL

Please return St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal envelopes this weekend with your donation.

Other donation methods are:

- Return your envelope with enclosed donation by post;
- Donate online at www.vinnies.org.au (Willunga Conference name can be entered on payment page online);
- Donate by calling 13 18 12.

'THE SOUTHERN CROSS'

The May issue of The Southern Cross, which includes Federal election coverage and other local news, will be available in parishes this weekend.

LAUDATO SI' WEEK AUSTRALIA

May 16 to 24

This week is a celebration of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' and a call to action for Catholics around the world. Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv of Parramatta, chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service, has provided the attached message for Laudato Si' Week 2022.

Click here for [Bishop Long Laudato Si Week](#).

DIOCESAN SYNOD REPORT

The Archdiocese hosted the pre-synod gathering and presented the diocesan synod report at The Monastery on Saturday April 30. The report highlights the various consultations that have taken place in the Archdiocese over the past few years and the many voices of the Catholic community. It also presents a synthesis of the Diocesan Assembly recommendations and signals a commitment to a continued journey of synodality. The report, which will be sent to the Bishops Conference and directly to the Vatican, can be found at www.adelaide.catholic.org.au

THREE ASPECTS OF DIVINE HUMAN ENCOUNTER

The World Community for Christian Meditation South Australia, invites you to 'A Silent Retreat Day: three aspects of divine-human encounter' on Saturday May 14 at St Ignatius

Hall, Queen St, Norwood. The day will be led by Fr Michael Trainor and Josie Cirocco. Cost \$25. BYO lunch and also a mug or cup. For further information, go to <http://www.tinyurl.com/3k4mze95>.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

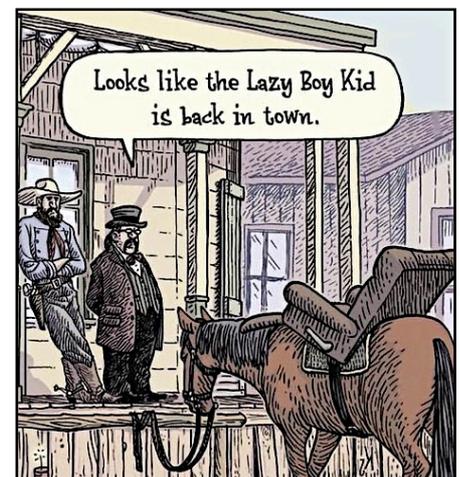
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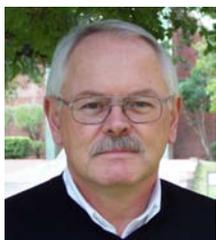
The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life.

2022 marks the 59th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

REMEMBER MAY 10

In South Australia we will remember Dr George Duncan a devoted Anglican and a senior lecturer in Law at the Adelaide University who was murdered by unknown persons by being thrown into the River Torrens behind the University 50 years ago on May 10. This caused a great outcry, and led to the decriminalisation of homosexuality in South Australia, the first State to do so in Australia, in 1975. We pray for all who are persecuted for their sexuality and are the victims of violence, bullying, harassment and perfection around the world. *Fr Maurice Shinnick*





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

MANAGING AN ASCENSION

A friend of mine, somewhat cynical about the church, recently remarked: "What the institutional church today is trying to do is to put its best face on the fact that it's dying. Basically, it's trying to manage a death."

What he's suggesting is that the church today, like a person struggling to accept a terminal diagnosis, is trying to reshape its imagination to eventually accommodate itself to the unthinkable, its own dying.

He's right in suggesting that the church today is trying to reshape its imagination, but he's wrong about what it's trying to manage. What the church is trying to manage today is not a death, but an ascension. What needs reshaping in our imagination today is the same thing that needed reshaping in the imagination of the first disciples in the forty days between the resurrection and the ascension. We need to understand again how to let go of one body of Christ so that it can ascend and we can again experience Pentecost. What's at stake here?

Among the elements within the paschal mystery, the ascension is the least understood. We are clearer about the meaning of the death and resurrection of Christ and the descent of the Spirit at Pentecost. We have less understanding of the ascension.

The forty days between the resurrection and the ascension were not a time of unadulterated joy for the first disciples. It was a time of some joy, but also of considerable confusion, despondency, and loss of faith. In the days before the ascension, the disciples were overjoyed whenever they recognized again their risen Lord, but most of the time they were confused, despondent, and full of doubt because they were unable to recognize the new presence of Christ in what was happening around them. At one point, they gave up completely and, as John put it,

went back to their former way of life, fishing and the sea.

However, during that time, Jesus slowly reshaped their imaginations. Eventually they grasped the fact that something had died, but that something else, far richer, had been born, and that now they needed to give up clinging to the way Jesus had formerly been present to them so that he could be present to them in a new way. The theology and spirituality of the ascension is essentially contained in these words: *Refuse to cling to what once was, let it go so that you can now recognize the new life you are already living and receive its spirit.* The synoptic gospels teach this to us in their pictorial rendering of the ascension, where a bodily Jesus blesses everyone and then rises physically out of their sight. John gives us the same theology but in a different picture. He does this in his description of the encounter on Easter morning between Jesus and Mary Magdala when Jesus says, "*Mary don't cling to me!*"

Today, the church is trying to manage an ascension, not a death. I can easily see where my friend can be confused because every ascension presupposes a death and a birth, and that can be confusing. So where, really, is the church today?

