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

SPONSORSHIP

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

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

WEEKEND MASSES

This weekend Mass will be held at
Kingscote at 9.30am.

Due to current COVID-19
restrictions (1 person per 2 sqm) we
are only permitted up to 78 people in
our Church.



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!

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

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PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Michelle Glynn, Bill Roestenber, Carmel Northcott

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, Fiona Smith, Ann Wallace, Sr Pauline Wallace, John Williams, Heather Willmott, Ross Wohling

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

ROSTERS

	Comm	Reader	Cleaning
9/5	S Semler	P Bennett	K Brinkley
16/5	A Clark	C Pahl	A Clark
23/5	M Glynn	N Clark	A Clark
30/5	C Pahl	K Hammatt	C Berden

COVID Marshal

9/5	A Clark
16/5	W Bennett
23/5	J Fernandez
30/5	M Slagter

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

9/5	Visiting priest
16/5	Fr Dev
23/5	Fr Josy
30/5	Fr Dev

GET VACCINATED FOR THE COMMON GOOD

Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Please remember to wear a mask if you would like to join in singing at Mass.

MARIAN PROCESSION

The Marian Procession and Peace Rally will be held on Sunday, May 16 at the Adelaide Showgrounds.

The Procession commences at 2.00pm and all are invited to attend with their parish or community under their banner. Group assembling will begin from 1.30pm at the starting point of the procession on the Main Arena. The event is expected to end shortly before 4.00pm.

Please visit trybooking to book your ticket. <https://www.trybooking.com/BPJAN> Remember to wear a hat, and/or bring an umbrella. Should the weather be inclement the event will remain at the Showgrounds but move into the Jubilee Pavilion. For more information please contact Archdiocesan Events (08) 8210 8220 or events@adelaide.catholic.org.au

UPCOMING COURSES 2021

The Archdiocesan Office for Worship will be offering the following courses for the remainder of 2021.

- **The Eucharist** - commencing Thursday 3 June to 1 July (5 weeks) 7.00pm – 9.00pm St Francis Xavier Cathedral Hall

Learn about the history and development of the Mass and develop practical skill in preparing Sunday Mass

- **The Word of God in Mass** – commencing Thursday 5 August to 2 September (5 weeks) 7.00pm – 9.00pm St Francis Xavier Cathedral Hall

This course is designed to help Catholics understand the role of the Scriptures in the Church’s liturgy and to explore the Word of God as a source of ongoing spiritual nourishment.

Courses are \$50 per person, payable on the first evening. To register your interest, please contact the Office for Worship (8210 8130) or email worship@ow.adelaide.catholic.org.au

INDIA STRUGGLES WITH MASSIVE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19

India is struggling to control a massive surge in COVID-19 cases, with a death toll nearing 200,000. Yet the real death rate is likely much higher, as most deaths in the country are unregistered. Cities across India are struggling to manage a chronic shortage of hospital beds. Several

major cities have nearly run out of hospital beds altogether, especially in ICU departments. Places of worship, sports complexes and even railway coaches have been converted into makeshift hospitals in order to keep up with the demand. Your donation today can support communities across Asia impacted by disasters.

Visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/asia-regional-appeal/>

LAUDATO SI’ WEEK

16 - 24 May is a global celebration of the culmination of the Special Laudato Si’ 5th Anniversary Year, and a celebration of the great progress the whole Church is making on its journey to ecological conversion. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference’s Office of Social Justice and Caritas Australia’s Catholic Earthcare program are co-hosting a prayer and reflection event entitled Laudato Si’ – Sowers of Hope on Friday May 21 at 5.30pm via Zoom – register [here](https://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or at www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au For further information and support contact (impe@internode.on.net or 0488 062 112). *Peter Laffan*

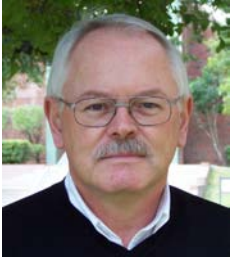
COVID RESTRICTIONS PLEASE NOTE

Thank you to everyone for maintaining your Covid-awareness. There hasn’t been any further relaxation of the Archdiocesan restrictions at this stage, so those listed on the back page, still apply.

- *A new study found that people who take their coffee black, are more likely to exhibit psychopathic traits and people who order a quad-shot, non-fat, vanilla soy, extra foam, light whip with caramel drizzle, are more likely to be their victims.*

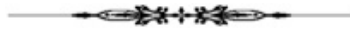


“I can’t see any sense in this! We passed about ten fish markets on the way here.”



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.



THE EYES OF LOVE

Imagine a young couple intoxicated with each other in the early stages of love. Imagine a religious neophyte in love with God, praying ecstatically. Imagine an idealistic young person working tirelessly with the poor, enflamed with a thirst for justice. Are this young couple really in love with each other? Is that religious neophyte really in love with God? Is this young social activist really in love with the poor? Not an easy question.

Whom are we really loving when we have feelings of love? The other? Ourselves? The archetype and energy the other is carrying? Our own fantasy of that person? The feelings this experience is triggering inside us? When we are in love, are we really in love with another person or are we mostly basking in a wonderful feeling which could be just as easily triggered by countless other persons?

There are different answers to that question. John of the Cross would say it is all of these things; we are in fact really loving that other person, loving a fantasy we have created of that person, and basking in the good feeling this has generated inside us. That is why, invariably, at a given point in a relationship the powerful feelings of being in love give way to disillusionment – disillusionment (by definition) implies the dispelling of an illusion, something was unreal. So for John of the Cross, when we are in love, partly the love is real and partly it is an illusion. Moreover, John would say the same thing about our initial feelings of fervor in prayer and in altruistic service. They are a mixture of both, authentic love and an illusion.

