



Welcome to

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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 1:1-11*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for

what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

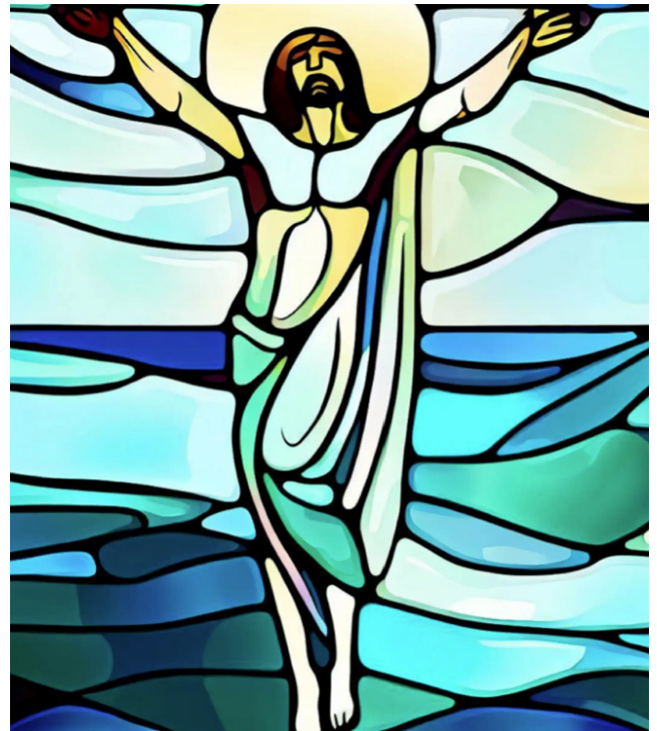
Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom of Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 46:2-3, 6-9*

*God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*



## SECOND READING

*Ephesians 1:17-23*

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mt 28:19, 20*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Go and teach all people my gospel.*

*I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!*

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# Bulletin Board

## PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Healing list:** Sue Semler, Brianna Chudlee, 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
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)*

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 19<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00 a.m. at the Performing Arts Centre KICE Campus Centenary Avenue Kingscote. You are all warmly invited to attend.

## 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 will be conducted over the four weekends of May in all three Parish Mass Centres.

The information gathered is used in pastoral planning and financial reporting'.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION

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

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

12 - 19 May

*"You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself..."*

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Australia is observed in the week between Ascension and Pentecost.

The theme this year was chosen by a working group from Burkina Faso. The specific context of Burkina Faso reflects the need to place love at the centre of the quest for peace and reconciliation. This search has often been undermined by the loss of values and of a shared sense of humanity and by a diminished concern for the common good, probity, integrity and patriotism. The search for reconciliation has also been weakened by spiritual impoverishment and by the pursuit of easy gains. Faced with these realities, the imperative to witness to the love of God is all the more pressing.

## WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

Every year on the Sunday before Pentecost the Church celebrates the achievements of the communications media and focuses of how it can best use them to promote gospel values. In setting it up on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 1967, less than two years after the Second Vatican Council, Pope Paul VI, knowing that the Church is truly and intimately linked with mankind and its history, wanted to draw attention to the communications media and the enormous power they have for cultural transformation.

He and his successors have consistently recognised the positive opportunities the communications media afford for enriching human lives with the values of truth, beauty and goodness, but also the possibly negative effects of spreading less noble values and pressurising minds

and consciences with a multiplicity of contradictory appeals.

## INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY

In January 1974, 12 May was chosen to celebrate the day as it is the anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing. It marks the significant contribution that nurses make to society.

## MOTHERS' DAY



In Australia, we have our own ways of celebrating this event. Unfortunately, it's not an official holiday here yet, but for that reason, the event takes place at the weekend. This means that families can come together and show appreciation for mothers in their family unit.

It's thought that Janet Heyden began the Australian tradition of Mother's Day in the wake of World War I. Lots of mothers had lost sons in the war, and Heyden encouraged citizens to give gifts to these women to help with their grief. And so, the seeds for Mother's Day were planted!

