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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 2:14, 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22:1-6

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called

to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and mine know me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

Jesus said:

'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

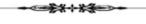
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PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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 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

Comm Reader Cleaning
30/4 A Clarke K Hammat C Berden
7/5 L Grant S Semler C Berden

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up) 30/4 Fr Anthoni Adimai

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

As you no doubt are aware, the Archdiocese of Adelaide conducts a Count of Attendance for all Masses and other Sunday Assemblies held on weekends during the month of May each year. This information is used in pastoral planning and financial reporting.

We have very much appreciated the willing cooperation of parishioners in the past for Mass Counts. It makes the whole process so much easier.

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 Parishes.

GUILD MEETING

The next Guild meeting will be held tomorrow (Monday, May 1). Fr Anthoni will celebrate Mass at 9.00am before the meeting.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

This Sunday (April 30) is Good Shepherd Sunday, and once again is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In the context of the unique vocation that we all have through Baptism we "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2) and specifically we pray for an increase in vocations to the Religious Life, Diaconate and Priesthood.

PALMS AUSTRALIA

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MARIAN PROCESSION

The 2023 Marian Procession will be held on Sunday May 21 beginning at the Pioneer Women's Memorial Gardens (next to the Torrens Parade Ground on King William Road) procession up King William Street into Victoria Square. The Procession will commence at 2.00pm and all are invited to attend with their parish or community.

Group assembly will begin from 1.30pm. Unless there is a severe weather warning the procession will take place, however it will conclude in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral rather than Victoria Square.

For more information, please contact the Events Office (8210 8220)

WOMEN'S RETREAT AT THE MONASTERY

'Mary and Martha Models of Discipleship', led by Val De Brenni, invites women to re-read the stories of Mary and Martha of Bethany as they reflect upon what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. The retreat provides time and space for prayer and silence. for walking and for being nourished. Commencing with dinner on Friday May 19, it will conclude on Saturday May 20 in the afternoon. \$170 includes your accommodation and all meals. Please contact The Monastery office (8338 8700, or email conference@themonastery.net.au for bookings.

INDIGENOUS VOICE TO PARLIAMENT

On Saturday May 6, Ministry Formation Program will be hosting a presentation by Father Frank Brennan SJ on Indigenous Voice to Parliament. The day will commence with a welcome morning tea at 10.30am at Dulwich Hall, 1A Stuart Road, Dulwich. The presentation will start at 11am and should conclude by 3pm. Lunch will be provided, and parking will be available on site and nearby. All are welcome! Please rsvp by no later than Wednesday May 3 and advise of any dietary requirements. Zoom will be available for remote/regional participants please advise if required.

CHURCHES TOGETHER SA

Week Of Prayer For Christian Unity
The Week of Prayer for Christian
Unity Service will have as its theme,
'Do good; Seek justice' (Isaiah 1:17).
It will be held on Sunday May 28 at
6.00pm in St Peters Cathedral, 27
King William Road, North Adelaide.
Click here for CTSA EDGS Letter to
Gen Assembly.





Ron Rolheiser column

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GENEROUS ORTHODOXY

There's a saying attributed to Attila the Hun, a 5th century ruler infamous for his cruelty, which reads this way: For me to be happy, it's not just important that I succeed; it's also important that everyone else fails. I suspect that Atilla the Hun was not the author of that, but, no matter, there's a lesson here.

The Gospels tell us that God's mercy is unlimited and unconditional, that God has no favorites, that God is equally solicitous for everyone's happiness and salvation, and that God does not ration his gift of the Spirit. If that is true, then we need to ask ourselves why we so frequently tend to withhold God's Spirit from others in our judgments – particularly in our religious judgments. We are blind to the fact that sometimes there's a little of Attila the Hun in us.

For example, how prone are we to think this way? For my religion to be the true, it's important to me that other religions are not true! For my Christian denomination to be faithful to Christ, it's important that all the other denominations be considered less faithful. For the Eucharist in my denomination to be valid, it's important that the Eucharist in other denominations be invalid or less valid. And, since I'm living a certain sustained fidelity in my faith and moral life, it's important to me that everyone else who isn't living as faithfully does not get to heaven or is assigned to a secondary place in heaven.

Well, we aren't the first disciples of Jesus to think this way and to be challenged by him in our Attila the Hun proclivities. This is in fact a large part of the lesson in Jesus' parable regarding an over-generous landowner who paid everyone the same generous wage no matter how much or little each had worked.

We are all familiar with this story. A landowner goes out one morning and hires workers to work in his fields.

He hires some early in the morning, some at noon, some in mid-afternoon, and some with only an hour left in the workday. Then he pays them all the same wage – a generous one. The people who worked the full day understandably became resentful, upset that (while their wage was in fact a generous one) they felt it was unfair to them that those who had worked a lot less should also receive an equally generous wage. The landowner in response says to the complainant, "Friend, I am not being unjust to you. Didn't you agree to this wage? Why are you envious because I am generous?" (Matthew 20, 1-16)

Notice that Jesus addresses the one making the complaint as 'friend'. That's a designation for us, we, the ones who are faithfully doing the full day's work. Note his tone is warm and soft. However, his challenge is less warm and soft: Why are you *jealous because God is overly* generous? Why is it important to us that because we are doing things right, that God should be hard on those who aren't? Full disclosure: sometimes I imagine myself, after having lived a life of celibacy, entering heaven and meeting there the world's most notorious playboy and asking God, "How did he get in here?", and God answering, "Friend, isn't heaven a wonderful place! Are you envious because I am generous?" Who knows, we might even meet Attila the Hun there.

