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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
(KI contact - 0408 367 009)

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 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!*

GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

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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 McMahan, 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
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
4/6	Communion Liturgy
11/6	Fr Martin Mounsell
18/6	Fr Paul Cashen
25/6	Fr My Tran

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

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

MAY MASS COUNTS

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.

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)

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

The Catholic Church in Australia celebrates World Communications

Day on the Sixth Sunday of Easter (May 14 this year).

Pope Francis' message this year has the theme 'Speaking with the heart: The truth in love'. Access the Pope's message at: <https://bit.ly/2023WCD>

NIGERIA CAMPAIGN

The Catholic Charity *Aid to the Church in Need* has launched their "Nigeria: Young. Faithful. Crucified" global campaign. Did you know that in 2022 a total of 5,014 Christians were killed for their faith in Nigeria? These were not Nigerians who happened to be Christian, but rather, their allegiance to the Lord saw them face a brutal death. This is a Church being crucified with Christ. To watch testimonies and to make an offering visit www.aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal

DATES

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



Above: A photograph of the incredibly rare Scottish Hummingbird



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

QUIET PROPHECY

Christian discipleship calls all of us to be prophetic, to be advocates for justice, to help give voice to the poor, and to defend truth. But not all of us, by temperament or by particular vocation, are called to civil disobedience, public demonstrations, and the picket lines, as were Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Daniel Berrigan, and other such prophetic figures. All are asked to be prophetic, but for some this means more wielding a basin and towel than wielding a placard.

There is a powerful way of being prophetic that, while seemingly quiet and personal, is never private. And its rules are the same as the rules for those who, in the name of Jesus, are wielding placards and risking civil disobedience. What are those rules, rules for a Christian prophecy?

First, a prophet makes a vow of love, not of alienation. There is a critical distinction between stirring up trouble and offering prophecy out of love, a distinction between operating out of egoism and operating out of faith and hope. A prophet risks misunderstanding, but never seeks it, and a prophet seeks always to have a mellow rather than an angry heart.

Second, a prophet draws his or her cause from Jesus and not from an ideology. Ideologies can carry a lot of truth and be genuine advocates for justice. But, people can walk away from an ideology, seeing it precisely as an ideology, as political correctness, and thus justify their rejection of the truth it carries. Sincere people often walk away from Greenpeace, from Feminism, or Liberation Theology, from Critical Race Theory, and many other ideologies which in fact carry a lot of truth because those truths are wrapped inside an ideology. Sincere people will not

walk away from Jesus. In our struggle for justice and truth, we must be ever vigilant that we are drawing our truth from the Gospels and not from some ideology.

Third, a prophet is committed to non-violence. A prophet is always seeking to personally disarm rather than to arm, to be in the words of Daniel Berrigan, a *powerless criminal in a time of criminal power*. A prophet takes Jesus seriously when he asks us, in the face of violence, to turn the other cheek. A prophet incarnates in his or her way of living the eschatological truth that in heaven there will be no guns.

Fourth, a prophet articulates God's voice for the poor and for the earth. Any preaching, teaching, or political action that is not good news for the poor is not the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Jesus came to bring good news to the poor, to "widows, orphans, and strangers" (biblical code for the most vulnerable groups in society). As Pastor Forbes once famously said: *Nobody goes to heaven without a letter of reference from the poor*. We are not meant to be the church compatible.

Fifth, a prophet doesn't foretell the future but properly names the present in terms of God's vision of things. A prophet reads where the finger of God is within everyday life, in function of naming our fidelity or infidelity to God and in function of pointing to our future in terms of God's plan for us. This is Jesus' challenge to read the signs of the times.

Sixth, a prophet speaks out of a horizon of hope. A prophet draws his or her vision and energy not from wishful thinking nor from optimism, but from hope. And Christian hope is not based on whether the world situation is better or worse on a given day. Christian hope is based on God's promise, a

promise that was fulfilled in the resurrection of Jesus, which assures us that we can entrust ourselves to love, truth, and justice, even if the world kills us for it. The stone will always roll back from the tomb.

