



Welcome to

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### PARISH NEWSLETTER

Mrs Wendy Bennett (0475 894 755  
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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

*Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40*

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: the Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today, so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 32:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22*

*Happy the people the Lord has chosen  
to be his own.*

## SECOND READING

*Romans 8:14-17*

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son

of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Apoc 1:8*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. 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.'

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# Bulletin Board

## PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Healing list:** Sue Semler, Brianna Chudlee, Peter Weatherstone, John Slagter, Annette Roestenburg, Michelle Lynn

**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
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)*  
26/5 Fr John Stuart-James

## MAY MASS COUNTS

This weekend is the last weekend for the May Mass counts. Special thanks to all those people who have been involved with the counting and recording ... and to all parishioners for being so obliging.

## ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship for Lay Ministry is now open for applications for 2024 to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership and ministry. Application forms are now available on <http://pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship> For more information [click here](#).

## CARITAS APPEAL: FLOODS AND DEVASTATION IN KENYA

The urgency of this 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>

## STUDY TOUR TO GREECE AND TURKEY

Fr Michael Trainor is inviting you to come with him in January to Greece and Turkey for an instructive, insightful, and spiritually uplifting engagement with the New Testament letters and sites associated with St Paul and the Book of Revelation.

Full details of the study tour are available here: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/17RVMgc\\_oyIbOj8xdM8gcHoty92Baqz\\_S/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/17RVMgc_oyIbOj8xdM8gcHoty92Baqz_S/view?usp=drive_link).

To follow up or register interest feel free to email Fr Michael on [blstadelaide@gmail.com](mailto:blstadelaide@gmail.com).

## SAFEGUARDING OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

*Children have the right to a voice, to be listened to and taken seriously*

Children and young people have much to share, yet in the busyness of our adult world it can sometimes be hard to take the time to listen and value their voice. In our church community we can listen to children and young people by including them in worship, giving them opportunities to share.

*Child Protection Unit (8210 8159)*

## MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT

The Vatican's Foreign Minister says recent events only reaffirm the Holy See's position on a two-state solution for Israel and Palestine.

"I think many people, although recognising that it is a very, very difficult call, realise that it's probably the only option on the table at the moment," said Archbishop Paul Richard Gallagher, Vatican Secretary for Relations with States.

"And, as we know, if there is the political will to bring this about, it can happen. Now, that's a big, big call and we know that. But

this situation is so grave, what we have already witness-ed is so terrible that we need to do something like this."

In an interview with Rome Reports, the Archbishop said a two-state solution needed time and that it was not about outlining a predefined plan. He said it is key that, little by little, the parties involved in the conflict reach understandings on the issues they can agree on. It would be a type of small-step diplomacy, as the Vatican has applied in other situations.

"I don't think it's sort of like a magic bullet that we pull out. It may be something that has to exist on paper, maybe with some degree of understanding, and then to be worked out," he explained. *CathNews*

## 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

• *My wife woke up about 3.00am and heard me say "I was born in 1892 in Bloemfontein, I wrote the Hobbit and the Lord of the Rings". Seems I was Tolkien in my sleep.*

• *I replaced my rooster with a duck and now I wake up at the quack of dawn.*





## 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

### REACTING TO CRITICISM

In much of the secularized world today, we live in a climate that's somewhat anti-Christian and anti-church (as contradictory as this may sound in a culture that still considers itself Christian). But the truth is that in many circles today it is fashionable to bash Christianity, especially its churches, be they Roman Catholic, Protestant, or Evangelical. Invariably the criticism will focus on inconsistencies, faults, and historical sins inside these churches. Indeed, the expression, *I am spiritual but not religious*, carries a not-so-subtle critique of the churches. *I want God, but not Christianity and the churches.*

How serious is this? What's to be our response? While it's irritating, ultimately it's not a major cause for concern. As a church, we are not fundamentally threatened by this and we should not overreact. Why?

First, because a certain amount of this criticism does us good. We have real faults and shortcomings and our culture generously points them out. The present criticism of the church is healthily humbling us and pushing us towards a more courageous internal purification. Our critics show us our faults; they do us a favor. Besides, for too long we enjoyed a situation of privilege, never a good thing for the church. We tend to be healthier as Christians whenever we are living in a time of dis-privilege rather than in a time of privilege, albeit it isn't as pleasant. Moreover, there's something weightier at stake.

We must be careful not to overreact to the present anti-ecclesial climate because this can lead to an unhealthy defensiveness and put us too much in the position of adversary vis-a-vis the culture. That's not where the gospel wants us to be, not at all. Our task instead is to absorb this criticism, painful though it can be, gently point to its unfairness, but resist every temptation to be overly defensive. Why? Why not aggressively defend ourselves?

Because we are strong enough not to, pure and simple. We can withstand

this without having to become hard and defensive. No matter how prevalent or unfair the criticism, the church is not about to go under or away any time soon. We are more than two billion Christians in the world, stand within a two-thousand-year-old tradition, have among ourselves a universally accepted scripture, have two thousand years of doctrinal entrenchment and refinement, have massive centuries-old institutions, are embedded in the very roots of Western culture and technology, constitute one of the biggest multi-national groups in the world, and are growing in numbers worldwide. We are hardly a reed shaking in the wind, reeling, a ship about to go under. We are strong, stable, blessed by God, an elder in the culture. Because of this we owe the culture graciousness and understanding.

