



Welcome to

Kangaroo Island Catholic Community

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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.

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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 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 65:1-7,16,20

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

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!

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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

We realise that many people are suffering financially 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 need more information or help, please contact Helen Mumford or Peter Clark.



why did i even buy a 2020 planner.

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 and on YouTube and Facebook.

LIMITED REOPENING OF CHURCHES

The Premier Steven Marshall has announced that Churches can reopen for private prayer for up to 10 people as of Monday May 11. The Archdiocese is continuing to have discussions with health authorities around a plan for the resumption of Masses. In the meantime, please be sure to maintain physical distancing and hygiene in your churches.

WORLD COMMUNICATION DAY

This Sunday, May 17, the Church in Australia will celebrate World Communications Day. Pope Francis' message for World Communications Day 2020, which was released in January, focuses on the topic of storytelling. [The full text can be accessed here](#)

LIVE STREAMING AND TV BROADCASTING OF MASSES

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.

LAUDATO SI' WEEK (May 16-24) "Everything is connected"

It is five years since Pope Francis published his ground-breaking encyclical *Laudato Si'* - On care for our common home. At this extraordinary moment in history, *Laudato Si'* teaches us how to build a better world together. People everywhere are crying out for hope, and our faith is urgently needed to light the way. For *Laudato Si'* Week Catholics are uniting in solidarity for a more just and sustainable future.

Pope Francis is asking us to stand united with our brothers and sisters in faith as we grow through the crisis of this moment to build a better tomorrow, through:

- Reflecting and preparing through online trainings from May 16-23
 - Joining the worldwide day of prayer at midday on Sunday May 24
- Begin planning actions to celebrate the Season of Creation during September and October.

The official website for *Laudato Si'* Week is at <https://laudatosiweek.org/>, where you will find a multitude of resources, guides to reflecting on what the coronavirus pandemic is teaching us, and invitations to register your support and ideas for action.

"CHRIST'S COURIER"

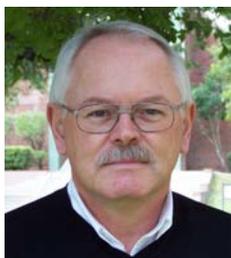
Peter Laffan from the Kangaroo Island, Willunga and Noarlunga-Seaford Cluster of Parishes has been producing a weekly newsletter during the coronavirus lockdown called "Christ's Courier". It is supplementing the regular weekly bulletins with reflections on *faith, hope and love in a time of coronavirus*. If you have not received it via email and would like to, please contact Peter Laffan at impe@internode.on.net

ONELINERS

- *Garden Centres can't open soon enough for me, I've been living on borrowed thyme.*
- *In an unsettling reversal of my teenage years, I am now yelling at my parents for going out.*
- *Let's not forget that Rapunzel was quarantined and met her future husband, so let's think positively here.*
- *If you needed 144 rolls of toilet paper for a 14-day isolation, you probably should have been seeing a doctor long before Covid-19.*
- *My 50th birthday is today, but I just want everyone to know I will be postponing it indefinitely due to the coronavirus and I will be turning 50 at a later date.*

MAYBE I SHOULD





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



LEAVING PEACE BEHIND AS OUR FAREWELL GIFT

There is such a thing as a good death, a clean one, a death that, however sad, leaves behind a sense of peace. I have been witness to it many times. Sometimes this is recognized explicitly when someone dies, sometimes unconsciously. It is known by its fruit.

I remember sitting with a man dying of cancer in his mid-fifties, leaving behind a young family, who said to me: "I don't believe I have an enemy in the world, at least I don't know if I do. I've no unfinished business." I heard something similar from a young woman also dying of cancer and also leaving behind a young family. Her words: "I thought that I'd cried all the tears I had, but then yesterday when I saw my youngest daughter I found out that I had a lot more tears still to cry. But I'm at peace. It's hard, but I've nothing left that I haven't given." And I've been at deathbeds other times when none of this was articulated in words, but all of it was clearly spoken in that loving awkwardness and silence you often witness around deathbeds. There is a way of dying that leaves peace behind.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus gives a long farewell speech at the Last Supper on the night before he dies. His disciples, understandably, are shaken, afraid, and not prepared to accept the brute reality of his impending death. He tries to calm them, reassure them, give them things to cling to, and he ends with these words: *I am going away, but I will leave you a final gift, the gift of my peace.*

I suspect that almost everyone reading this will have had an

experience of grieving the death of a loved one, a parent, spouse, child, or friend, and finding, at least after a time, beneath the grief a warm sense of peace whenever the memory of the loved one surfaces or is evoked. I lost both of my parents when I was in my early twenties and, sad as were their farewells, every memory of them now evokes a warmth. Their farewell gift was the gift of peace.

