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(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 2:1-11*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and some-thing appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34

*Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.*

SECOND READING

Galatians 5:16-25

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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

	Prayers	Reader	Cleaning
19/5	M Glynn	P Bennett	C Brinkley
26/5	K Hammat	A Clark	A Clark
2/6	L Grant	P Clark	A Clark

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

19/5	TBA
26/5	Fr John Stuart-James

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

The combined churches of Kangaroo Island will hold a prayer service to celebrate Pentecost today (Sunday 19th May) at 11.00 am. at the Performing Arts Centre KICE Campus Centenary Avenue Kingscote. You are all warmly invited to attend.

CARITAS APPEAL: FLOODS AND DEVASTATION IN KENYA

As we reflect on the recent devastating widespread floods that have swept through Kenya, causing loss of life, destruction of homes, crops, livestock, and infrastructure, our thoughts are with the people affected. Of our seven Missionary Priests from Africa, six come from Kenya and we express our prayers and solidarity with them as this tragedy affects their homeland. The urgency of the situation calls for a compassionate response as much

will be needed in recovery efforts. Caritas Australia has launched a targeted Appeal for Kenya titled 'Help Fight Hunger in Kenya' and the Australian Caritas Office has given assurances that monies collected under this Appeal will support the people of Kenya at this time.

Parishioners can contribute directly via the Caritas website at <https://www.caritas.org.au/global-issues/help-fight-hunger-in-kenya>

Let us continue in our prayers of solidarity for the people of Kenya and respond generously.

*Patrick O'Regan
Archbishop of Adelaide*

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 will be conducted over the four weekends of May in all three Parish Mass Centres.

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

If you didn't get a chance to donate to the Special Collection last weekend, there are still some envelopes available at the back of the Church or donate online or by phone. Please visit vinnies.org.au or call 131812.

MISSION: TRANSFORM LIVES THEIRS...AND YOURS

Have you been considering whether an overseas professional placement with Palms is for you? Wanting to share your skills with communities in the Pacific, Asia or Africa to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty?

Discovery information session

at North Adelaide on 24 May. Meet Anna, Julie and other Palms participants to discover more about [Assignments Aboard](#).

Venue: North Adelaide Community Centre
Address: 176 Tynte Street
Date: Friday 24 May
Time: 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Phone 0422 472 56, or email palms@palms.org.au

PAUSE WOMEN'S RETREAT SEVENHILL

Pause is a three-day/night small group retreat for women in transition. It is a time for prayer, guidance, and stillness to discover the emerging call of transformation and flourishing that God is inviting you to.

This retreat will be held at beautiful JISA Sevenhill. Come and rest, rejuvenate and discover God's love, wisdom and wish for you.

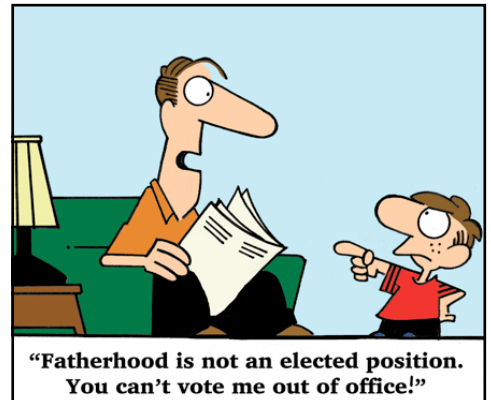
Wednesday 17 July 5pm - Sunday 21 July 10:30am Book by 28 June.

For more info: www.jisa.org.au

DATES

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

- *I can't take my dog to the park any more, the ducks keep biting him. I should have known this would happen. He's pure bread.*
- *My wife and I have agreed to never go to bed angry with each other. So far we've been up for three days.*





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

THE MYSTERY OF THE ASCENSION

What is the Ascension? The Ascension is an event in the life of Jesus and his original disciples, a feast day for Christians, a theology, and a spirituality, all woven together into one amorphous mystery that we too seldom try to unpackage and sort out. What does the Ascension mean?

Among other things, it is a mystery that is strangely paradoxical. Here's the paradox: there is a wonderful life-giving gift in someone entering our lives, touching us, nurturing us, doing things that build us up, and giving life for us. But there's also a gift in the other eventually having to say goodbye to the way he or she has been present to us. Passing strange, there's also a gift in one's going away. Presence also depends upon absence. There's a blessing we can only give when we go away.

That's why Jesus, when bidding farewell to his friends before his ascension, spoke these words: "It's better for you that I go away. You will be sad now, but your sadness will turn to joy. Don't cling to me, I must ascend."

How might we understand these words? How can it be better that someone we love goes away? How can the sadness of a goodbye, of a painful leaving, turn to joy? How can a goodbye eventually bring us someone's deeper presence?

