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(All items for the newsletter must be
received no later than Tuesday
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CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

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

PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU;
my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts
be troubled and
do not be afraid.

-John 14:27

FIRST READING

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated

their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation

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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Bill Roestenburg, Peter Weatherstone, Sue Semler, Mary Connell, Joelle Davidson

Recently deceased: Jim Higgins, Marge Brown, Joyce West

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

	Comm	Reader	Cleaning
22/05	M Glynn	L Grant	C Berden
29/05	A Clark	K Hammatt	C Berden

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes

if something unforeseen crops up)

22/05 Fr Iain Radvan
29/05 Fr Anthoni Adimai - Cathedral Parish

COVID RESTRICTIONS

For the latest Archdiocesan restrictions please see page 4 of this bulletin. Please keep in mind the importance of social distancing and good hygiene practices.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN COUNT OF ATTENDANCE



The Archdiocesan Count of Attendance, which is used for pastoral planning and financial reporting, continues this weekend.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL

This appeal will be held today. Your donation assists the Catholic Mission in providing ongoing support for the pastoral and evangelizing programs of the Catholic Church.

COMBINED CHURCHES OF KI

The Combined Churches of Kangaroo Island are holding an Ecumenical Prayer Service at 11.00am on Sunday, 5 June in the Performing Arts Centre of the KICE Campus, Centenary Avenue. The service will be followed by a shared finger food lunch in the Uniting Church Hall.

These services are a wonderful way to demonstrate one accord in the Christian community of the Island and much thought has gone into the planning of this event by representatives from each Church.

FOOTSTEPS OF MARY

In the Footsteps of Mary - An Australian Pilgrimage (18 - 28 October). Brochures are available at the Church or via email to wendygbennett@icloud.com

GUILD MEETING

The next Guild Meeting will be held on Monday, 6 June in the Parish House.

RETREAT WEEKEND AT THE MONASTERY

On May 27-28, Ms Val de Brenni is leading a Women's retreat: 'Women at the Well'. An opportunity for personal time, stillness and nurturing input and conversation.

The retreat will commence with dinner on the Friday night and conclude with 6pm Vigil Mass on Saturday. Ticket cost of \$160 includes accommodation and all meals. Please contact: 8338 8700 or conference@themonastery.net.au to book.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA UKRAINE APPEAL

Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground providing shelter, food, clean water, medicine and psychological support. Donate now to help the people of Ukraine www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call 1800 024 413 toll free. Keep up to date on how Caritas agencies are responding to this crisis - www.caritas.org.au/ukraine-news

WALKING IN THE SPIRIT

Pilgrimage for the Plenary Council
People across the country are invited to participate in a national prayer pilgrimage as the Catholic Church in Australia prepares for the Second Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia in Sydney from July 3-9.

We pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and grace for the members who will gather and also for ourselves and the Church, that we may have the courage to follow where God is leading us. For more information visit www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthepirit

CLEAR AS CRYSTAL

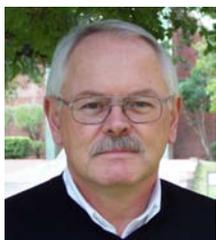
In our search for clarity, we don't have to look far. As the mystics would say, look within: The Spirit of Truth dwells in you. It was obvious from the start that the disciples, left to themselves, would be seized with confusion, as indeed they were from the time Jesus was arrested. Jesus had travelled with this gang for a long time, so he understood their limitations very well. If he left them completely, there would be no church; there would be no chaos. So, he promised a Friend Spirit to be their guide until eternity.

Clarity is not a typical state of mind for humans, one must admit. We weigh pros and cons. We flip coins. Some of us angst, some look at horoscopes, some ask everyone advice and then take none of it. Sometimes, our only decision is to procrastinate until the decision is made by default. But there's another way for Christians to find their way: by consulting the Spirit. Discernment is a gift to the church. It works especially well in community. Pray. Ask. Listen. See.

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"I've bought my elephant, now I'll just read the instructions."



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

LOVE, NOT EXCUSES, MOVES THINGS FORWARD

The excusable doesn't need to be excused and the inexcusable cannot be excused.

Michael Buckley wrote those words commenting on Peter's triple betrayal of Jesus. Here's the context. Peter had betrayed Jesus in his most needy hour, not out of malice, simply out of weakness. Now, facing Jesus for the first time since that betrayal, Peter is understandably uncomfortable. What do you say after betraying someone?

Well, he didn't need to say anything. Jesus took the initiative and, as Buckley highlights, he didn't excuse Peter. Jesus didn't say things like, *it's perfectly understandable to be afraid in a situation like that! You weren't really yourself! I understand how that can happen!* He didn't even tell Peter that he still loves him. None of that. He simply asked Peter, *"Do you love me?"* and when Peter said yes, everything moved forward. No excuses were needed. *The excusable doesn't need to be excused and the inexcusable cannot be excused.* Our humanity already explains why we are prone to betrayal; what needs to be spoken in its wake is a reaffirmation of love.

A couple I know had this happen in their marriage. They went to a party together one Friday night and the wife, partly through the influence of alcohol and drugs, left the party with another man. Her husband was unaware of this for a time but, upon finding out what had happened, was understandably very distraught. He went home alone and spent a sleepless night thinking, his thoughts moving through a series of vengeful fantasies to what (through grace) he eventually decided on.

