



I am
with you
always.

Mt 28:20

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Kangaroo Island Catholic Community

(Part of the Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Cluster of Catholic Parishes)

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR A

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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE
THERE WILL BE NO MASSES OR
PUBLIC LITURGIES UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
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www.kicatholic.org.au/news.html

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(All items for the newsletter must be
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evening.)

SPONSORSHIP

KANGAROO ISLAND
TRANSFERS (0427 887 575)
generously donate transport for
our visiting Priests.

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159



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.

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, 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

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PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Mei Kuen Sexton, Fr Peter Milburn, Toni Langridge, Damian Baynes, Charles Gorman, Dalton Baynes, Roy Gatton

May anniversaries: Bill Berden, Mary Bradley, Peter Bradley, Baby Burden, Henry Carslake, Bob Clare, 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 and all the faithful departed.

May all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ through our actions and His healing presence.

COLLECTIONS

DIRECT PAYMENTS

If you would like to organise your Church donations via bank transfer there are a couple of ways you can go about this.

1. If you bank online, you can set up periodic, direct payments yourself. Again, you will need to do this twice - once for the first collection and again for second.

Acc: Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish
BSB: 085-005
Acc No: 918 111 484
Ref: Your surname, initials and *First* or *General*

2. Periodic regular payments may also be organised with your bank. Take the account details (above) with you and bank staff can set it up for you.

NB: *First* collection is for the support of our Priests and *General* (second at our Masses) is for the support of our Parish.

If you need more information or help, please contact Helen Mumford or Peter Clark.

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- *I debated a flat earther once. He got so mad that he stormed off saying that he would walk to the edge of the earth to prove me wrong. He'll come around.*
 - *Two conspiracy theorists walk into a bar. Now you can't tell me that was a coincidence.*
 - *Most people don't think I'm as old as I am, until they hear me stand up.*

INSTALLATION OF ARCHBISHOP PATRICK O'REGAN



The installation will be held in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 10.30am on Monday May 25 with only a small number of clergy and representatives of the Archdiocese in attendance due to the coronavirus restrictions.

Please find below a direct link to the live streaming of the installation. Included with this bulletin (pages 5 and 6) is a document with Frequently Asked Questions about the installation to help people prepare for the event. The Mass booklet, which includes the liturgy, hymns and other information, will be available on the Archdiocesan website from Friday.

The installation Mass will be replayed at 5.30 pm on Channel 44.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WaG12a-tCw4&feature=youtu.be>

The live streaming can also be accessed via www.adelaide.catholic.org.au and Facebook.

LIVE STREAMING AND TV BROADCASTING OF MASSES

The Archdiocese is continuing to live stream daily Mass at midday and on Sundays at 10am from St Francis Xavier's Cathedral.

These Masses can be viewed live and on demand on the home page of www.adelaide.catholic.org.au.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL COVID-19 Winter Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society has launched its COVID-19 Winter Appeal to help people experiencing disadvantage. As the impact of job losses due to COVID-19 are realised and more people reach out for assistance, the organisation needs your help to ensure local Conference members and volunteers can continue their work supporting the disadvantaged in our community.

Donations can be made online at www.vinnies.org.au/donate, by calling 13 18 12 or by sending a cheque or money order to St Vincent de Paul Society, GPO Box 1804 Adelaide, SA, 5001.

DON'T JUST STAND THERE: DO SOMETHING

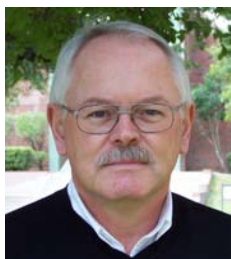
The Ascension is an event recorded three times in the New Testament: at the end of Luke, the beginning of Acts, and here, in what's called the longer ending of Mark. (Early manuscripts recorded

several different endings to his gospel.) In each version of the Ascension story, Jesus has different final instructions for the disciples - the ones in 'longer Mark' being the most colourful. But in every account we have, Jesus tells the disciples to go and be witnesses of the gospel they have received. On this point, all three speak in one voice. It would seem this mission is non-negotiable.

How we do this is up to us. If you want to knock on doors or preach in the park, suit yourself. If you feel drawn to the foreign missions, the prayer of the church will support you. Maybe the least missioned corner of the world is right where you are. Do you have good news to share?

When you show up, is it 'good news' for those around you? How do you demonstrate the gift of faith that's been given to you? Allow someone's testimony of faith to speak into your life: read a biography of a holy person. Allow your testimony to speak to someone else. Practice the virtues of faith, hope, and charity until they become the 'new normal' for you. *GPBS eNews*





Ron Rolheiser column

Ronald Rolheiser, a Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is president of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas. 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

FACING OUR TOUGH HOURS

Discernment isn't an easy thing. Take this dilemma: When we find ourselves in a situation that's causing us deep interior anguish, do we walk away, assuming that the presence of such pain is an indication that this isn't the right place for us, that something's terminally wrong here? Or, like Jesus, do we accept to stay, saying to ourselves, our loved ones, and our God: "What shall I say, save me from this hour?"

At the very moment that Jesus was facing a humiliating death by crucifixion, the Gospel of John hints that he was offered an opportunity to escape. A delegation of Greeks, through the apostle Philip, offer Jesus an invitation to leave with them, to go to a group that would receive him and his message. So Jesus has a choice: Endure anguish, humiliation, and death inside his own community or abandon that community for one that will accept him. What does he do? He asks himself this question: "What shall I say, save me from this hour?"

