



Welcome to

Kangaroo Island Catholic Community

(Part of the Adelaide Cathedral Parish)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

Vol 12 : No 23

KANGAROO ISLAND CATHOLIC PARISH

Parish House: 22 Giles Street,
KINGSCOTE, SA 5223
Phone: 8553 2132

Postal address: PO Box 749,
KINGSCOTE, SA 5223

Email: cphkingscote@inet.net.au

Web: www.kicatholic.org.au

ADELAIDE CATHEDRAL PARISH

39 Wakefield St, ADELAIDE 5000
Phone: (08) 8210 8155

E: acp@acp.adelaide.catholic.org.au

PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Fr Lancy D'Silva

Phone: (08) 8210 8155

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mr Peter Clark (8559 5131)

FINANCE

Mrs Helen Mumford (0408 367 009

or kimumford@bigpond.com)

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Mrs Wendy Bennett (0475 894 755

wendygibennett@icloud.com)

(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 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 21:26-28, 30-32

*I will praise you, Lord,
in the assembly of your people.*

SECOND READING

1 John 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be

certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he

(Continued page 4)



Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Sue Semler, Brianna Chudlee, Peter Weatherstone, Kay Florance, John Slagter, Annette Roestenburg, Michelle Glynn

April anniversaries: Josephine Bannan, Ray Bannan Elizabeth Black, Wilma Buick, Karen Cairney, Gwen Chalmers, Ambrose Clark, Robert Clark, Tony (Noxy) Clark, Francis Clarke, Catherine Commerford, Sarah Cunningham, Jimmy Dow, Tate Furniss, Monika Gibbs, Lynne McArdle, Mary O'Brien, Norah Ridge, Verna Trethewey, Beryl Williams, Albert Willson, Keith 'Hoppy' Willson, Jim Higgins.

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
28/4	K Hammat	P Bennett	C Brinkley
5/5	A Clark	L Grant	C Brinkley

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

28/4	Fr Paul Ghanem OFM
5/5	Fr Leon & Fr George

GUILD MEETING

The next Catholic Women's Guild meeting is on this Monday April 29 at 9.30am.

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

MARIAN PROCESSION

Sunday, 19 May at 2.00pm

Each year the Adelaide Archdiocese hosts the annual Marian Procession in honour of Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church. This year, we

celebrate its 75th Anniversary. More details nearer the time.

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 are to be conducted over the four weekends of May, being the 4/5, 11/12, 18/19 and 25/26 in all Parish Mass Centres.

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

THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The May edition of The Southern Cross will be distributed this week for sale in parishes on the weekend. This issue includes articles on the upcoming 75th Marian Procession, parish and school milestones and other Church news.

2024 ADELAIDE DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

June 14 and 15

Parishes, schools and communities are asked to mark their calendars for the 2024 Adelaide Diocesan Assembly which will take place on the evening of Friday, June 14 and Saturday, June 15. Further information and invitations will be sent out soon.

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Moffatt:

smoffatt@adelaide.catholic.org.au

or Peter Bierer:

pbierer@adelaide.catholic.org.au

KIDS' CORNER

Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord. (Acts 9: 27)

Everyone knew Saul was trouble. He'd been arresting Jesus' followers and getting them thrown in jail. So when people heard that Saul changed his mind about Jesus and was going by a different name, Paul, they were unsure and afraid. How could they trust him? But Barnabas took the risk of trusting Paul. He'd heard Paul telling the story of how he'd been blinded and how Jesus spoke to him and cured him. Barnabas could see that Paul spoke truthfully and be defended Paul.

Do you know someone like Paul, who needs a friend to stand up for them?

Will you be a good friend, like Barnabas?

Lord, help me be a good friend to all. Amen. *GPBS eNews*

DATES

29 Apr	First day School term 2
12 May	St Vincent de Paul Appeal
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

A truck loaded with thousands of copies of Roget's Thesaurus crashed yesterday losing its entire load. Witnesses were stunned, startled, aghast, taken aback, stupefied, confused, shocked, rattled, paralysed, dazed, bewildered, mixed up, surprised, awed, dumbfounded, nonplussed, flabbergasted, astounded, amazed, confounded, astonished, overwhelmed, horrified, numbed, flummoxed, speechless, perplexed, and gobsmacked.

Meanwhile, those waiting for the shipment were at a loss for words.



"My side of the family is full-blooded DOS and Windows, but you are one-quarter Mac with a bit of Linux and Android on your mother's side."



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

CIVILITY HAS LEFT THE BUILDING

Why do we no longer get along with each other? Why is there such bitter polarization inside of our countries, our neighborhoods, our churches, and even in our families? Why do we feel so unsafe in many of our conversations where we are perpetually on guard so as not to step on some political, social, or moral landmine?

We all have our own theories on why this is, and mostly we choose our news channels and friends to bolster our own views. Why? Why this bitter polarization and nastiness among us?