In trying to understand this, it is important to distinguish between *being wanted* and *being needed*. When I lost my parents at a young age, I still desperately wanted them (and believed that I still needed them), but I came to realize in the peace that eventually settled upon our family after their deaths that our pain was in still wanting them and not in any longer needing them. In their living and their dying they had already given us what we needed. There was nothing else we needed from them. Now we just missed them and, irrespective of the sadness of their departure, our relationship was complete. We were at peace.

The challenge for all of us now, of course, is on the other side of this equation, namely, the challenge to live in such a way that peace will be our final farewell gift to our families, our loved ones, our faith community, and our world. How do we do that? How do we leave the gift of peace to those we leave behind?

Peace, as we know, is a whole lot more than the simple absence of war and strife. Peace is constituted by two things: harmony and completeness. To be at peace something has to have an inner consistency so that all of its movements are in harmony with each other and it must also have a

completeness so that it is not still aching for something it is missing. Peace is the opposite of internal discord or of longing for something we lack. When we are not at peace it is because we are experiencing chaos or sensing some unfinished business inside us.

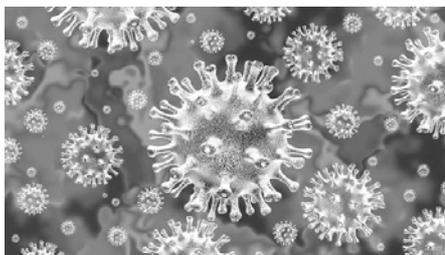
Positively then, what constitutes peace? When Jesus promises peace as his farewell gift, he identifies it with the Holy Spirit; and, as we know, that is the spirit of *charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, long-suffering, fidelity, mildness, and chastity.*

How do we leave these behind when we leave? Well, death is no different than life. When some people leave anything, a job, a marriage, a family, or a community, they leave chaos behind, a legacy of disharmony, unfinished business, anger, bitterness, jealousy, and division. Their memory is felt always as a cold pain. They are not missed, even as their memory haunts. Some people on the other hand leave behind a legacy of harmony and completeness, a spirit of understanding, compassion, affirmation, and unity. These people are missed but the ache is a warm one, a nurturing one, one of happy memory.

Going away in death has exactly the same dynamic. By the way we live and die we will leave behind either a spirit that perennially haunts the peace of our loved ones, or we will leave behind a spirit that brings a warmth every time our memory is evoked.

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

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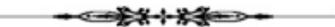
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GOOLWA

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cnr Quinliven and How Roads*

NORMANVILLE

St Peter, Cape Jervis Road

WILLUNGA

St Joseph, 12 St Judes Street

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GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.’

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

*Speak out with a voice of joy ...
the Lord has set his people free!*

Even though we remain conscious of the real trauma that many continue to struggle with today, there is a sense of joy in this week’s readings. We hear of it arising from the marvellous acts of the apostles (today’s First Reading), and also in the Psalm, a hymn rejoicing in the great things the Lord has done for his people.

In the same way, we have a taste of this joy in the Gospel promise: the Spirit will be given to us, and the Lord will be in us and we in the Lord.

Even the sufferings meted out to the followers of Christ (Second Reading) could not diminish their gratitude for the Lord. This was bound up in the hope of the Resurrection which gave them, as it today gives us, the reason to respect one another and to reverence the Lord.

This week, let’s pray that the trials we have faced over the past months, and the sufferings we continue to endure, will not hold back the life of the Spirit in us. In all things, may we speak with joy of the good things the Lord has done and continues to work in our lives. *“Australian Catholics”*

O SAY CAN YOU SEE

Ellie signed on to teach a year in Bolivia. She enjoyed the work, the country, and the people - especially one young man. Oscar, who was intelligent, good-hearted, and handsome. That year, she and Oscar fell in love. Eventually, he came to Australia, and they got married at her parish church in outer Brisbane. Oscar had held an important job in Bolivia, but his hard-earned credentials did not transfer to Australia. His grasp of English was shaky. The only job he could find was working as a banquet waiter at a local hotel. Guests call him “Boy,” whistled or clapped at him to get his attention and felt free to boss him around. But mostly they ignored him; they did not see him at all.

He would come home from work sullen, and Ellie felt excruciating pain that this proud man was being treated as nothing. The world did not see Oscar, but Ellie saw him.

Today, Jesus tells the apostles, “In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me”. The world could pass Jesus by on the street and ignore him. They could whistle to get his attention and call him “Boy” because he does not live in them nor they in him. They could do that easily - after all, each day they do it to the least of his sisters and brothers. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(18 - 24 May)

- **Monday, 18:** Monday 6th week Easter (Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4)
- **Tuesday, 19:** Tuesday 6th week Easter (Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11)
- **Wednesday, 20:** Wednesday 6th week Easter (Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15)
- **Thursday, 21:** Thursday 6th week Easter (Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20)
- **Friday, 22:** Friday 6th week Easter (Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23)
- **Saturday, 23:** Saturday 6th week Easter (Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28)
- **Sunday 24:** The ASCENSION of the LORD (Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20)

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).