Some other analyses are less generous. In their view, all initial

falling in love, whether it be with another person, with God in prayer, or with the poor in service, is mainly an illusion. Ultimately, you are in love with being in love, in love with what prayer is doing for you, or in love with how working for justice is making you feel. The other person, God, and the poor are secondary. That is why, so often, when first fervor dies, so too does our love for its original object. When the fantasy dies, so too does the sense of being in love. We fall in love without really knowing the other person and we fall out of love without really knowing the other person. The very phrase “falling in love” is revealing. “Falling” is not something we choose, it happens to us. *Marriage Encounter* spirituality has a clever slogan around this: *marriage is a decision; falling in love is not.*

Who is right? When we fall in love, how much is genuine love for another and how much is an illusion within which we are mostly loving ourselves? Steven Levine answers this from very different perspective and throws new light on the question. What is his perspective?

Love, he says, is not a “dualistic emotion”. For him, whenever we are feeling authentic love we are, at that moment, feeling our oneness with God and with all that is. He writes, “The experience of love arises when we surrender our separateness into the universal. It is a feeling of unity ... It is not an emotion, it is a state of being ... It is not so much that ‘two are as one’ so much as it is the ‘One manifested as two.’” In other words, when we love someone, in that moment, we are one with him or her, not separate, so that even though our fantasies and feelings may be partially wrapped up in self-serving affectivity, something deeper and more real than our feelings and

fantasies is occurring. We are one with the other in our being – and, in love, we sense it.

In this view, authentic love is not so much something we *feel*; it is something we *are*. At its root, love is not an affective emotion or a moral virtue (though these are part of it). It is a metaphysical condition, not something that comes and goes like an emotional state, nor something that we can choose or refuse morally. A metaphysical condition is a given, something we stand within, that makes up part of what we are, constitutively, though we can be blissfully unaware. Thus, love, not least falling in love, can help make us more conscious of our non-separateness, our oneness in being with others.

When we feel love deeply or passionately, then perhaps (like Thomas Merton describing a mystical vision he had on a street corner) we can awake more from our dream of separateness and our illusion of difference and see the secret beauty and depth of other people’s hearts. Perhaps too it will enable us to see others at that place in them where neither sin nor desire nor self-knowledge can reach, the core of their reality, the person that each one is in God’s eyes.

And wouldn’t it be wonderful, Merton adds ... “if we could see each other that way all the time.”

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

COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(May, 2021)

Different rules apply for Churches with fixed or non-fixed seating. Please check with your Church for details on how seating is handled.

- For fixed seating 100% of available seats may be used, provided 100% of attendees wear masks. If 75% of seats are used, masks are not necessary.
- The non-fixed seating capacity is worked on 3:4sqm. No masks are required for this density. Masks are essential for anything more than the capped density.
- Singing as a congregation may recommence, provided masks are worn.
- No beverage or food consumption (ie cup of tea after Mass)
- Social distancing is still recommended.
- There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- Every gathering must record contact details - either with the QR code for smart phones, or the handwritten log - both located at the entrance to the Church.
- Hand sanitizer is to be available at church entrances.
- Offertory procession will be omitted. Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed
- Collection plates will not be passed around but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- All surfaces should be cleaned at least daily, with special attention given to frequently touched surfaces.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people should be encouraged not to attend.
- Care should be taken at the dismissal and on leaving the church to minimise social contact.
- The obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage.

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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.'



BAPTISM AS THE CONSCRIPTIVE ROPE

To be baptized into the church is to be a consecrated, displaced person. What does that mean?

In John's Gospel, there is a revealing exchange between Jesus and Peter. Jesus asks Peter three times: "Do you love me?" Three times, Peter replies that he does.

Based on that confession of love, Jesus tells him: "In truth I tell you, when you were young you girded your own belt and you walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will put a rope around you and take you where you would rather not go."

What has just been described is, in essence, Peter's baptism – and the dynamics of any real baptism into the church. Baptism consecrates us and consecration is a rope that takes us to where we would rather not go, namely, into the suffering that produces maturity.

To consecrate means to set aside, to displace from ordinary usage, to derail from normalcy. Long before this has to do with sacred buildings, altars, chalices and vowed religious, it is descriptive of something within ordinary life.

One of the best examples of what church, baptism and consecration

really mean is the example of having and raising children.

From the moment a couple has their first child, unless they are very calloused, they will, without necessarily wanting it, start to mature. Every time they turn around, tiny and not so tiny hands will be stretched out, demanding something of them – their time, their energy, their money, their car keys, their understanding, their hearts. They will be forced, by a clear conscription, to think of others before themselves. All those years of practice will eventually pay dividends. Normally, by the time their children are grown, the parents are mature.

Instead of their normal agenda, they are conscriptively asked to make sacrifices in lifestyle, career, hobbies, meals out, vacations and so on. Their children stand before them daily, like Jesus before Peter, asking: "Do you love me?"

Such is baptism. When St Paul became a Christian, Ananias was sent to him with the message: "Tell him how much he will have to suffer for the name."

Love is baptismal. Immediately upon confessing it, our freedom is derailed and, painful though it may be, we are taken by conscription into maturity.

Ronald Rolheiser



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(10 - 16 May)

- **Monday, 10:** Monday, 6th week of Easter (Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 - 16:4)
- **Tuesday, 11:** Tuesday, 6th week of Easter (Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11)
- **Wednesday, 12:** Wednesday, 6th week of Easter (Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:1; Jn 16:12-15)
- **Thursday, 13:** Thursday, 6th week of Easter (Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20)
- **Friday, 14:** St Matthias (Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17)
- **Saturday, 15:** Saturday, 6th week of Easter (Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28)
- **Sunday 16:** 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 of the sick or last rites contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).