Seventh, a prophet's heart and cause are never a ghetto. Jesus assures us that in his Father's house there are many rooms. Christian prophecy must ensure that no person or group can make God their own tribal or national deity. God is equally solicitous vis-à-vis all people and all nations.

Finally, a prophet doesn't just speak or write about injustice, a prophet also acts and acts with courage, even at the cost of death.

A prophet is a wisdom figure, a Magus or a Sophia, who will act, no matter the cost in lost friends, lost prestige, lost freedom, or danger to his or her own life. A prophet has enough altruistic love, hope, and courage to act, no matter the cost. A prophet never seeks martyrdom but accepts it if it finds him or her.

This last counsel is, I believe, the one most challenging for "quiet" prophets. Wisdom figures are not renowned for being on the picket lines, but in that lies the challenge. A prophet can discern at what time to park the placard and bring out the basin and towel – and at what time to lay aside the basin and towel and pick up the placard.

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

The inventor of throat lozenges has died. They'll be no coffin at his funeral.

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 12/05/23)



- 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

CHOICES, CHOICES, CHOICES

There are trade-offs. We make them all the time. You can choose to wait for the train or drive. The train might be running late, so you could be in the cold for a long time, or it may be uncomfortably crowded. Then again, it is cheaper than driving and often faster with less stress.

If you choose to drive, you may get stuck in traffic, burning petrol and polluting the air. Or if you are lucky, the road is open and you speed to your destination uninterrupted from door to door in no time at all.

Some of the early disciples felt that Jesus' return after his Ascension into heaven was imminent, so they wanted to wait for him in prayer. Others began to understand it through the Holy Spirit, Christ would come into their hearts and be with them in a special way. God's love would bind them together. So they went about healing and calling down the Spirit to be with those who had been baptised.

Two thousand years later, we still wait for Jesus' coming. But we have not been left orphans. We see and find Jesus' loving presence all around us. The trade-off is simple. We choose to believe, and so we live out the commandments. And in return, Jesus Christ lives in us.

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'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.'

DIVORCED?

WHERE DO I STAND NOW?

Q: I am recently divorced. Can I still receive Communion?

A: In short, yes. It is important to understand that divorce itself is not the sin, as many assume. You are still able to receive communion. You are not to receive communion if you remarry without an annulment. That is why we invite you to come and see us.

Q: I already have a civil divorce so why do I need an annulment? What is the difference?

A: According to Canon Law Canon 106151 states, marriage possesses the favor of law; therefore, in a case of doubt, the validity of a marriage must be upheld until the contrary is proven. A divorce decree is a civil document that is not affiliated with the Church. A civil divorce does not signify the end of a sacramental marriage and put simply, it is a civil law document that states you are free to marry only according to civil law, while the Church believes your marriage is permanent until the contrary is proven. The Tribunal assesses the validity of your marriage according to Civil Law through the process of an annulment, and if successful, you are declared 'free to marry' again in the Catholic Church.

Q: I want to get an annulment but don't agree to involving my ex-partner. Will the annulment proceed without contacting him or her?

A: Whilst we appreciate that most divorce cases involve a great deal of pain and conflict, we have an obligation under Canon Law to inform the other party that an application for nullity has been requested. We ask you to provide us with an address or contact details. In many cases, Respondents choose not to participate. You will not be required to have any contact with the Respondent during the process.

Q: I am getting married in 3 months time. Will my annulment be processed by then?

A: An annulment is not guaranteed and so to avoid disappointment and other losses, no wedding arrangements can take place until a decision is made. On average, each case takes between 68 months to complete, depending on the complexity of the case and the willingness of witnesses and parties to cooperate.

Q: Okay, I think I want to go ahead and start an application. Who do I speak to?

A: Please contact our office (Monday - Friday between 9.00am-5.00pm) on (08) 8210 8225 and we will be happy to guide you from there.

*Inter-diocesan Tribunal of Adelaide
(SA and NT)*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS (15 - 21 May)

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