



Welcome to

# Kangaroo Island Catholic Community

(Part of the Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Cluster of Catholic Parishes)

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A**

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## **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE**

**THERE WILL BE NO MASSES OR PUBLIC LITURGIES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE SEE THE NEWSLETTER ON OUR WEBSITE.

[www.kicatholic.org.au/news.html](http://www.kicatholic.org.au/news.html)

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### **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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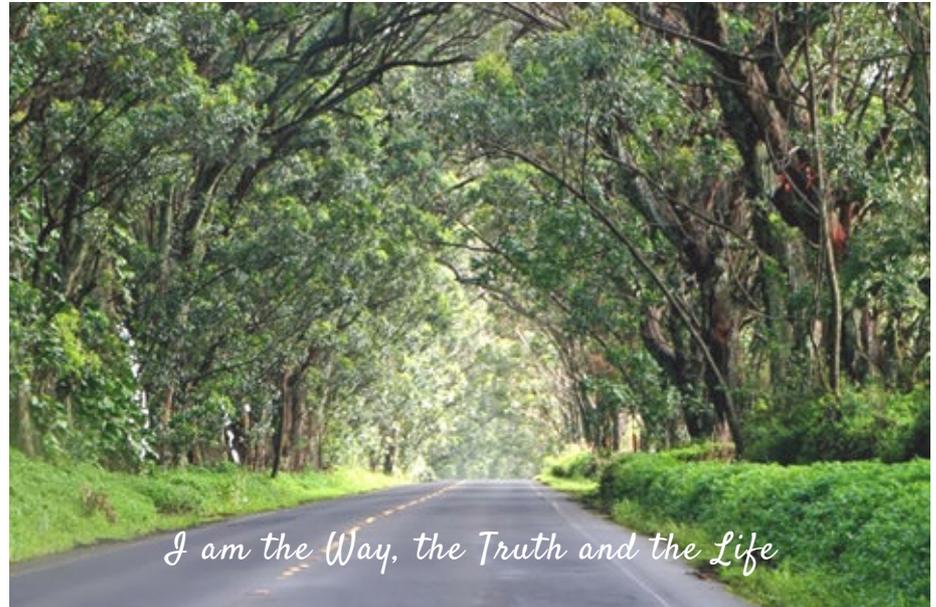
*(All items for the newsletter must be received no later than Tuesday evening.)*

## **SPONSORSHIP**

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

## **CHILD PROTECTION**

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159



## **FIRST READING**

*Acts 6:1-7*

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19*

*Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

## **SECOND READING**

*1 Peter 2:4-9*

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Jn 14:6*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.*

*Alleluia!*

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## PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Mei Kuen Sexton, Fr Peter Milburn, Toni Langridge, Damian Baynes, Charles Gorman, Dalton Baynes, Roy Gatton

**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 and all the faithful departed.

*May all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ through our actions and His healing presence.*

## COLLECTIONS

Our funds have depleted since the end of March when regular Masses ceased. Unfortunately, many of the bills for things like insurance, urgent maintenance etc haven't.

We realise that many people are suffering financially too, at the moment, but please give what you can.

## DIRECT PAYMENTS

If you would like to organise your Church donations via bank transfer there are a couple of ways you can go about this.

1. If you bank online, you can set up periodic, direct payments yourself. Again, you will need to do this twice - once for the first collection and again for second.

Acc: Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish  
BSB: 085-005  
Acc No: 918 111 484  
Ref: Your surname, initials and *First* or *General*

2. Periodic regular payments may also be organised with your bank. Take the account details (above) with you and bank staff can set it up for you.

**NB:** *First* collection is for the support of our Priests and *General* (second at our Masses) is for the support of our Parish.

If you wish to proceed and need more information or help, please contact Helen Mumford or Peter Clark.



## Happy Mother's Day !

*(Article by Ravi Zacharias)*

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers on this occasion set aside to celebrate your role and influence in the family. My mother taught me more with her proverbs and one-liners than I ever learned with long arguments, and I am ever grateful for her impact on my life.

As I reflect on this occasion, I think about the beautiful relationship Jesus had with his mother. I find it fascinating that when Jesus was in his final moments of his earthly journey providing redemption for the whole world, he paused to make sure that someone would take care of his mother. Even in the depths of his own pain and agony, Jesus was keenly aware of Mary's distress and did not want her to feel abandoned in that moment, transferring the responsibility of his mother's well-being to his beloved disciple, John.

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. – John 19:25-27

I thank God for the value he places on motherhood and I pray we will honor the mothers in our lives today and every day. For all you mothers, I pray you feel celebrated in a special way and treasured by your Heavenly Father, knowing that your sacrificial love and tireless efforts will be rewarded.