Edward Schillebeeckx once suggested that we are living in that same despondency that was felt by the early disciples between Jesus' death and their realization of his resurrection. We are feeling what they felt, doubt and confusion on the road to Emmaus. The Christ we once knew has been crucified and we cannot yet recognize the Christ who is walking with us, more alive than before, though in a new way. Hence, just as those first disciples on the road to Emmaus, we also frequently walk with faces downcast, in a confused faith, needing Christ to appear in a new guise to reshape our

imaginations so that we can recognize him as he is now present to us.

I think Schillebeeckx is right about this, except that I would put it in another way. The church today is in that time between the resurrection and the ascension, feeling considerable despondency, with its imagination attuned to a former understanding of Christ, unable to recognize Christ clearly in the present moment. For many of us who grew up in a particular understanding of the faith, our former understanding of Christ has been crucified. But, Christ is not dead. The church is not dead. Both Jesus and the church are very much alive, walking with us, slowly reshaping our imaginations, reinterpreting the scriptures for us, telling us again: *Wasn't it necessary that the Christ (and the church) should so suffer*

For many of us today, to live in faith is to be in that time between the death of Christ and the ascension, vacillating between joy and despondency, trying to manage an ascension.

On the road of faith, there's always bad news and good news. The bad news is that invariably our understanding of Christ gets crucified. The good news is that Christ is always very much alive, present to us still, and in a deeper way.

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

UNNECESSARY SIGN???



COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 04/05/22)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19, please follow the SA Health instructions in regard to isolating and other government health protocols. Stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- There are now no density limits for places of worship; Churches can return to full capacity.
- Masks are highly recommended by the Archdiocese.
- R codes or sign-ins are no longer required.
- Attendees at indoor religious services may sing during worship.
- Please keep in mind the importance of social distancing and good hygiene practices.
- Hand sanitizer is available at Church entrances.
- There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during Mass.
- Offertory procession will be omitted. Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Collection plates will not be passed around.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people should be encouraged not to attend.
- The Archdiocese recommends Covid vaccinations for all (please check with your GP if you have concerns).



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nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL

John 10:27-30

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

LET GOD GET A WORD IN EDGEWISE

You know the moment in a conversation when you realise you've been talking someone's ear off? Maybe they're understanding that you need to rant or spill your guts or spew good news. Maybe they're patiently listening, nodding, looking you in the eye, waiting for their turn to even respond to your incessant chatter – much less share anything about themselves. And it suddenly occurs to you how rude you're being, and you stop and take a breath and give them a chance to speak. Maybe you even apologise for monologuing for so long.

For me, the pandemic was that moment in my life-long conversation with God. It was if God raised a finger and said, "Um, excuse me, can I say something?" When COVID ground life to a shocking halt, I was embarrassed to realise I'd been doing most of the communication, even if it was well-meaning and full of thanks and praise. It was in the stiller, quieter new reality that God was finally able to get a word in edgewise.

I learned that if I really wanted to keep hearing my shepherd's voice, and know how to follow, the first step was cutting back on all my bleating. Imagine if the

whole flock did that – how much better we all could listen!

The Commissioning: Follow the Good Shepherd into ways of truth and justice. Listen to the Good Shepherd for wise words that can be trusted. Believe in the Good Shepherd for a faith that cannot be shaken. Be challenged by the Good Shepherd to change your friends and your community with love. *GPBS eNews*

PEOPLE OF DELIGHT

The slogan "Think Different," reminds me that as Christians, we are called to "see different". We're invited to look at the world which seems to have gotten so much out of hand and believe Jesus still has his sheep in hand. We watch our loved ones die and still believe that only mortal life is passing away. We view the misery and poverty of people on the streets and refuse to be paralysed into inaction. We're aware that the violence in our society, and the violence we harbor in our hearts, is definitely related. We perceive that all the world's children are our children. Others may tell us that people get what they deserve, and not to waste our pity on the disadvantaged or marginalised ones. But we, who deserve condemnation and get mercy instead, can't be so smug. We're in the hands of the good Shepherd who speaks gentle words of life and hope. Promised an imperishable future, can we see those perishing all around us and NOT see how the world can and must be different? *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(09 - 15 May)

- **Monday, 09:** Monday, 4th week of Easter (Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10)
- **Tuesday, 10:** Tuesday, 4th week of Easter (Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30)
- **Wednesday, 11:** Wednesday, 4th week of Easter (Acts 12:24 -13:5; Jn 12:44-50)
- **Thursday, 12:** Thursday, 4th week of Easter (Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20)
- **Friday, 13:** Friday, 4th week of Easter (Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6)
- **Saturday, 14:** St Matthias (Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17)
- **Sunday 15:** FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER (Acts 14:21-27; Apoc 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35)

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