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*(All items for the newsletter must be
 received no later than Tuesday
 evening.)*

MASS CENTRES

- **KINGSCOTE:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Cnr Giles/Todd Sts Sunday - 9.30am
- **PARNDANA:** Uniting Church, Cook Street 2nd and 4th Sunday - 2.30pm
- **PENNESHAW:** St Columba's Anglican Church, Cnr North Terrace and Fourth Street 1st Sunday - 2.00pm

SPONSORSHIP

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 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

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Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish

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, Ann Wallace, Sr. Pauline Wallace, John Williams, Heather Willmott, Ross Wohling and all the faithful departed

Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for Leonie Bald, Brooke Baker & Family, Sam Baynes, Annemeike Berden, Marj and Jimmy Browne, Jill Buist, Denice Carter, Barry Dunn, Katerina Faist, Lloyd & Aileen Dodson & family, Jenny Fechner, Diane Florenance, Roy Gatton, Charles & Sue Gorman, Hans Hendrix, John Lavers, Elijah & Magenta Laundry and family, Victor Marshal, Ben Martin, Janice Mills, Dianne McCarthy, Philip McDonald, Peter Murray, Max Moss, Darren Morris, Deidre Morrison, Mick Muller, Rocco Nield, Jack Pitcher, Margaret Rich, Anthony Roestenburg, Bill Roestenburg, Claudine Shelton, Darren Smith, Fiona Smith, John Smith, Peter Smith, Linda Tippet, Noelene Thomas Greg Turner, Patrick Walsh, Sr Margaret Wallace, Anthony Weatherstone and Rob Wilkinson.

May they know the healing love of Christ through our actions and His healing presence.

Safe guarding our children and young people.

Children have the right to religious freedom and parents have the right to teach their children about the religion of their choice

We are blessed to live in a country where we are free to practice our faith. We are grateful for our right to teach our children the Gospel message while also recognizing that they have been given the gift of free will. We encourage our children to come to Christ joyfully, drawn in by the love of God rather than out of obligation or fear. We keep in our thoughts children and families who do not have this freedom and who maintain faith despite fear of persecution. Let us pray that they are granted freedom to live their faith openly and let us be thankful every day for the opportunities our own children have to learn about the true freedom we find in the message of the Gospel.

PARISH NOTICES –13/05/18

1. Thank you to every one who help with our Liturgy today
2. Next Sunday there will be Mass with Fr Roy
3. Confession is available every Sunday in Kingscote at 30 minutes before Mass.
4. Fr Josy will be available for Home visits on 25 and 26th of May. Please put your name and preferred time on the sheet at the back of the Church if you would like a visit. Also, you may know someone not regularly coming to Mass who may like to be visited by the Parish Priest. Please put their names on the sheet as well.
5. **Pentecost Sunday 20th May.** A service will be held at 10-30am in the Uniting Church Kingscote followed by a shared lunch. All most welcome.



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.

PROTEST, SANITY, AND A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE

Dreaming is sometimes the most realistic thing we can do. Or, is there still something else we might do, like public protest, or something else?

In his book on prophecy, *Commandments for the Long Haul*, Daniel Berrigan offers this advice. Prophetic gestures aren't always politically effective. Often they accomplish nothing that's practical; but he adds: *If you can't save the world at least you can save your own sanity.*

Sometimes that's all that can be accomplished by our protests against injustice. Moreover struggling to salvage our own sanity is not as privatized as it first appears. When we protest something that's wrong, even though we know our protest is not going to practically change anything, the sanity we are saving is not just our own. We're also *saving the sanity of the moment.*

Commenting on the current activism on the issues of human rights and the environment of Booker Prize winning novelist, Arundhati Roy, art critic, John Berger, says this: "Profound political protest is an appeal to a justice that is absent, and is accompanied by a hope that in the future this justice will be established; this hope, however, is not the first reason the protest is made. One protests because not to protest would be too humiliating, too diminishing, too deadly. One protests (by building a barricade, taking up arms, going on a hunger strike, linking arms, shouting, writing) in order to save the present moment, whatever the future holds. ... A protest is not principally a sacrifice made for some alternative, more just future; it is an inconsequential redemption of the present." In essence, it preserves some sanity in the present moment.

But it may be inconsequential in terms of practically changing anything. Most everything remains the same. The injustice continues, the poor continue to be poor, the international

scene continues to threaten war, racists continue to be racist, the environment continues to be ravaged, corruption continues to go unchecked, and dishonesty continues to get away with its lies. And so people go on marches, go to prison, go on hunger strikes, and sometimes even die for protesting, while the injustice, corruption, and dishonesty go on. At a certain point, logically and inevitably, we need to ask ourselves the question young Marius, in Jean Val Jean's, *Les Miserables*, asks after his friends have died while protesting and nothing seemingly changed: *What was your sacrifice for? Was this worth dying for?*

Those questions are valid, but they can have a positive answer. They didn't die in vain, for nothing, for an impractical idealism, for a naïve dream, for something they'd have outgrown had they lived longer. Rather their death was "an inconsequential redemption" of the present moment, meaning, its practical effectiveness may be immeasurable, but the moral seed it sows inside that moment will eventually help produce things that are measurable. All the women who initially protested for the vote never got to vote. But today many women do get to vote. The moral seed they planted in their inconsequential protests eventually produced something practical.

