



Welcome to

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(All items for the newsletter must be  
received no later than Tuesday  
evening.)

### **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



## **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, 6-7, 8-9*

*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,

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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
29/05	A Clark	K Hammatt	C Berden
05/06	L Grant	S Semler	A Bevan
12/06	M Glynn	P Bennett	A Bevan
19/06	S Semler	A Gibbs	H Mumford
26/06	L Grant	P Clark	H Mumford

## PRIEST ROSTER

*(Often this roster changes*

*if something unforeseen crops up)*

29/05 Fr Anthoni Adimai  
05/06 Fr Eldridge D'souza

## 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, finishes this weekend.

## 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. This information is on the flier you have been given.

## GUILD MEETING

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

## CONSIDERING A VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD?

A time of reflection, discussion and prayer with Vicar General Fr Dean Marin will be held on Saturday June 11 at 10.15am in the Sacristy of St Francis Xavier's Cathedral.

For more information contact Fr Dean on: 8210 8122 or [vicargeneral@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:vicargeneral@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

## ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care.

Closing date for application is July 29. More information and application forms available at <https://Pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>.

## 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](http://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](http://www.caritas.org.au/ukraine-news)

## JOURNEY INTO THE JOY PENTECOST ENCOUNTER

The Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults (COYYA) is inviting

young people of Adelaide (16-35 years) to encounter the many wonders of Pentecost on Saturday June 4.

'Pentecost Encounter' will have a new multi-workshop format including reflection, prayer, discussion, testimony, praise and worship and games, at a new time-slot (1.00pm - 5.30pm).

COYYA is collaborating with St Mary's College, Adelaide to make the event more central to the CBD. Registration is now open at <https://www.trybooking.com/BZJDX>

## REFUGEE WEEK 2022

### Prayer Service

An online prayer service will be hosted by the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office and the Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace on June 20 at 6pm (AEST). Register now at <https://bit.ly/RefugeeWeek2022Prayers>

## 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/walkinginthespirit](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit)

*I'm old enough to remember when paper bags were being blamed for the destruction of trees - and plastic bags were the solution!*







## 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

### NAMING THE PRESENT MOMENT – SOME METAPHORS TO DIGEST

*Not everything can be fixed or cured, but it should be named properly.*

Richard Rohr said that. James Hillman suggests something similar when he wrote that *a symptom suffers most when it doesn't know where it belongs.*

Where does our present moment belong vis-à-vis our faith in God and the relevance of our churches? Are we post-Christian? Are we witnessing the death of God and our churches? Or, is our faith being purified by the very criticisms levelled against it and, despite a massive decline in church attendance, aren't the churches making genuine moral progress on issues like racism, sexism, and social justice in general? Are we dying or maturing? How do we name our present moment?

By way of an answer, I would like simply to offer a series of "metaphors" gleaned from various commentators that attempt a naming. Some of these seemingly contradict each other, but all of them merit some thought. I leave them for you to digest.

1. *Faith is a spent project!* In essence, that's the view of the Enlightenment thinkers, classically expressed in persons like Nietzsche, Freud, Feuerbach, and Marx, who suggest that faith and belief in God are something you eventually outgrow, like belief in Santa and the Easter Bunny. This belief was needed for a time, but it's something we outgrow when we lose our naiveté. God and the churches have had their time in history, and that day is over. Today, this is the belief (or unacknowledged fear) of millions.

2. *Our world is still in diapers!* Pierre Teilhard de Chardin suggests that far from faith being a spent project, it's only in its infancy stage. In an evolutionary view of history and faith, we are still a world in diapers, emerging from the crib. Faith is far from spent! We are just beginning!

3. *A post-Christian West!* That was the view of Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger before he became pope. Interestingly, he never asserted it again explicitly after he became pope, namely, that the secularized world, particularly in North America and Western Europe, is now "post-Christian".

4. *Faith in the secularized world is suffering a certain noonday fatigue!* This is an image offered by Thomas Halik. In his view, faith and the churches aren't dying; they are merely suffering "acedia", the "noonday devil", the fatigue that the early Christian desert writers told us could afflict even the most committed believers.

5. *We are experiencing a crisis of the imagination, not of faith and fidelity.* The conditions of belief have changed radically and our imaginations haven't caught up. This is the view of the renowned philosopher on secularity, Charles Taylor. For him, as believers today we are pioneers, struggling to learn how to live in a (faith) country that we and no one else has ever before inhabited. Small wonder we are struggling.

