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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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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 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

Psalms 99:1-3, 5

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. <R>
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. <R>
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. <R>

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. (Continued page 4)



Bulletin Board

KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Sue Semmler, Brianna Chudlee, Peter Weatherstone, John Slagter, Annette Roestenburg, Michelle Glynn, Elijah Laundry, Rebecca Semler, Chris Heath, Simon Laundry, Josh Semler

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

	Reader	Prayers	Cleaning
11/05	S Semmler	L Grant	A Clark
18/05	K Hammatt	M Glynn	A Clark
25/05	S Semmler	L Grant	C Berden

PRIEST ROSTER

11 May	Fr My Tran
18 May	Liturgy
25 May	Fr Lancy D'Silva

ANNUAL DIOCESAN COUNT OF ATTENDANCE

As you may be aware, the Archdiocese of Adelaide conducts a Count of Attendance for all Masses held on the weekends during the month of May, which is used for pastoral planning and financial reporting.

This year attendance counts are to be conducted over four weekends of May - 03/04, 10/11, 17/18 and 24/25 in all Parish Mass Centres.

As we did last year, we need to record how many people are in the different age groups. We plan to do this with a show of hands at the end of Mass.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend (17/18 May) there will be a special collection for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. This appeal supports families and individuals in SA who are struggling financially and materially.

MARIAN PROCESSION

The 76th Marian Procession will be held on Sunday May 18 beginning at Victoria Park and processing up Wakefield Street into Victoria Square. The procession will commence at 2.00pm and all are invited to attend.

For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

This weekend (Sunday May 11), we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, which is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations — a special time for the Church to reflect on and pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life.

Let us pray for one another in our diverse callings, and in a particular way, ask the Lord to raise up new vocations within His Church — to the consecrated life, the diaconate, and the priesthood.

MOUNT LOFTY BOTANIC GARDENS TOUR

Laudato Si' Week event

The Archdiocese of Adelaide invites you to a guided tour of the Mount Lofty Botanic Gardens to celebrate Laudato Si' Week 2025. The event will be held on Saturday May 24, 1.00pm - 3.00pm. Places are limited so register early at <https://www.trybooking.com/DADBH>

KID'S CORNER

Abibi loves looking at all the flags hanging in the parish hall of her parish church. In second class, she learned how Australia is made up of many different nationalities. Her mum's family is Nigerian. Her dad's family is Australian. When Abibi's class painted flags of all the nations, she asked her teacher if the flags could be placed in the parish hall. She loved the idea and so did Father Ken. Next month, her parish will have a festival of cultures. There will be music, games and food from everywhere! Abibi can't wait for her friends to taste her mum's delicious egusi soup. She knows they'll love it!

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"THE SOUTHERN CROSS"

The May edition of "The Southern Cross" will be available in parishes this weekend (May 10/11). This issue features a special wraparound on Pope Francis.

CALENDAR 2025

18 May	St Vincent de Paul Appeal
9 Jun	King's birthday holiday
29 Jun	Holy Father's Appeal
2 Jul	Last day School term 2
6 July	NATSICC Appeal
20 Jul	Stella Maris - Sea Sunday
21 Jul	First day School term 3
10 Aug	Vocations Appeal
26 Sep	Last day School term 3
6 Oct	Labour day holiday

MESSAGES TO MUM

- *Thanks for always saying, "We have food at home." I get it now.*
- *I know I still owe you money, but let's just call it "mother's tax."*
- *Happy Mother's Day! Thanks for teaching me that "free" samples don't mean "take five."*
- *You're my Mum and my best friend! (But mostly my Mum, let's not get weird.)*
- *Mum, thanks for always pretending to like my singing.*
- *Mum, thanks for always saying "Because I said so." It's a rock-solid argument.*
- *Happy Mother's Day! I'd be lost without you... and so would my socks.*

MOTHERS DAY PRAYER

Almighty God, we ask Your blessing on each mother today. Fill their hearts with laughter and joy. Surround them with love from family and friends. Grant them health, peace, and fulfilment as they pursue their calling. Let them know their value and worth in Your eyes and ours. In Jesus' name.

AMEN





Ron Rolheiser column

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PARADOX, SEEMING INCONSISTENCY, AND TENSION

The thought of some of the greatest and most influential people in history seems at times riddled with inconsistencies. Jesus, Augustine, Socrates, Aristotle, among others, appear at times to be contradicting themselves. It's not always easy to see how everything squares with everything else in their teachings.

That's why the great religions and philosophies of the world are so prone to multiple interpretations. For example, given the depth and scope of Jesus' teaching, Christianity in particular is open to different kinds of understanding. It's no accident that there are hundreds of denominations within Christianity and every variety of spirituality and worship inside these. Jesus' teaching is so rich that it would seem none of us can carry it like master. Rather we each pick our parts selectively, struggle to hold them in some consistency, and end up much narrower than the master.

Consistency, someone once quipped, is the product of a small mind, just as inconsistency is the mark of a great one. There's a truth in that, though it must be carefully understood. For instance, sometimes we achieve a certain consistency, a view of things that seemingly has no internal contradictions, though at a high price, namely, we end up narrow, non-inclusive, one-sided, impoverished, and reductionistic. Whatever else might be said about them, racism, bigotry, fundamentalism, and unhealthy nationalism are consistent. However, their consistency is predicated on a synthesis that is so narrowly drawn that it ignores and denigrates important areas of life.

