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

CHILD PROTECTION

We are a Child Safe Organisation
which is committed to the care, well-
being and protection of children and
young people.

Mrs Helen Mumford

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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 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

*Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the way, the truth and the life,
says the Lord; no one comes to the
Father, except through me.*

Alleluia!

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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Stephanie Langridge, Carmen Northcott, Joella Davidson

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
7/5	L Grant	S Semler	C Berden
14/5	M Glynn	M Slagter	A Bevan
21/5	S Semmler	P Bennett	A Bevan
28/5	L Grant	Peter Clark	K Brinkley

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

7/5	Fr My Tran
14/5	Communion Liturgy
21/5	TBA
28/5	Fr Mathew Newman

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

MARIAN PROCESSION

The 2023 Marian Procession will be held on Sunday May 21 beginning at the Pioneer Women's Memorial Gardens (next to the Torrens Parade Ground on King William Road) procession up King William Street into Victoria Square. The Procession will commence at 2.00pm and all are

invited to attend with their parish or community.

Group assembly will begin from 1.30pm. Unless there is a severe weather warning the procession will take place, however it will conclude in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral rather than Victoria Square.

For more information, please contact the Events Office (8210 8220)

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 6/7, 13/14, 20/21 and 27/28 in all Parish Mass Centres.

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

THE VOICES OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE KANGAROO ISLAND CATHOLIC CHURCH

I wish to compile a book of the people from the Kangaroo Island Catholic Church.

I need your support by providing me a chance to capture your voice about you and your memories of the many memorable things that have occurred over the many years.

I also want to include the stories of the beloved members of our community who have died and how they helped shape our amazing church.

If you are interested in sharing your story, please let me know. You can either catch up with me at church, or ring me on 0408 367 009.

I look forward to hearing from you.
Helen Mumford

ECUMENICAL SERVICE ON PENTECOST SUNDAY

There will be an Ecumenical Service by the Combined Churches of Kangaroo Island at which our visiting priest, Fr Mathew Newman, will deliver the homily.

The organisers of the Combined Churches of Kangaroo Inter-church Committee invite you to join this

celebration. For those of you who haven't attended one of these events before I recommend you to join us this year. They are a joyful way of sharing Pentecost with other Christians in our community.

The service will commence at 11.00am on Sunday, May 28. The venue is the Performing Arts Centre, KICE Campus, Centenary Avenue, Kingscote.

The service will be followed by a shared lunch. Please bring a plate of savoury or sweet finger food.

*Paul Bennett
Chairperson*

DATES

- 6 May Coronation King Charles III
- 14 May Mothers' Day
- 14 May St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal
- 11 Jun Holy Father's Appeal
- 12 Jun King's birthday holiday
- 25 Jun Sea Sunday Appeal
- 2 Jul NATSICC Appeal
- 7 Jul Last day School term 2
- 24 Jul First day School term 3
- 8 Aug St Mary of the Cross feast
- 13 Aug Vocations Appeal
- 15 Aug Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- September Catholic Charities Month
- 3 Sep Fathers' Day
- 29 Sep Last day School term 3
- 2 Oct Labour Day
- 16 Oct First day School term 4
- 22 Oct World Mission Day
- 12 Nov St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal
- 15 Dec Last day School term 4
- 25 Dec Catholic Charities - Special Appeal

Got caught up in a really good book last night... I didn't stop coloring until 2am this morning.



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

OF INNOCENCE, PURITY AND CHASTITY

Inside the rite for Christian baptism there's a little ritual that is at once both touching and unrealistic. At one point in the baptismal rite the child is clothed in a white garment symbolizing innocence and purity.

The priest or minister officiating says these words: "Receive this baptismal garment and bring it unstained to the judgment seat of our Lord Jesus Christ."

As touching as it is to say those words to an innocent baby, one cannot help but think that unless this child dies in childhood, this is an impossible task. Our baptismal robes inevitably take some stains. Adult life sees to that. No one goes through life without losing the innocence of a baby.

But that being admitted, innocence still remains an ideal to be fostered and continually recovered. And that needs some defense today because innocence and its attendants, purity, and chastity, have fallen on hard times in a world that tends to value sophistication above all else and which generally sees innocence as naive and prudery.

There's a long history to this. For centuries, the churches held up innocence, purity, and chastity as salient virtues within Christian discipleship and within life in general. However, from the 17th century, right down to our own time, major thinkers have tried to turn this on its head, suggesting that these (so-called) virtues are in fact the antithesis of virtue. For them, innocence and its counterparts, purity, and chastity, are fraudulent ideals, fantasies of the timid, symptoms of an unconscious hostility towards life. Nietzsche, for example, once wrote: "The church combats the passions with excision, in every sense of the word: its practice, its cure, is castration." Freud suggested that in the ideals of innocence, purity, and chastity there is more than a trace of narcissism, frigid arrogance, and a fantasy of invulnerability. According

to these (*Enlightenment*) thinkers, in idealizing innocence, purity, and chastity, humankind has agreed to make itself unhappy in that the medicine we take to purify our souls lets in the moral toxins of self-righteousness, arrogance, and insensitivity, a mischief that makes lust look benign.

Our culture, minus some of the harsh rhetoric, essentially buys in to this. There are of course a few salient exceptions within some of our churches, but our cultural ethos pretty much identifies innocence, purity, and chastity with timidity, naivete, and fundamentalism.

