



Welcome to

# Kangaroo Island Catholic Community

(Part of the Adelaide Cathedral Parish)

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR A**

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WEEKEND MASSES  
Kingscote at 9.30am

CONFESSION  
Kingscote at 9.00am (prior to Mass)

## INTEGRITY & SAFEGUARDING

We are a safeguarding Organisation which is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and adults at risk.

We believe that all God's children, young people and adults at risk have the right to be healthy and safe, and to have their voice heard, respected, and valued. A safe environment for all.

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## 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, 6-9*

*God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. (R)
2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise! Sing praise to our king, sing praise! (R)
3. God is king of all the earth, sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. (R)

## 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,

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# Bulletin Board

## KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Healing list:** Brianna Chudlee, Annette Roestenburg, Michelle Glynn, Rebecca Semler, Chris Heath, Simon Laundry, Josh Semler, MaryAnne Higgs

**May anniversaries:** Dorothy 'Mardi' Atkison, William 'Bill' Bauer, Shirley Black, Doris Bosanko, Norma 'Aileen' Cartel, Tony Cairney, William Christopher, Craig Feltus, Mary Alice Grace, Benjamin Hayes, Henry Hughes, Sarah Hughes, Fr P P Kelly, Alan Lashmar, Maria Loechel, Ann McAnnally, James McAnnally, Lillian Murphy, Laurence O'Daly, Dean Page, Ruth Perkins, Molly Polly, Edna Rayson, Mary - Douglas Rosentreter, Brenton Semler, Henry Tabor, Michael Wilcox, Alice Willson, Brian Willson, Mary Connell.

*Please pray for all the faithful departed and may all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ.*

## PRIEST ROSTER

24 May Fr Vivencio Besa  
31 May Fr Chris Horvat SJ

## RAFFLE



Congratulations to Karen Hammat, the winner of the Lucky Squares raffle.

## WHAT'S ON

17 May St Vincent de Paul Appeal  
8 Jun King's Birthday  
28 Jun Holy Father's Appeal  
3 Jul End school term 2  
5 Jul NATSICC Appeal  
12 Jul Stella Maris - Appeal  
20 Jul Beginning school term 3  
9 Aug Promotion Vocations Appeal  
Sep Catholic Charities Month  
Sep 5-13 Royal Adelaide Show

25 Sep School term 3 ends  
26 Sep AFL Grand Final  
5 Oct Labour Day  
12 Oct School term 4 begins  
18 Oct World Mission Month  
3 Nov Melbourne Cup  
8 Nov Supporting our Clergy Appeal  
15 Nov St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal  
11 Dec School term 4 ends  
25 Dec Christmas Day (Catholic Charities Special Appeal)  
26 Dec Proclamation Day

## SENT TO BRING HOPE

The Feast of the Ascension can seem like a moment of goodbye. Jesus leaves his disciples, and they are left wondering what comes next. Yet in Matthew, Jesus does not leave them with fear or uncertainty. He leaves them with a mission and a promise. That same message speaks powerfully to our parish communities and families today.

Life can often feel busy, uncertain and overwhelming. Families juggle work, school, commitments and the pressures of daily life. Parish communities continue to search for ways to stay connected, welcoming and hopeful in a changing world. At times, faith can feel difficult to hold onto amidst so many distractions and demands.

The mission of the Church is lived not only in churches, but in homes, workplaces, neighbourhoods and everyday encounters. Each act of kindness, forgiveness, hospitality and compassion becomes a way of bringing Christ's presence into the world. A family prayer, a conversation with someone who is lonely, a welcome offered to a new parishioner or support shown to someone struggling can become powerful signs of faith in action. *GPBS eNews*



As most people would be aware, our Church is named for Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Picture above).

Our Lady of Perpetual Help is a revered Roman Catholic title of the Blessed Virgin Mary, associated with a 15th-century Byzantine icon depicting her holding the Child Jesus, while angels display the instruments of his Passion. Entrusted to the Redemptorists in 1866, it is permanently enshrined in Rome.