This is hard to explain, though we have experiences of this in our lives. Here's an example: When I was twenty-two years old, in the space of four months, my father and mother died, both still young. For myself and my siblings, the pain of their deaths was searing. Initially, as with every major loss, what we felt was pain, severance, coldness, helplessness, a new vulnerability, the loss of a vital life-connection, and the brute facticity of the definitiveness of death for which

there is no adequate preparation. There's nothing warm, initially, in any loss, death, or painful goodbye. Time, of course, is a great healer, but there's more to this than simply the fact that we become anaesthetized by the passage of time. After a while, and for me this took several years, I didn't feel cold anymore. My parents' deaths were no longer a painful thing. Instead their absence turned into a warm presence, the heaviness gave way to a certain lightness of soul, their seeming incapacity to speak to me now turned into a surprising new way of having their steady, constant presence in my life, and the blessing that they were never able to fully give me while they were alive began to seep ever more deeply and irrevocably into the very core of my person. The same was true for my siblings. Our sadness turned to joy and we began to find our parents again, in a deeper way, at a deeper place of soul, namely, in those places where their spirits had flourished while they were alive. They had ascended, and we were better for it.

We have this kind of experience frequently, just in less dramatic ways. Parents, for instance, experience this, often excruciatingly, when a child grows up and eventually goes away to start life on his or her own. A real death takes place and an ascension must happen. An old way of relating must die, painful as that death is. Yet, as we know, it's better that our children go away.

The same is true everywhere in life. When we visit someone, it's important that we come; it's also important that we leave. Our leaving, painful though it is, is part of the gift of our visit. Our presence depends partly on our absence.

And this must be carefully distinguished from what we mean by the axiom: *Absence makes the heart grow fonder*. For the most part, that's

not true. Absence makes the heart grow fonder, but only for a while and mostly for the wrong reasons. Physical absence, simple distance from each other, without a deeper dynamic of spirit entering beneath, ends more relationships than it deepens. In the end, most of the time, we simply grow apart. That's not how the ascension deepens intimacy, presence, and blessing. The ascension deepens intimacy by giving us a new presence, a deeper, richer one, but one which can only come about if our former way of being present is taken away. Perhaps we understand this best in the experience we have when our children grow up and leave home. It's painful to see them grow away from us. It's painful to have to say goodbye. *It's painful to let someone ascend.*

But, if their words could in fact say what their hearts intuit, they would say what Jesus said before his ascension: "It's better for you that I go away. There will be sadness now, but that sadness will turn to joy when, one day soon, I will be standing before you as an adult son or daughter who is now able to give you the much deeper gift of my adulthood."

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:
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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.

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DID YOU KNOW?

- The reason why the disciples were in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost was that they were celebrating the Jewish Harvest Festival which occurs fifty days after the Passover. This festival also celebrated the covenant made by God with the people of Israel on Mt Sinai.
- The Christian feast of Pentecost is fifty days after Easter Sunday and marks the culmination and closure of the Lent- Easter-Pentecost cycle.
- The word for spirit in Hebrew is the feminine 'ruah', meaning literally breath, wind or air.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- Are there people you still have 'many things to say to'? Is it important that such things are said?
- In what ways have you been led to the complete truth?

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples:

'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset.

'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

THE LANGUAGE OF ANGELS

Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As I have been sent, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Consider the deep peace of Christ. The shalom of God in Hebrew means more than freedom from anxiety. Shalom is the fullness of God's blessings, joy, and satisfaction, a life without need. To have the peace of Christ is to have it all. Nothing interrupts this abundance.

You know you live in the peace of Christ when nothing can harm you. The loss of a job means God has something new to offer you. Loneliness becomes the soil of contemplation, from which new life will come. Illness becomes a means of polishing your soul to a brilliant

witness. The death of a loved one is sorrow mixed with the hope of reunion in God's reign. Compassion becomes natural, forgiveness the first response to injury. You face life with freedom, others with love, and death with confidence.

The peace of Christ comes to us in 'angel-speak,' words rich in meaning. We can hear the words, Peace be with you, like we do most greetings: as a salutation of little impact. Or we can receive these words in full knowledge that Christ isn't saying hello here, but means to give us something vital. The peace of Christ is our environment, as native to us as sea is to fish. We live in this peace. We breathe it in and let it out.

KIDS' CORNER

When my baby nephew was baptised, he cried so loudly that it reminded me of that "strong driving wind" at Pentecost. You might wonder how a baby could cry when the Holy Spirit is present. But all my nephew knew was that he'd been awakened from a nice, cosy sleep with cold water getting poured on his head. That's true for most babies. But I'm like that sometimes too, especially when times are tough. The Holy Spirit might be trying to guide me, but I can't hear because I'm too busy complaining. I need to stop, pray and listen for God's voice. How about you? Can you relax a little today and listen to what God might be saying to you?

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(20 - 26 May)

- **Monday, 20:** The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (Gen 3:9-15, 20; Jn 19:25-34)
- **Tuesday, 21:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (James 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37)
- **Wednesday, 22:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (James 4:13-17; Mk 9:38-40)
- **Thursday, 23:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (James 5:1-6; James 3:13-18; Mk 9:41-50)
- **Friday, 24:** OUR LADY, HELP of CHRISTIANS (Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; James 3:13-18; Lk 1:39-56)
- **Saturday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (James 5:13-20; Mk 10:13-16)
- **Sunday 26:** The Most Holy TRINITY (Deut 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; 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