Conversely, sometimes what looks like inconsistency is really a person holding together a number of important truths in a higher synthesis. The person may look inconsistent, but what she is really doing is holding several truths in creative tension that are seemingly in opposition to each other but are not. The person who tries this juggling act will often find herself in great

tension, but (metaphorically) she will also find that she has no blocked arteries and very resilient lungs, that blood flows freely to every part of her person and she is able draw life-giving oxygen from whatever kind of air within which she finds herself.

Jesus was like that. He held important truths together in creative tension and as a consequence was misunderstood by just about everyone and scandalized people on both sides of the religious and ideological spectrum. His teachings are more "both/and" than "either/or". We struggle with that. It's easier to carry a select few truths than try to carry them all.

What are some of the seeming contradictory truths that Jesus held together and carried in a creative tension? Here are ten of them, chosen because a healthy spirituality must always carry both sides of these.

- A strong sense of individuality, a focus on private integrity and private prayer, but coupled with an equally strong commitment to community, family, civic and ecclesial involvement, and social justice.
- A healthy capacity to drink in life and enjoy it without guilt, even as one befriends an equally healthy capacity for asceticism and renunciation.
- A self-confidence and healthy self-assertion in using the particular gifts that God has given us but held always in tension with a healthy humility and a habitual self-effacement.
- An eye for the prophetic, a sympathy for what lies outside the center, for what is marginalized, a challenging voice for the excluded, even as one recognizes the importance of the institutional, defends against anarchy, and helps nurture what's sacred within family, church, and tradition.
- A perpetual openness to what's new, what's strange, what causes discomfort, to what's liberal, even as one works to ground oneself in what conserves, in the familiar, in

routine, in what gives rhythm and makes for stability.

- An eye for the sacred, for God, for the eternal horizon, but always coupled with an unabashed love for this world, for its joys, for its achievements, its present moment.
- A passion for sexuality and a defense of its goodness and earthiness, coupled with an equal defense of chastity and reverence.
- An eye for world community, for stretching the boundaries we were born into, for an ever more inclusive embrace of the foreigner and the stranger, even as one remains deeply loyal to family, personal roots, and hospitality at home.
- A hope and an idealism that defies the facts, that relies on God's promises rather than on the evening news, that will not let the truth of the resurrection be silenced by the accidents of history, but is still held together with a realism that is pragmatic, programmatic, and is committed to doing its share of the work.
- A focus on the next life, on life after death, on the fact that this is not our final home, even as we focus on the reality and goodness of life here on earth.

Jesus held all of these together in one synthesis and he paid the price – misunderstanding. Are we willing to pay that price to give fuller expression to Christ?



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 (Support for Priests):
BSB 066-782
A/c No 100027201
Reference: Your name

2nd Collection (Support for our Parish):
BSB 066-782
A/c No 100000067
Reference: Your name

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Priests and Parish Facilities.

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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NO SNATCHING FROM GOD'S HAND

This is what is known as blessed assurance. Jesus describes the one he knows as Father as "greater than all." And he is one with the Father, so what is true for him is also true for the Father. When Jesus says his sheep do not get snatched from his hand, that means they are as good as with God. This is our sheep assurance, offered at the basic cost of discipleship.

That is the hard part, naturally. Hearing the voice of Jesus in every situation is not too difficult, but following is where the action is. And that is often where we are not. After a while we stop listening to Jesus because it is too painful when we choose to ignore him. And once we stop listening, we are in danger of being really lost. Calling "Lord, Lord," Jesus pointed out, is not the same as being a follower. The sheep know the sound of the shepherd's voice, and they come when the shepherd calls. And there is no snatching a sheep so close to the shepherd's hand.

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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 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.'

WHAT MAKES A GOOD SHEPHERD?

I read recently that it takes a flock of sheep a long time to accept a new shepherd. Without that bond, sheep instinctively run the other way or form a frightened huddle.

As I ponder this Fourth Sunday of Easter – celebrated as Good Shepherd Sunday in mainstream Christian churches – I find myself mulling instances where humans look to other humans to shepherd them. What comes to mind are extremes. On one hand are cults and cult leaders, like those who surrendered trust and obedience (and good sense) to a Charles Manson or Jim Jones.

Looking to the other extreme, I can't help but think of someone like Anne Sullivan – that ever-present teacher who finally broke through to Helen

Keller, freeing her from the isolation of being unable to see, hear, or speak. I think of Sullivan and Keller, in particular, when Jesus says he knows each of his followers' voices and they know his; also, in his Parable of the Lost Sheep, with the shepherd leaving 99 to give undivided attention to the one.

Such extremes beg the question: How are we to know – especially in times of trial or great change – which human shepherds are good and which are not? For me, it goes right back to Jesus. It means honouring, knowing and loving individuals as well as the herd. It means building trust organically and one-on-one, rather than using manipulation or fear.

Although, ultimately, it's Jesus we trust most as Good Shepherd, it's fair to say that parts of Psalm 23 ("The Lord is my shepherd ...") apply to human interaction as well. A good shepherd leads my soul to places of true peace and "guides me on the paths of righteousness."

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(12 - 18 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:** St Matthias (Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17)
- **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:** Saturday, 4th week of Easter (Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14)
- **Sunday 15:** FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Acts 14:21-27; Rev 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35)

Happy
MOTHER'S
DAY

PASTORAL CARE

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