He was sitting at the kitchen table midmorning the next day when his wife, sheepish and self-chastened, came home. She had her apologies rehearsed and was ready to face his justified anger and fury. She got something else. Her husband didn't let her voice any apologies or excuses,

nor did he explode in anger. Rather, calm and sad, he simply said this to her: "I'm going to move out of the house for a week, so you can think this through. You need to decide. *Are you my wife or are you someone else?*" He came back a week later to her apologies, but more importantly to her renewed, more radical commitment to their relationship. Their marriage has been solid and grace-filled since. She is now committed to a marriage in a way she never quite was before.

No doubt upon his return, this man's wife did offer some tearful apologies and excuses. His refusal to let her voice them earlier may well have served a purpose long-term, but was admittedly somewhat cruel short-term. Even when something can't be excused, we still need the opportunity to say we are sorry. Apologies are important, both for the person offering them and for the one receiving them. Until an explicit apology is made, there is always unfinished business. However, explicit contrition is not ultimately what moves things forward when a relationship has been wounded or fractured. What moves things forward is a renewed commitment to love, to a deeper fidelity.

The inexcusable cannot be excused. Strictly speaking, that's true, though sometimes a deeper understanding of things somewhat excuses the inexcusable. Here's an example.

Several years ago, this incident occurred in Australia. A Catholic School Board had just finished building a new multi-million dollar school. Not long after it's opening, one of its students, a boy in high school, started a fire in his locker, unaware that the gas valves for the school's heating system were right behind his locker. A huge fire started and the whole school burned down. To his credit, the boy summoned his courage and owned up to what had happened. Then, of course, a never-ending series of questions ensued: Why would he ever do that? Why would anyone start a fire in his locker? What accounts for that kind of

reckless stupidity? What can excuse the inexcusable?

I very much appreciated an answer given to these questions by one of the Australian bishops. Speaking to a questioning group of teachers and school administrators, his short answer said it all. Why would this young student do something like that? *Because he is a boy!* Young boys have been (for no explicable reason) starting fires long before gas valves ever appeared on the planet. Moreover, there's no excuse for it, save human nature itself.

Often times, that's the excuse for the inexcusable: *Because we're human!* Indeed, this was the real excuse for the woman who under the influence of alcohol and drugs betrayed her husband, just as it was the real excuse for Peter when he betrayed Jesus.

But, this must be read correctly. This doesn't give us permission to appeal to our morally inept human nature as an excuse for betrayal or stupidity. We're human! Boys will be boys! The lesson rather is that whenever our moral ineptness has us fall into betrayal or stupidity, what ultimately moves things forward is not an apology or an excuse, but a renewed commitment in love.

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



COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 17/05/22)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19, please follow the SA Health instructions in regard to isolating and other government health protocols. Stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- There are now no density limits for places of worship.
- Masks are highly recommended by the Archdiocese.
- Attendees at indoor religious services may sing during worship.
- Please keep in mind the importance of social distancing and good hygiene practices.
- Hand sanitizer is available at Church entrances.
- There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during Mass.
- Offertory procession will be omitted. Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Collection plates will not be passed around.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people should be encouraged not to attend.
- The Archdiocese recommends Covid vaccinations for all (please check with your GP if you have concerns).

DID YOU KNOW?

- The meaning of the word advocate is 'one who is summoned to help another'.
- Another term commonly used for the Holy Spirit is Paraclete, which comes from a Greek term meaning 'called to the side of' and so has the same meaning as advocate.
- In the Hebrew Scriptures, peace was one of the distinguishing marks of the time of the Messiah—a time when swords would be made into ploughshares (Isaiah 2:4) and the wolf would live with the lamb (Isaiah 11:6). Jesus' gift of peace confirms that he is the longed-for

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stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

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 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'



FAITH IS A FAMILY FEAST

At our house, Sunday lunch was pasta. It always had been and I guess that I always expected that it would be. When I left home and went off to university, after the Sunday community Mass, the entire student population would gather in the dining

hall for a big banquet meal. But it never was pasta, so I found that I was never satisfied. It might have been ham or roast beef or fried chicken. It didn't matter. I was used to and needed pasta on Sunday.

Decades have passed. But give me a choice, and on Sundays I would most like to be with my family sharing, steaming bowls of pasta like we used to. It doesn't happen as often now. But when we do gather it remains a very special time for me. It is funny how something like a pasta meal can become so much a part of my identity, of who I am.

So, too, our identity as Christians can be traced to our Baptism and our Confirmation and our reception of the Eucharist in what we called the sacraments of initiation that give to us the gift of the Holy Spirit, God's loving presence with us.

Just as I learned to take my familial identity with me and have it be part of who I am, even on those pasta-less Sundays, the days I am with my family, so, too, my identity as a Christian rests in the realisation that the Spirit, by virtue of all the sacraments, walks with me wherever my life's journey takes me.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(23 - 29 May)

- **Monday, 23:** Monday, 6th week of Easter (Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 - 16:4)
- **Tuesday, 24:** Our Lady, Help of Christians (Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 3:14-19; Lk 8:19-21)
- **Wednesday, 25:** Wednesday, 6th week of Easter (Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:1; Jn 16:12-15)
- **Thursday, 26:** St Philip Neri (Acts 18:12-8; Jn 16:16-20)
- **Friday, 27:** Friday, 6th week of Easter (Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23)
- **Saturday, 28:** Saturday, 6th week of Easter (Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28)
- **Sunday 29:** The ASCENSION of the LORD (Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53)

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