## DATES

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
22 Jul	First day School term 3
11 Aug	Vocations Appeal
15 Aug	Assumption Virgin Mary
31 Aug - Sep 8	Adelaide Show
Sep	Catholic Charities month
27 Sep	Last day School term 3
28 Sep	AFL Grand Final
05/06	Supporting Clergy Appeal
07 Oct	Labour Day holiday
14 Oct	First day School term 4
20 Oct	World Mission Day Appeal
05 Nov	Melbourne Cup
10 Nov	St Vincent de Paul Appeal
13 Dec	Last day School term 4 (Yrs 10, 11, 12 vary)
25 Dec	Catholic Charities 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

### AN INVITATION TO A LITURGICAL PRAYER

We are all priests from our baptism, and with that comes an invitation, namely, *to pray for the world as a priest through the prayer of Christ and the Church*. What does that mean exactly?

Everyone who is baptized as a Christian is baptized into the priesthood of Jesus Christ. The priesthood is given to all baptized Christians and is not just the prerogative and responsibility of those who are officially ordained for ministry, and with this comes an invitation to all adult Christians.

This invitation is something very concrete. We don't have to think about what we are meant to do or invent something. Rather, we are invited to join in a practice that began in the early apostolic community and has come down to us today, that is, the practice of daily praying two sets of prayers out of a ritual set of prayers that are variously called: *The Divine Office of the Church, The Liturgy of the Hours, The Canonical Hours, or The Breviary*. Since the time of the earliest Christian monastics, these prayers have been a key element in the prayer of the Church, Catholic and non-Catholic alike.

There are *eight* such sets of prayers, each meant to be said at a different time of day and linked to the mood and light of the hour. The eight sets of these prayers are: *Lauds* (prayed as morning prayer); *Prime* and *Terce* (prayed at various times during the morning); *Sext* (prayed at noon); *None* (prayed mid afternoon); *Vespers* (prayed as the workday ends); *Compline* (prayed as a night prayer); and *Vigils* (prayed sometime during the night). Note the appropriateness of the name, *The Liturgy of the Hours*.

While there are eight sets of these prayers, only monks and nuns inside contemplative orders pray all eight of these. Priests, deacons, men and women in religious orders that are fully engaged in ministry, Protestant

and Evangelical ministers, and laity who pray these "hours", normally pray only two of them, *Lauds* (Morning Prayer) and *Vespers* (Evening Prayer).

And these prayers need to be distinguished from our private prayers. These are not private meditations, but are what is called public prayer, liturgical prayer, the Church's prayer, the prayer of Christ for the world. Ideally, they are meant to be prayed, indeed celebrated communally, but they are still the public prayer of the Church even when they are prayed alone. The intent in praying them is to join the official prayer of the Church and pray a prayer that is being prayed at that same hour by thousands (perhaps millions) of Christians around the world who, as the Body of Christ, are praying Christ's priestly prayer for the world.

Moreover, since these are the prayers of the Church, and not our own prayer, we are not free to change them or substitute other prayers for them according to our temperament, piety, or theological taste. These prayers don't have to be personally meaningful to us each day. We are praying as priests, offering prayer for the world, and that is deeply meaningful in itself, independent of whether it is affectively meaningful to us on a given day or even during a whole period of our lives. Fulfilling a responsibility isn't always affectively meaningful. In praying these prayers, we are assuming one of our responsibilities as adult Christians, that is, to pray with the Church, through Christ, for the world.

The two hours (*Lauds* and *Vespers*) that we are invited to pray each day follow a simple structure: three psalms, a short scriptural reading, an ancient Christian hymn (the *Benedictus* or the *Magnificat*), a short series of petitions, the Lord's Prayer, and a concluding prayer.