6. *Secular culture is the adolescent child of Judeo-Christianity and in its adolescent grandiosity our culture sees only its parents' faults.* This is the view of the popular spiritual writer Kathleen Norris and is echoed by Yale philosopher Louis Dupre. As Norris puts it, if you want to visualize the relationship between our secular world and Christianity, watch how a seventeen year-old teenager who is out of sorts with her parents interrelates with them. To this, Dupre adds that grandiose adolescents aren't bad, they just aren't finished growing.

7. *Secularity is a fantasy indulged in by intellectuals.* For ordinary people there are divine whispers behind every door. In real life, religion of some sort is unavoidable. This from French philosopher Chantal Delsol.

8. *Like Jonah, we are in the belly of the whale.* This is one of Richard Rohr's preferred namings. Inside our contemporary doubt and confusion,

God is taking us through a darkness to where we need to be.

9. *Christian vision in the West is the residue of a former seeing, before suffering a detached retina.* This from Walter Kasper. His idea: if someone is born blind, he will not have visual images of outside objects inside of him. However, if someone goes blind sometime in life, he will retain the images of what he once saw, even though he is no longer seeing them. As Christians, we are living too much off past images, and no longer seeing directly with the eyes of faith.

10. *We need "The Benedict Option".* This from Rod Dreher. Heavily secularized culture is asphyxiating our faith. What's needed to save and nurture it is the "Benedict option". Like the great monastic founder, St. Benedict, those of us with a committed faith need to pull away from a culture that is eroding our faith and live out our faith in a "monastic" way, namely by withdrawing and building new kinds of "monasteries" within which to live out our faith and raise our children. Eventually, as has happened before, the world will come to us seeking help and meaning. Who's right? What best names both our symptoms and our moment? There is something to digest in each of these images.

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

Loving my new gravy boat that I found at my grandads house.



## COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 24/05/22)



- 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 Gospel of Luke opens with Zechariah praying in the temple and closes with the disciples praying in the temple.
- Bethany is a small town not far from Jerusalem, just over the Mount of Olives. It was the home town of Mary, Martha and Lazarus.
- The nine days between the Ascension and Pentecost that the disciples spent in praying together, gave rise to the 'novena', a devotional practice of praying in a particularly focused way for a special intention over nine consecutive days.

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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!*

### GOSPEL

*Luke 24:46-53*

Jesus said to his disciples, 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.'

Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

### NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

*27<sup>th</sup> May - 3<sup>rd</sup> June*

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has, on behalf of the Australian Labor Party, committed to the Uluru Statement from the Heart in full.

A recognition and understanding of past and present injustice, particularly that which shapes attitudes and institutions is essential for Reconciliation.

Sorry Day (26 May) and Reconciliation Week (27 May – 3 June) are two aspects of the same mission. Sorry

Day marks one of the worst episodes in the mistreatment of Indigenous Australians by the descendants of the colonial invaders. It records the forced removal on ideological grounds of children from Indigenous families and the lasting suffering inflicted both on the children and their families.

Sorry Week was initiated in 1998 after the publication of the Bringing Them Home Report. It led eventually to the Apology to the Stolen Generations in 2008 and the Parliamentary commitment to close the gap between the lives of Indigenous and other Australians.

In 2022 the theme of [Reconciliation Week](#) urges us to be brave, make change. It calls on Indigenous Australians to be assertive in recognising and insisting on their right to equal respect before the law and in its administration and institutions.

Being brave and making change also involves courage from other Australians in acknowledging systemic discrimination against Indigenous Australians and pressing for change. Words carefully crafted to avoid offense are not enough.

Humility comes from seeking and knowing the truth. It is important that people share the knowledge of past and present injustice, particularly that which, unseen, shapes attitudes and institutions. "Parish Life e-newsletter"

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

*(30 May - 05 June)*

- **Monday, 30:** Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33)
- **Tuesday, 31:** The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary ( Zeph 3:14-18; Lk 1:39-56)
- **Wednesday, 01:** St Justin (Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11-19)
- **Thursday, 02:** Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26)
- **Friday, 03:** Charles Lwanga and companions (Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19)
- **Saturday, 04:** Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25)
- **Sunday 05:** PENTECOST SUNDAY (Acts 2:1-11; Rom 8:8-17; Jn 14:15-16, 23-26)

### 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