Where to go with all of this? Well, one isn't quite sure where to look. Conservatives, in their very makeup, tend to fear the breaking of taboos, not least those surrounding innocence, purity, and chastity. This has a healthy intent. This is J.D. Salinger (*The Catcher in the Rye*) looking at innocent young children playing and wishing they would never grow up but could always remain this innocent and joyful. Conservatives fear any kind of sophistication that destroys innocence. That's well intended but unrealistic. We need to grow up and with that comes complexity, sophistication, mess, and stains on the purity of our baptismal robes. God did not intend for us to be children forever playing in innocence in a rye field.

Liberals have a different genetic make-up, but struggle equally (just differently) with innocence, purity, and chastity. They are less fearful about breaking taboos. For them, boundaries are meant to be stretched and most times broken, and innocence is a phase you pass through and outgrow (like belief in Santa and the Easter Bunny). Indeed, for liberals, real self-actualization begins with owning your complexity, recognizing its goodness, and accepting that complexity and lost innocence is in fact what opens us up for deeper meaning. Experience brings knowledge. When Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit, their eyes were opened, not closed. To the liberal eye, naive is not a virtue, sophistication

is. Innocence is judged as unrealistic, purity as sexual timidity, and chastity as religious fundamentalism.

Both these views, conservative and liberal, wave some healthy warning flags. The conservative flag of caution can help save us from many self-destructive behaviors, while the liberal flag inviting us to more fearlessness can help save us from much unhealthy timidity and naivete. However, each needs to learn from the other. Conservatives need to learn that God did not intend for us to make an idol out of the innocence and the naivete of a child. We are meant to learn, to grow, and to become sophisticated beyond first naivete. But liberals need to learn that sophistication, like innocence itself, is not an end in itself, but a phase through which one grows.

The renowned contemporary philosopher Paul Ricoeur hints at something beyond both. He asserts that growth to final maturity goes through stages. We are meant to move from the naivete of a child, through the lost innocence, messy and often cynical sophistication of adulthood, towards a "second naivete", a post-sophistication, a second innocence, a childlikeness which is not childish, a simplicity that is not simplistic. In this second naivete, our baptismal robes will emerge again unstained – washed clean in the blood of a new innocence.

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



COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 05/05/23)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- Procession of gifts has resumed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact

EXPLORING THE WORD

Today's gospel draws our attention to the time when Jesus will depart from the disciples (the Ascension is two weeks away). When Jesus is gone, the disciples must continue the task that he has begun. One can imagine their fear and uncertainty in being left with such a monumental challenge. Philip's question, 'Lord, how can we know the way?', shows their fear clearly enough. But help is available. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. He is both the map and the destination. Disciples are called to adopt Jesus' lifestyle, his approach to God, to others, to all creation. In living as Jesus did, living the life of faith, the disciples will know the truth and will have life. This life of faith and living the way of Jesus, God's way in the world, will enable the disciples not only to continue the work of Jesus but to perform even greater works.

- In what ways does living this life of faith get tested each day?
- What great works are you now called on to perform?
- What are some ways to continue to deepen your knowledge and love of Jesus?

DID YOU NOW?

This text comes from a long section of John's Gospel known as the 'farewell discourse', during which Jesus gives final instruction to the disciples at the Last Supper. Perhaps this echoes something of your own experience of the period of mystagogy.

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GOSPEL

John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

HOW CAN WE KNOW THE WAY?

Thomas is the practical apostle. He had very little religious imagination. As we know, he couldn't invest himself in the resurrection of Jesus without hands-on experience of it. Here, we find that he isn't going to buy into the reign of God unless he can find it on MapQuest. And Jesus humours him by offering him something better than a roadmap: himself.

Jesus is the way. What does that mean? A generation ago, Christian bumper stickers read, "One Way," with an arrow pointing upwards. But maybe a more theologically accurate sign would point through - through the heart of the world, into the depths of humanity until we find the central spot where the Spirit dwells in us. It takes a lot of stillness, a lot of contemplation and quiet, to find that place. We can contemplate the world, in its beauty and suffering, or our own lives, or Scripture or the image of the cross. The mystery of the Kingdom is not "up" from here, but in our midst. We are the Body of Christ. If we're looking for Jesus, and the way, the yellow brick road starts right here. *GPBS eNews*

When you think of Jesus' good works, what's the first one you think of? Healing the blind man? Feeding the crowd with a few loaves and fish? Raising Lazarus from the dead? Jesus does these things to show he is the Son of God. But behind these works is Jesus' great love. When Jesus says those who believe in him will be able to do his great works, he isn't just talking about the Apostles. He's talking about us. When we believe in Jesus and let Jesus' love fill our hearts, we can do anything in Jesus' name. We really can! *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS (08 - 15 May)

- **Monday, 08:** Monday 5th week Easter (Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26)
- **Tuesday, 09:** Tuesday 5th week Easter (Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31)
- **Wednesday, 10:** Wednesday 5th week Easter (Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8)
- **Thursday, 11:** Thursday 5th week Easter (Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17)
- **Friday, 12:** Friday 5th week Easter (Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17)
- **Saturday, 13:** Saturday 5th week Easter (Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21)
- **Sunday 14:** Sixth Sunday of Easter (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pet 3:15-18; Jn 4:15-21)

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