So, this is the invitation: as an adult Christian, as a priest from your baptism, as a woman or

man concerned for the world and the Church, I invite you to join thousands and thousands of Christians around the world and each day pray the Church's morning prayer (*Lauds*) and the Church's evening prayer (*Vespers*). Then, like Christ, as a priest, you will be offering sacrifice for the world. Subsequently, when you watch the world news and feel discouraged and helpless in the face of all that isn't right in the world and ask yourself, what can I do? Well, you will be doing something that's very real, praying with Christ and the Church for the world.

Where do you find these prayers, *Lauds* and *Vespers*? Books containing them can be purchased from almost any religious publishing house, Catholic or Protestant. Indeed, they need not even be purchased. Today they are available (free) online. Simply engage your search engine and type in *The Liturgy of the Hours* or *ibreviary* and you will find them.

In praying these prayers each day, whether alone or (ideally) with others, you will be assuming a special power and a responsibility given to you in your baptism and will be giving an important gift to the world. And you will never again have to struggle with the question, how should I pray today?

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



## 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

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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## KIDS' CORNER

*"... the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs." (Mark 16: 20)*

Jesus performed a lot of miracles. He walked on water, healed the sick and even raised the dead. He did these signs to show people that he was the Son of God who loved them.

When Jesus left the earth and ascended into heaven, he continued to do miracles through his disciples. After all, he had given them a big job: to convert the whole wide world!

Miracles still happen through Jesus today. They may not always look like what you read in the Gospel stories, but they are there. Keep your eyes open for miracles. They show us that God is with us.

God, I believe you are with us today and every day. Amen.

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## GOSPEL

### Mark 16:15-20

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them: 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

## UP, UP, AND AWAY

One of the very first homilies that I was supposed to preach as a newly ordained priest was the Solemnity of the Ascension. I was to preach at the children's liturgy. I stopped at the local shopping centre and picked up a dozen helium balloons to use as visual aids with the children in my homily. While driving to the church, the balloons somehow broke loose from one another in the back seat of my car. In my attempt to gather them all together as I drive into the car park of the church where all the children could see me as they waited in the steps, I ran my car into a metal post. The post stood firm. My car crashed to a stop. My nose was broken by the impact, my car inoperable, and my sermon went un-preached. I'm not sure what happened to the balloons.

There is a clear message in all of this besides the need to be a careful, undistracted driver. The message is quite simple. On our journey to heaven, there are going to be things that will surprise us, block our way, and might even stop us cold in our tracks. When that happens, broken and shaken up, we have to pick up the pieces and start all over again. We cannot give up.

So since that first Ascension "sermon" more than 30 years ago, I have bought balloons numerous times to use,

carefully brought them to church, and let them go as part of my sermon.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Jesus said to them, "Go into the world. Go everywhere and announce the message of God's good news to one and all. Whoever believes and is baptised is saved; whoever refuses to believe is damned."

"Time to go." We all know what that means. If you come from a family like mine, it means we're now entering into a period of goodbyes that make us loiter in the doorway for another half hour. Sooner or later, though, we're going to finish that final conversation, give that last hug, say the last I-love-you, and wish the travellers a safe journey home. And then they're gone. For a moment, there's an almost visible space in the room shaped just like Aunt Ida and the kids. That same shaped emptiness is curiously echoed in the heart. Even the silence sounds curiously like the folks who just left.

The disciples standing around after the Ascension must have experienced something like that. A Jesus-shaped space where he stood, a Jesus-sounding silence where he'd spoken. There was a space in their hearts, too, that would always long for him to fill it. And yet the same must have been true of them as it is for us when we take leave of loved ones. Their presence remains brilliantly in their absence. They're not here but are hardly gone for good. You can't kill love off that easily. Love never leaves the room. GPBS eNews



## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(13 - 20 May)

- **Monday, 13:** Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33)
- **Tuesday, 14:** St Matthias (Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17)
- **Wednesday, 15:** Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11-19)
- **Thursday, 16:** Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26)
- **Friday, 17:** Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19)
- **Saturday, 18:** Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25)
- **Sunday 19:** PENTECOST SUNDAY (Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25; Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15)

## 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