Although this is phrased as a question, it's an answer. He is choosing to stay, to face the anguish, humiliation, and pain because he sees it as the precise fidelity he is called to within the very dynamic of the love he is preaching. He came to earth to incarnate and teach what real love is and now, when the cost of that is humiliation and interior anguish, he knows and accepts that this is what's now being asked of him. The pain is not telling him that he's doing something wrong, is at the wrong place, or that this community is not worth this suffering. To the contrary: The pain is understood to be calling him to a deeper fidelity at the very heart of his mission and vocation. Until this

moment, only words were asked of him, now he is being asked to back them up in reality; he needs to swallow hard to do it.

What shall I say, save me from this hour? Do we have the wisdom and the generosity to say those words when, inside our own commitments, we are challenged to endure searing interior anguish? When Jesus asks himself this question, what he is facing is a near-perfect mirror for situations we will all find ourselves in sometimes. In most every commitment we make, if we are faithful, an hour will come when we are suffering interior anguish (and often times exterior misunderstanding as well) and are faced with a tough decision: Is this pain and misunderstanding (and even my own immaturity as I stand inside it) an indication that I'm in the wrong place, should leave, and find someone or some other community that wants me? Or, inside this interior anguish, exterior misunderstanding, and personal immaturity, am I called to say: *What shall I say, save me from this hour? This is what I'm called to! I was born for this!*

I think the question is critical because often anguishing pain can shake our commitments and tempt us to walk away from them. Marriages, consecrated religious vocations, commitments to work for justice, commitments to our church communities, and commitments to family and friends, can be abandoned on the belief that nobody is called to live inside such anguish, desolation, and misunderstanding. Indeed, today the presence of pain, desolation, and misunderstanding is generally taken as a sign to abandon a commitment and find someone else or some other group that will affirm us rather than as an indication that now, just now, in this hour, inside

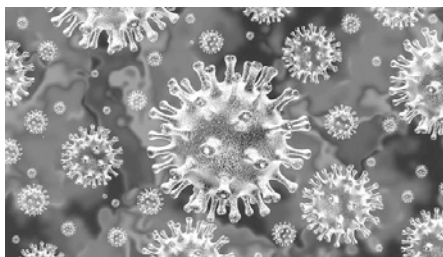
this particular pain and misunderstanding, we have a chance to bring a life-giving grace into this commitment.

I have seen people leave marriages, leave family, leave priesthood, leave religious life, leave their church community, leave long-cherished friendships, and leave commitments to work for justice and peace because, at a point, they experienced a lot of pain and misunderstanding. And, in many of those cases, I also saw that it was in fact a good thing. The situation they were in was not life-giving for them or for others. They needed to be saved from that "hour". In some cases though the opposite was true. They were in excruciating pain, but that pain was an invitation to a deeper, more life-giving place inside their commitment. They left, just when they should have stayed.

Granted, discernment is difficult. It's not always for lack of generosity that people walk away from a commitment. Some of the most generous and unselfish people I know have left a marriage or the priesthood or religious life or their churches. But I write this because, today, so much trusted psychological and spiritual literature does not sufficiently highlight the challenge to, like Jesus, stand inside excruciating pain and humiliating misunderstanding and instead of walking away to someone or some group that offers us the acceptance and understanding we crave, we instead accept that it is more life-giving to say: *What shall I say, save me from this hour?*

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

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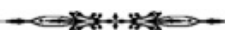
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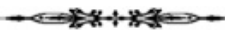
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NORMANVILLE

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WILLUNGA

St Joseph, 12 St Judes Street

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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.'



THE SPIRIT THAT MOVES US

A few months ago I started looking for a box of old letters and ended up cleaning out my entire rolltop desk. It took me the better part of a day and I had a bag of rubbish and a collection of keepsake letters to show for my work. One of the letters I found that day was from my great aunt, Josephine McNulty, the youngest sister of my maternal grandfather. Aunt Jo was a career woman who worked for a number of big companies. Jo was maybe five feet tall with blue eyes that twinkled behind rimless glasses. She was a letter writer, the family archivist, and generous to a fault.

The letter I found that day was dated 1 February, 1976. It read in part:

'When I see young nuns with short dresses and nothing to show for their vocations, it saddens me, but I do not condemn or criticise. Only the young people can carry on the work of the church and if changes are in order, I will change with them ... I know basically their faith is probably greater

than mine'.

I had just begun my work in the church when I read that letter. I recognised her words for what they were ... a mission statement from God's Holy Spirit written in Aunt Jo's hand: Go do the work to which you are called.

In these difficult days, when many unfamiliar changes have been forced upon us, we know the work and the church go on with our help. God's Holy Spirit remains with us. Trust that.

GPBS eNews

DID YOU NOW?

- Pentecost was originally a Jewish harvest festival that was celebrated fifty days after the Passover. It was one of the great 'pilgrimage' festivals, which meant that people came to celebrate this feast at the temple. It was for this festival that so many pilgrims were present in Jerusalem on the day when the Spirit was manifested in the lives of the disciples.
- The Christian feast of Pentecost is fifty days after Easter and is the culmination of the Lent-Easter-Pentecost cycle.
- The church teaches that the Holy Spirit brings both gifts and fruits to the faithful



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(25 - 31 May)

- **Monday, 25:** OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS (Sirach 4:11-18; 1 Cor 1:18-25; Jn 19:25-27)
- **Tuesday, 26:** St Philip Neri (Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11)
- **Wednesday, 27:** Wednesday 7th week Easter (Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11-19)
- **Thursday, 28:** Thursday 7th week Easter (Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26)
- **Friday, 29:** Friday 7th week Easter (Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19)
- **Saturday, 30:** Saturday 7th week Easter (Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25)
- **Sunday 31:** PENTECOST SUNDAY (Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23)

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