Since 2022 our Church has been a part of the Adelaide Cathedral Parish. In honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, a large group of parishioners from the Cathedral Parish will be visiting our Church for a 11.30am Mass on Sunday July 5. They will bring with them a special choir. Fr Lancy D'Silva will be the celebrant and Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will attend if his schedule permits.

We are all invited to join them for lunch (Indian cuisine) at the Lions' Hall following Mass.



## MASS ROSTERS

Date	Readers/Prayers	Special Ministers	Cleaners
17 May	S Semler, L Grant	H Mumford, A Clark	C Berden
24 May	K Hammat, M Glynn	W Bennett, S Semler	C Berden
31 May	S Semler, L Grant	P Bennett, M Slagter	C Berden
7 June	P Clark, W Bennett	L Grant, H Mumford	H Mumford
14 June	K Hammat, S Semler	W Bennett, A Clark	H Mumford
28 June	A Clark, M Glynn	L Grant, H Mumford	H Mumford
05 July	W Bennett, M Slagter	K Hammat, M Slagter	C Brinkley



## 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*

### A MINI TREASON

Thomas Merton once said that what he feared in his own life was not so much a massive betrayal of his vocation, but a series of mini treasons that lead to a different kind of death. And that's the peril that I fear too, for myself and for our culture.

Sixty years ago Kay Cronin wrote a book entitled, *Cross in the Wilderness*, chronicling how, in 1847, a small band of Oblate Missionaries of Mary Immaculate came from France to the American Pacific Northwest and, after some bitter setbacks in Washington State and Oregon, moved up the coast into Canada and helped found the Roman Catholic Archdiocese in Vancouver and the Roman Catholic Church in significant parts of British Columbia's mainland.

She describes these men, no doubt with some over-idealisation and hagiography, as tough, totally dedicated, and completely without concern for their own comfort and health. They left their beloved France while still young, knew they would probably never see their loved ones again, and accepted to live constantly in danger both from the harsh elements of their frontier environment and from the threat of death from various Native tribes and various government forces and mercenary soldiers who distrusted them.

They were threatened many times, chased out of various missions, some were kidnapped for periods of time, and a number of their houses and missions were burnt down. They lived perennially on the edge of danger, never secure, never free from threat.

Moreover, they had very little in terms of creature comforts. They lived in log or mud hovels and ate

bad food. They had virtually no access to doctors, little access to what might make for good hygiene, and often, while travelling, had to sleep outside without proper shelter from rain and cold, causing many of them to develop rheumatism and other such illnesses at an early age. As well, they were never able to sink roots, to get comfortable at any place, to make the kinds of friends and contacts who could be a comfort and support to them. They had faith in God and each other, and little else.

But they were able to take all of this in stride without undue self-pity or complaint. They wrote positive and idealistic letters to their motherhouse in France and to their families and kept journals in which they expressed mostly joy about their modest successes in the ministry, seldom uttering a complaint about the bad housing, bad food, and instability in their lives.

As an Oblate missionary myself, as a member of the same religious family, I am proud of what these men did, and rightly so. They were selfless to the point of death.

However, that being said, reading their story is also humbling. Looking at their radical sacrifice of all comfort is for me a mirror that I peer into with considerable trepidation and shame. I look at my own life and see far too much in the way of an addiction to comfort and safety. I don't want what they had: I want healthy food, clean water, proper hygiene, regular rest, access to good doctors, access to news and information, access to travel, regular contact with family and friends, opportunities for retreats and vacations, access to ongoing education, and, not least, I want safety. I want to be a good missionary, but I want to be comfortable and safe.

I take some consolation in the fact that today times are much different than they were when these French missionaries landed in the Pacific Northwest. I couldn't do the work I do today, at least not for a very long, without proper housing, proper food, proper hygiene, access to education and information, regular rest, and healthy recreational outlets. My life and my ministry are a marathon, not a sprint, and proper self-care is a virtue not a vice.