## INSTALLATION OF ARCHBISHOP-DESIGNATE PATRICK O'REGAN



The installation will be held in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 10.30am on Monday May 25 with only a small number of clergy and representatives of the Archdiocese in attendance due to the coronavirus restrictions.

The installation ceremony and Mass will be live streamed via the Archdiocesan website [www.adelaide.catholic.org.au](http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au) and on YouTube and Facebook. It will be replayed on Channel 44 the same day at 5.30pm.

## PRAY WITH MOTHER MARY AND MASS IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

As Pope Francis has entrusted the protection of the world to Mary, we join in praying the rosary followed by the Mass in time of Pandemic in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Saturday, May 16. The Rosary and Mass will begin at 12.10pm and be live streamed via [www.adelaide.catholic.org.au](http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au).

We follow in the footsteps of our Holy Father and together we pray to Mary, for continued protection of the vulnerable, healing of the sick, courage to those working on the frontline and wisdom for those developing a cure.

## COVID-19 PHONE COUNSELLING

*Now available by appointment*

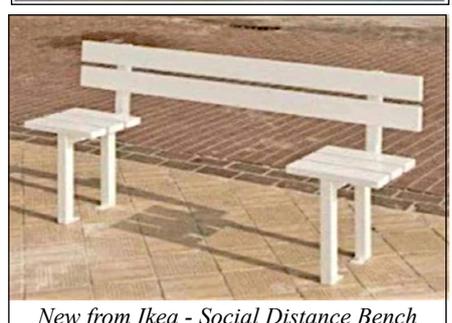
People struggling to cope with the chaos and fear surrounding COVID-19 can now access free phone counselling by appointment from Centacare Catholic Family Services - 8215 6700.

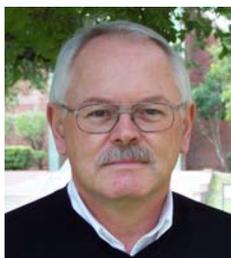
## LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES FROM ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHEDRAL

The Archdiocese is continuing to live stream daily Mass at midday and on Sundays at 10am from St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. These Masses can be viewed live and on demand on the home page of [www.adelaide.catholic.org.au](http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au). It will also be available via [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).

For those without internet access, Sunday Mass is screened every week on Channel 10 at 6am.

## Travel plans for 2020





## 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*

### MOTHERS' DAY

For many years, I've had a bias against Mothers' Day. I'm not against the concept, it's a private grudge. My own mother died 40 years ago and my ignoring of Mothers' Day has been payback to the universe for that perceived injustice: Let the world celebrate, but count me out!

But time heals and occasionally makes us wiser. Now, on Mothers' Day, I'm always conscious of my own mother and find good reasons to celebrate. You don't have to be alive to nurture someone, and such is the case with my mother. Jesus told us that we receive someone's spirit more purely after they have left us and I know that's true. Forty years after her death, I am more conscious of who my mother was and what she gave me than I was during all the years of my childhood when she was alive and her motherhood embraced me tangibly.

What my siblings and I are now conscious of, more clearly than when she was alive, is that we drew a long-straw. We had a good mother. It's as simple as that. In everything that was essential, she gave us what's important: security, protection, a sense of being wanted, a sense of being precious, adequate food, adequate clothing, the underlying sense that life is good, and, most of all, the sense that we are in the hands always of a God who is trustworthy.

None of this, of course, came perfectly. My mother wasn't God. She had real limits and so did the energy and the resources she drew upon to nurture us. We were a large family and were chronically strapped economically. We had enough, but just, just enough. There were never any extras. That was also

true for the attention and the affection she could give out to us individually. She didn't have the time, energy, or luxury to dote on any of us individually, even as none of us ever doubted that we were getting as much from her as if each of us had been an only child. But still, all of us felt her limits and live with the effects of that today.

But her chronic over-extension was also her special gift: Like Jesus she multiplied the loaves and the fishes. Somehow she always found enough of everything, food, clothing, educational supplies, an extra cake or ribbon or whatever for a special occasion. Somehow we always had what we needed, just as somehow she made our family table stretch enough to feed anyone – neighbor, teacher, priest, salesman, or uncle-down-on-his luck – who happened to be around near mealtime. She believed something most of us don't, namely, that when you are with the Bread of Life you always have the resources you need, no matter how meager they appear. She trusted that there would always be enough, and there always was.