Beyond that, and more important than our historical strengths, is the fact that we have Christ's promise to be with us and the reality of the resurrection to sustain us. Given all this, I think it's fair to say that we can absorb a fair amount of criticism without fear of losing our identity. Moreover, we must not let this criticism make us lose sight of why we exist in the first place.

The church does not exist for its own sake or to ensure its own survival. It exists for the sake of the world. We can too easily forget this and, in all sincerity, lose sight of what the gospel asks of us. For example, compare these two responses: at a press conference, someone once asked the late Cardinal Basil Hume what he considered the foremost challenge facing the church today. He replied: "To save the planet." Some years later, another Cardinal (unnamed here because of his answer) in a television interview was asked roughly the same question, "What do you see as your first task in taking over this diocese?" His reply: "To defend the faith." A very different answer, clearly.

Everything about Jesus suggests that Hume's view is closer to the gospel than the other. When Jesus says, *my flesh is food for the life of the world*, he is telling us that the major task of the church is not to defend itself, to ensure its continuity, or to keep the world from grinding it up. The church exists for the sake of the world, not for its own sake. That's why Jesus was born in a trough, a place where animals come to eat, and it's why he gives himself on a table, to be eaten. Being ground up is part of what Jesus is about. Everything about him suggests vulnerability over defensiveness, risk over safety, trust in a divine promise over any human defense and insurance.

The very essence of the gospel is a call to risk beyond defensiveness, to absorb what's unjust, to not be defensive – *Forgive them for they know not what they do*. We are meant to be food for the world, not anxious about our own survival. We must be the food of understanding, graciousness, and forgiveness for the world.

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.

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

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.

Mrs Helen Mumford  
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Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Many of the prayers of the Church express our belief in a Triune God (three persons in one). One of the greatest prayers is the Sign of the Cross where we dedicate ourselves 'In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit'.
- Although the Scriptures describe God as Father, Son and Spirit, many centuries elapsed before the Church formulated the doctrine of the Trinity. This formulation is enshrined in the Nicene Creed.
- St Patrick reportedly used the shamrock to describe the three persons in one God to the pagans of Ireland.
- St Augustine described the Trinity as the lover, the beloved and the love between.

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## THE AWE-INSPIRING MYSTERY OF IT ALL

It is said that in the midst of his 30-year struggle to write his treatise on the Holy Trinity, de Trinitate, the great saint and Doctor of the church Augustine took a walk by the seashore to clear his mind. He noticed a boy using a sea shell to carry water from the ocean to a small hole in the sand where he dumped it. Augustine, bishop of Hippo at the time, asked the boy what he was doing. "I am emptying the sea into this hole" they boy replied. Augustine smiled. "I'm afraid that is impossible, my child. This hole couldn't possibly contain the vast ocean."

The boy looked deeply into the eyes of Augustine and said, "And it is also impossible for you to understand the vast Trinity with your small mind." Taken aback, Augustine looked to the horizon to ponder the boy's words. When he looked back, the boy had vanished. Because of this great story, the sea shell has become a symbol of Saint Augustine and of the study of Theology.

It is well and good that we ponder the mysteries of faith as well as the mysteries of the universe. It is well and good that we debate, that we explore, that we discover, even that we doubt at times. But we should never forget that our individual consciousness is not capable of conceiving or containing the fullness of truth. At the end of the day, awe is the only proper response to the greatest mysteries. *GPBS eNews*

## SOMETHING SO GREAT

What could be greater than being a disciple of Jesus as he toured around Galilee two thousand years ago, teaching and healing? Perhaps the answer is: being a disciple today, post resurrection and ascension, with the gift of the Spirit dwelling in us. The Holy Spirit makes the difference between the uncomprehending band that followed Jesus from place to place, seeing but not believing, and the vital life of faith that bloomed in the early church directly after Pentecost. Happy are they who have not seen, and have believed! Remember, that's us.

And we remember as well that Jesus isn't going anywhere. Until the end of time, the wisdom and power and true presence of Jesus is with us. Just as the magnificence of God is revealed in creation, the presence of Jesus remains in Word and sacrament. The indwelling Spirit puts that power to work in our lives, so that all this faith business doesn't remain spiritual mumbo-jumbo. Mother Teresa and two Popes can't possibly be the only saints of this generation. God, Jesus, and the Spirit invite us, today and every day, to a discipleship every bit as exciting as theirs. *GPBS eNews*

## KIDS' CORNER

The Holy Trinity is a mystery. But it isn't the kind that a detective solves. It's a mystery of Divine Love. The Holy Trinity is hard to understand but we can learn more about the three Persons of the Trinity by seeing the Trinity's divine actions in the world. We can be reminded about the Father by the action of creating. God has created the universe and each one of us. We think about the Son through the action of saving. Jesus suffered, died and rose for us. And a good way to remember the Holy Spirit is by the action of making us holy. The Holy Spirit wants to make us saints!

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(27 May - 2 June)

- **Monday, 27:** Weekday, Ord Time 8 (1 Pet 1:3-9; Mk 10:17-27)
- **Tuesday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 8 (1 Pet 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31)
- **Wednesday, 29:** Weekday, Ord Time 8 (1 Pet 1:18-25; Mk 10:32-45)
- **Thursday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 8 (1 Pet 2:2-5, 9-12; Mk 10:46-52)
- **Friday, 31:** The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Zeph 3:14-18; Lk 1:39-56)
- **Saturday, 01:** St Justin (Jude 17, 20-25; Mk 11:27-33)
- **Sunday 02:** The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST (*Corpus Christi*) (Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26)

## 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