Well, let me suggest an answer from an ancient source, scripture. In the Hebrew scriptures (our Old Testament), the prophet Malachi offers us this insight on the origins of polarization, division, and hatred. Echoing the voice of God, he writes: “Therefore, I have made you contemptible and base before all the people, since you do not keep my ways, *but show partiality in your decisions*. Have we not all the one Father? Has not the one God created us? *Why do we break faith with one another?*”

Isn't this particularly apropos for us today, given all the polarization and hatred in our houses of government, our churches, our communities, and our families, where for the most part we no longer respect each other and struggle even to be civil with each other? We have broken faith with each other. Civility has left the building.

Moreover, this afflicts both sides of the ideological, political, social, and ecclesial spectrums. Both sides have their particular ideological wings which are scornfully unsympathetic to those who don't share their view, paranoid about hidden conspiracies, rigidly uncompromising, and disrespectful and belittling of anyone who does not share their perspective. And, for the most part, they preach, advocate, and practice hatred – believing that all this is done in

service of God, truth, moral cause, enlightenment, freedom, or nationalism.

Someone once said, not everything can be fixed or cured, but it should be named properly. That's the case here. We need to name this. We need to say out loud, this is wrong. We need to say out loud that none of this can be done in the name of love. And we need to say out loud that we may never rationalize hatred and disrespect in the name of God, the Bible, truth, moral cause, freedom, enlightenment, or anything else.

This needs to be named, irrespective of wherever we find ourselves amid all the divisive and hate-filled debates that dominate public discourse today. Each of us needs to examine himself or herself vis-a-vis our partiality, namely, how little we even want to understand the other side, how much disrespect we have for some people, how civility is often absent from our speech, and how much hatred has unconsciously crept into our lives.

After this, we need a second self-scrutiny. The word “sincere” comes from two Latin words (*sine – without and cere – wax*). To be sincere is to be “without wax”, to be your real self, outside of others' influence. But that's not easy. How we picture ourselves, what we believe, and our view on most anything at a given moment is heavily colored by our personal history, our wounds, who we live with, what work we do, who our colleagues and friends are, the country we live in, and the political, social, and religious ideologies we inhale with the air we breathe. It's not easy to know what we really think or feel about a given issue. Am I sincere or is my reaction predicated more on who my friends and colleagues are and where I get my news? At the core of my being, who am I really, without wax?

Given our struggle for sincerity, particularly in our present climate of division, disrespect, and hatred, we might ask ourselves, how much of what I am passionate about enough to generate hatred inside me, is really

rooted in sincerity as opposed to ideology or my instinctual emotional or intellectual reaction toward something I dislike?

This is not easy to answer, understandably so. We are pathologically complex as human persons, and the quest for sincerity is the quest of a lifetime. However, while on that journey towards sincerity there are some non-negotiable human and spiritual rules. The biblical prophet Malachi names one of them: “Do not show partiality in your decisions and do not break faith with each other”. When we parse that out, what is it saying?

Among other things, this: You have a right to struggle, to disagree with others, to be passionate for truth, to be angry sometimes, and (yes) even to feel hateful occasionally (since hate is not the opposite of love, indifference is). But you may never preach hatred and division or advocate for them in the name of goodness; instead, in that place inside you where sincerity resides, you need to nurse a congenital distrust of anyone who does proactively advocate for hatred and division.

Civility has left the building.

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

Mrs Helen Mumford
(KI contact - 0408 367 009)
Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

EXPLORING THE WORD

Jesus continues to speak to the disciples through imagery which they understood from their everyday experience and with symbols that come from their Jewish tradition. The vine is a staple part of Israel's agricultural life. It carries the idea of the life that flows into the branches from the thick stalk of the vine. Jesus becomes that giver of life and prosperity, but behind his life-giving presence is the Father. Like the vine dresser, the Father must cut away anything which impedes that life or comes from a source which is not nourished from the 'true vine'. Jesus exists to make the Father known and so it must be with the disciples of Jesus. We must 'remain with' Jesus and thus make the Father known.

DID YOU KNOW?

In John's Gospel, the term 'I am' has a special significance. When Moses encountered God on Mt Sinai, God revealed himself as "I am who am." Jesus reveals himself as Son of God in the use of this term and tells something of his mission.

(Continued from page 1)

prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfilment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us

through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbour. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

Loyola Press

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(29 April - 5 May)

- **Monday, 29:** St Catherine of Siena (Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26)
- **Tuesday, 30:** Tuesday of the 5th week of Easter (Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31)
- **Wednesday, 1:** Wednesday of the 5th week of Easter (Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8)
- **Thursday, 2:** St Athanasius (Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11)
- **Friday, 3:** Sts Philip and James (1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14)
- **Saturday, 4:** Saturday of the 5th week of Easter (Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21)
- **Sunday 5:** SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17)

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