And she complemented my father perfectly. You couldn't have ordered a better marriage from either Hollywood or a Catholic dating service. They found each other, soulmates, at a parish picnic and their affection and respect for each other was what, perhaps more than anything else, gave us, their children, an inchoate sense of safety, stability, and faith. My father was the moral compass, she was the heart; but they could reverse those roles and she could offer the moral challenge while he provided the sensitivity. Either way, they did it together and by the time they died, leaving behind a family that felt too young to be on its own, they had given us what they needed to, all the

basic tools to build our own lives and to live with some buoyancy and joy.

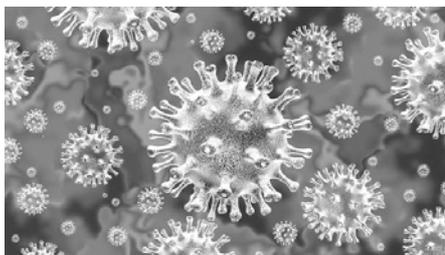
She died of pancreatitis and a broken heart, just three months after she had nursed my dad through a year-long, losing battle with cancer. As my dad lay dying, one of my brothers and I took her to a shop to buy a dress for the funeral. She splurged and bought the most expensive dress she'd ever purchased. When she tried on the dress the sales clerk told her: "You look terrific in that dress! I hope you enjoy wearing it!" She wore it just twice, once to her husband's funeral and once to her own. The irony of the salesclerk's comment hasn't been lost.

For whatever reason, she disliked her name, Mathilda. Her woman friends shortened it to Tilly, which she disliked even more. I'm not sure what my dad called her in the privacy of their intimacy, but I suspect it wasn't either of those names.

Anthropologists tell us that our mothers are our symbiotic link to life. They have to let us know that the universe wants us, that we're loveable simply for whom we are, that love doesn't have to be earned. My mother was too busy sometimes to nurture each of her children individually with that sense that we were unique, beautiful, and precious; but she mothered us in such a way that life itself and the God who grounds life, give us that precious gift.

*You can read, or download, Ron Rolheiser's weekly columns from his website at: [www.ronrolheiser.com](http://www.ronrolheiser.com)*

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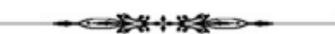
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##### PENNESHAW

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##### NOARLUNGA

*St Luke, the Evangelist,  
cnr Honeypot Rd and Goldsmith Dve*

##### SEAFORD

*Seaford Ecumenical Mission,  
Grand Bvd*



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([www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au](http://www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au))

##### VICTOR HARBOR

*St Joan of Arc, 30 Seaview Road*

##### GOOLWA

*St John the Apostle, 10-14 Gardiner St*



#### WILLUNGA PARISH

([www.willungaparish.org.au](http://www.willungaparish.org.au))

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*Mary of Galilee, the First Disciple  
cnr Quinliven and How Roads*

##### NORMANVILLE

*St Peter, Cape Jervis Road*

##### WILLUNGA

*St Joseph, 12 St Judes Street*

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## GOSPEL

### John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father’s house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.’

Thomas said, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?’ Jesus said:

‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.’

Philip said, ‘Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.’ ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip,’ said Jesus to him ‘and you still do not know me?’

‘To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, “Let us see the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.’

## EXPLORING THE WORD

Today’s gospel draws our attention to the time when Jesus will depart from the disciples (the Ascension is two weeks away). When Jesus is gone, the disciples must continue the task that he has begun. One can imagine their fear and uncertainty in being left with such a monumental challenge. Philip’s question, ‘Lord, how can we know the way?’, shows their fear clearly enough. But help is available. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. He is

both the map and the destination. Disciples are called to adopt Jesus’ lifestyle, his approach to God, to others, to all creation. In living as Jesus did, living the life of faith, the disciples will know the truth and will have life. This life of faith and living the way of Jesus, God’s way in the world, will enable the disciples not only to continue the work of Jesus but to perform even greater works.

- In what ways does living this life of faith get tested each day?
- What great works are you now called on to perform?
- What are some ways to continue to deepen your knowledge and love of Jesus?

## DID YOU NOW?

This text comes from a long section of John’s Gospel known as the ‘farewell discourse’, during which Jesus gives final instruction to the disciples at the Last Supper. Perhaps this echoes something of your own experience of the period of mystagogy.



## THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(11 - 17 May)

- **Monday, 11:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26)
- **Tuesday, 12:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31)
- **Wednesday, 13:** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8)
- **Thursday, 14:** St Matthias (Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17)
- **Friday, 15:** Friday 5<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17)
- **Saturday, 16:** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21)
- **Sunday 17:** Sixth Sunday of Easter (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pet 3:15-18; Jn 4:15-21)



## 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).