One of the core values held by a certain group of Quakers is something they call *generous orthodoxy*. I like the combination of those two words. Generosity speaks of openness, hospitality, empathy, wide tolerance, and of sacrificing some of ourselves for others. Orthodoxy speaks of certain non-negotiable truths, of keeping proper boundaries, of staying true to what you believe, and of not compromising truth for the sake of being nice. These two are often pitted against each other as opposites, but they are meant to be together. Holding

ground on our truth, keeping proper boundaries, and refusing to compromise even at the risk of not being nice is one side of the equation, but the full equation requires us to be also fully respectful and gracious regarding other people's truth, cherished beliefs, and boundaries.

And this is not an unhealthy syncretism, if what the other person holds as truth does not contradict what we hold – although it might be very different and may not in our judgment be nearly as full and rich as what we hold.

Hence, you can be a Christian, convinced that Christianity is the truest expression of religion in the world without making the judgment that other religions are false. You can be a Roman Catholic, convinced that Roman Catholicism is the truest and fullest expression of Christianity, and your Eucharist is the real presence of Jesus, without making the judgment that other Christian denominations are not valid expressions of Christ and do not have a valid Eucharist. There's no contradiction there.

You can be right, without that being contingent on everyone else being wrong!

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



COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 27/04/23)



- 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



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

4th Sunday of Easter

On World Day of Prayer for Vocations, let's pray for all vocations. Let's see them all as complementary and inspiring each other, encouraging each other, and empowering each other so that, in the words of Pope Francis, we are all "missionary disciples".

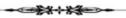


Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd,
who is always mindful of your Church.
Watch over those who are baptised in
your name, and grant peace
and harmony to all families.
We ask you to choose from the families of
our parish many priests, sisters and brothers
who will gladly spend their lives in making
you know and loved. Amen.
(Archdiocesan Prayer for Vocations)

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Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'



TAKE JESUS FOR A TEST DRIVE

Adam looked with glee at his first big commission cheque from his interior design company. He decided to buy a Porsche. As he strolled around the car showroom looking at \$100,000-plus sports cars, he couldn't find the colour he wanted - lapis blue metallic. The salesmen said not to worry, that they could order it and directed him to the model Adam has his eye on. "How 'bout we go for a test drive?" the salesman suggested.

Adam got in the driver's seat and spend a moment soaking up the luxury. He turned on the radio and the knob came off. "Oh," the salesman said, "it's just the test car". Adam nodded and opened the window. It got stuck halfway down. As he was pulling out onto the road, the gear shift locked. Adam shot a fiery look at the salesman and said: "Excuse me! But I am not having a Porsche experience".

Oh, what any of us would give for that elusive experience - the one where we're finally enjoying all the comforts we feel we deserve. But, the truth is, we're never going to get there in a car, not even a lapis blue metallic Porsche. The only way to reach green pastures is through Jesus. At least that's what Christians believe. If we take up our crosses and follow him, Jesus promises us a life more abundant than we could ever imagine. *GPBS eNews*

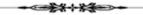
ENTER THROUGH ME

Sitting on a plane earlier in the year on my way to the United States, I listened to the flight attendant reviewing the usual procedures for emergency exists, something all of us hope we don't have to make. She was pointing out the doors, the

floor lights, the floatation devices and all those instructions that frequent fliers have heard countless times. I tried to imagine myself remembering all these details in a crisis and doubted that I could. Pull WHAT cord? Move in WHICH direction? Even in the best of times, my sense of direction is terrible.

How wonderful that, in that most significant sense of the word, we do not have to make our way to safety on our own. Jesus is the gate, the gatekeeper, and the shepherd. Our only task is to listen for the voice of the Beloved, and to follow where it leads. No harm can come to the one who lives this simple rule. The alternative is, of course, to try to hold all the details in our finite and imperfect hands.

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What's the difference between something we need and something we want? A want is something that would be nice to have, like a new bike or ice cream. A need is something we can't live without, like water, healthy food or shelter. Sometimes we get wants and needs mixed up. Or we forget that many people on our planet don't have basic things that everyone needs, like clean water, good food or safe homes. God gives us all that we need. But if we have more than that, God calls us to share it to help others.

God living among us, help us see how we can be a blessing to someone in need.

Amen.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS (01 - 07 May)

- *Monday, 01:* Monday 4th week Easter (Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18)
- *Tuesday, 02:* St Athanasius Easter (Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30)
- *Wednesday, 03:* Sts Philip and James (1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14)
- *Thursday, 04:* Thursday 4th week Easter (Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20)
- Friday, 05: Friday 4th week Easter (Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6)
- *Saturday, 06:* Saturday 4th week Easter (Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14)
- *Sunday 07*: Fifth Sunday of Easter (Acts 6:1-7, 1 Pet 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12)

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