Still, it's easy to rationalise and become addicted to comfort and safety. St. Paul, reflecting upon his own missionary life, once wrote that he was comfortable with whatever was dealt to him – much or little. I like to believe that too for my own life; but, and this is true for most of us, the more we live with plenty, the more we tend to protect ourselves inside that cocoon.

As children of our culture, I believe we can easily become addicted to comfort and safety. Once we have grown used to safety, good food, clean water, proper hygiene, access to good doctors and proper medicine, access to constant entertainment, access to instant information, regular connection with our loved ones, boundless educational and recreational opportunities, and wonderful creature comforts of all sorts, the danger looms large that we will not easily, or at all, be able to let go of any of these. Consequently, we can end up as good people, no big betrayals, though no big self-sacrifices either, good but not great, admiring the greatness of others from the comfort and safety of a snug armchair.

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

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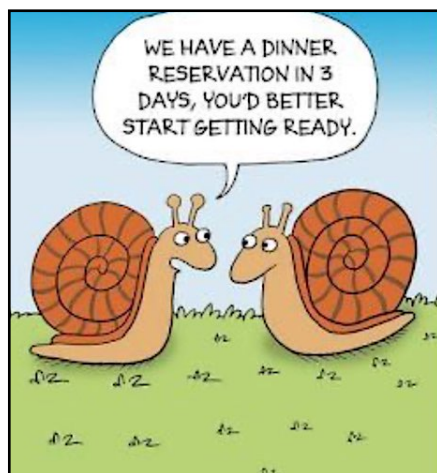
Thank you for your ongoing support of our Priests and Parish Facilities.



“... and you will be my witnesses ... to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1: 8)

It's been about 40 days since Jesus' resurrection. Now it's time for him to return to his Father in heaven, and he wants the Apostles to continue his work. But Jesus isn't just speaking to them. He's speaking to us too. We receive the same power of the Holy Spirit at our Baptism, in the Eucharist and at Confirmation so that we, too, can witness “to the ends of the earth.” You don't have to preach to big crowds like Saint Peter did. (Although someday you might!) For now, just do what you can every day, no matter how small, to serve the Lord in love and gladness.

Jesus, help me share your love with the world. *GPBS eNews*



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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, 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

*Matthew 28:16-20*

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.’

## “WE’RE GLAD YOU’RE HERE.”

A young teacher once asked an elderly parish volunteer how she had managed to stay involved in the Church for over fifty years. The teacher expected an answer about faith, prayer or commitment. Instead, the woman smiled and said, “Because someone noticed me.”

She explained that when she was a teenager, her family had moved to a new town. Everything felt unfamiliar. On her first Sunday at Mass, she sat quietly at the back, hoping nobody would speak to her. After Mass, an older man walked over, introduced

himself and simply said, “We’re glad you’re here.” “That was it,” she said. “Just one sentence. But it changed everything.”

She began helping in the parish, later volunteering at the local Catholic school, and eventually became someone who welcomed others the same way she had once been welcomed.

The teacher thought about that story all week. Then one afternoon at school, she noticed a student sitting alone near the playground fence. Normally, she would have kept walking to her next duty, already thinking about the emails waiting for her. Instead, she stopped, sat beside the student and said, “I’m glad you’re here today.”

Years later, that student would remember almost nothing about that particular school day. But they would remember that moment.

The Ascension reminds us that Jesus sends ordinary people into the world to carry hope, kindness and belonging to others. Often, we imagine this mission requires grand gestures or extraordinary faith. But sometimes the mission begins with noticing someone, welcoming them or reminding them that they matter.

*GPBS eNews*

## THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(18 - 24 May)

- **Monday, 11:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33)
- **Tuesday, 19:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11)
- **Wednesday, 20:** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11-19)
- **Thursday, 21:** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26)
- **Friday, 22:** Friday 7<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19)
- **Saturday, 23:** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25)
- **Sunday 24:** PENTECOST SUNDAY (Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23)

## 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