Sometimes you might feel pretty alone in making your protest and it might seem that you're working only at saving your own sanity and bemoaning only your own diminishment and humiliation. But no one is an island. Your diminishment, your humiliation, and your sanity, are part of the immune system of all humanity. Everyone's health is partially dependent upon your health; just your health is partially dependent upon everyone else's.

And so protest is always in order and is indeed mandated by our faith. We may not remain passive in the face of injustice, inequality, racism, indifference to the poor, indifference

to the Mother Nature, corruption, and dishonesty. We need to sow moral seeds into the present moment. How?

Not all of us (perhaps even most of us) are called upon to take up placards, make public protest, have ourselves arrested, or lay down our lives for a cause – except when the injustice or corruption is so extreme as to merit that. Normally, for most of us, our protest must be real but need not be the witness of martyrs.

I very much like a counsel proposed by Archbishop Paul-Andre Durocher of Gatineau, Quebec, in a recent issue of *America* magazine. Commenting on the tensions that exist today between our Christian faith and the complex challenges that come to us from the world, Durocher, after first acknowledging that there are no easy answers, offers this counsel: "The first step is to acknowledge them [the tensions]. Second, to understand why they arise. Third, to accept and even embrace them. And fourth, to commit to living a mature Christian faith in spite of those tensions." (*America*, April 30, 2018)

In the face of all that's happening in our world, some of which goes against everything we believe in and hold dear, sometimes all we can do is to hold our own moral ground, humbly, prophetically – and perhaps quietly.

And since that's all we can do, it's surely enough.

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

REGULAR MASS TIMES IN OUR CLUSTER CHURCHES

ALDINGA

*Mary of Galilee, the First Disciple
cnr Quinliven and How Roads*
Saturday 5.30pm
Tuesday 9.15am

GOOLWA

St John the Apostle, 10-14 Gardiner St
Sunday 9.00am
Wednesday 9.30am

KINGSCOTE

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
cnr Todd and Giles Streets*
Sunday 9.30am

NOARLUNGA

*St Luke, the Evangelist,
cnr Honeypt Rd and Goldsmith Dve*
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 9.00am
1st Sunday 11am (Spanish Mass)
2nd Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)
Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm
Monday 9.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Wednesday 7.30pm
Thursday 8.45am (St Luke's)
Thursday 9.15am (St John's - term time)
Friday 10.00am

NORMANVILLE

St Peter, Cape Jervis Road
1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 10.30am
2nd, 4th Sundays 8.30am
1st Friday 6.00pm

PARNDANA

2nd, 4th Sunday 2.30pm

PENNESHAW

*St Columba, North Terrace
(shared with Anglicans)*
1st Sunday 2.00pm

SEAFORD

*Seaford Ecumenical Mission,
Grand Bvd*
Sunday 10.45am
Wednesday 9.15am

VICTOR HARBOR

St Joan of Arc, 30 Seaview Road
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 11.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Thursday 9.00am
Friday (other than 1st) 9.00am
1st Friday 11.30am

WILLUNGA

St Joseph, 12 St Judes Street
1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 8.30am
2nd, 4th Sundays 10.30am
Wednesday 9.00am
Thursday 9.00am
Friday 9.00am

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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

Mark 16:15-20

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them: 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Looking up at the sky at night can be a rewarding activity, the beauty of the stars and the immensity of the heavens above can be most captivating. It can make us marvel at what is actually up there. Men have spent billions upon billions to fly rockets into space and some wonder if the money could have been better spent alleviating hunger and eradicating poverty. A preoccupation with looking upwards can result in neglecting what is important below.

I remember once being in the city of Chester (UK) for a few days and walking on the walls of the city. I was looking at something ahead high up and I missed my footing on the last couple of steps and came crashing to

the earth. Concentrating on what was above my head made me stumble as I did not concentrate on where I was walking!

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles the disciples are looking up to the sky as they have just witnessed Jesus ascending to his Father and two men dressed in white say "men of Galilee why are you standing there looking up at the sky?" For Jesus had ascended. The disciples could have been forgiven for wanting to remain in that moment, caught up in the glory of God that they had witnessed. But the disciples reaction is shown in the words of the gospel when it says that the disciples went forth and preached everywhere the Lord working with them.

The temptation may be to look to the sky and remain in the rapture of the glory of God but the reminder today on the feast of the Ascension is that there is much work to do here on the earth to proclaim the gospel. Our task as disciples is to go out and preach the word of God to all peoples. That preaching embraces caring for the poor and needy and being compassionate to the weak and troubled. It means being concerned with the world we live in and making it a better place for all.

*Fr Patrick
(‘Humblepiety’ blog)*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(13 - 20 May)

- **Monday, 13:** St Matthias (Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17)
- **Tuesday, 14:** Tuesday of the 7th week of Easter (Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11)
- **Wednesday, 15:** Wednesday of the 7th week of Easter (Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11-19)
- **Thursday, 16:** Thursday of the 7th week of Easter (Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26)
- **Friday, 17:** Friday of the 7th week of Easter (Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19)
- **Saturday, 18:** Saturday of the 7th week of Easter (Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25)
- **Sunday 19:** PENTECOST SUNDAY (Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25; Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15)

PASTORAL CARE

If you (or someone you know) is house-bound, in hospital or in residential care and would appreciate a visit from a Priest or someone from the Parish, please let us know.
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