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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 9.30am



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 something 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, 24

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

1. Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are. How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. <R>
2. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. <R>
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. <R>

SECOND READING

Romans 8:8-17

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of

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Bulletin Board

KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Sue Semler, Brianna Chudlee, Peter Weatherstone, John Slagter, Annette Roestenburg, Michelle Glynn, Elijah Laundry, Rebecca Semler, Chris Heath, Simon Laundry, Josh Semler

June anniversaries: Dorothy 'Mardi' Atkison, William 'Bill' Bauer, Shirley Black, Doris Bosanko, Norma 'Aileen' Cartel, Tony Cairney, William Christopher, Craig Feltus, Mary Alice Grace, Benjamin Hayes, Henry Hughes, Sarah Hughes, Fr P P Kelly, Alan Lashmar, Maria Loechel, Ann McAnnally, James McAnnally, Lillian Murphy, Laurence O'Daly, Dean Page, Ruth Perkins, Molly Polly, Edna Rayson, Mary - Douglas Rosentreter, Brenton Semler, Henry Tabor, Michael Wilcox, Alice Willson, Brian Willson, Mary Connell.

Please pray for all the faithful departed and may all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ.

PARISH ROSTERS

	Reader	Prayers	Cleaning
08/06	K Hammat	S Semler	C Berden
15/06	M Slagter	P Bennett	C Berden
22/06	A Clark	M Glynn	A Bevan
29/06	W Bennett	M Slagter	A Bevan

PRIEST ROSTER

08/06	Liturgy
15/06	Fr Matthew Newman
22/06	Liturgy
29/06	Fr Lancy D'Silva

LIFE FM's BUDDY BLANKETS



Imagine having no place to go, nothing to keep you dry, and struggling to keep warm overnight this winter?

This is where YOU can help make a difference. When you finish using your foil chip packets, wash and dry them and leave them in the box at the back the Church. The silver lining in chip packets reflect body heat, creating a warm waterproof blanket that's easily folded to carry. All buddy blankets made will be donated to provide relief from the cold this winter.

KIDS' CORNER

Happy birthday! Today is the birthday of the Church! And you are the Church, so one more time: Happy Birthday!

On today's feast of Pentecost, we remember Jesus' promise that he would send a helper or Advocate. But the disciples probably never expected anything like this. First, a loud noise like a strong wind. And then ... fire on top of their heads! This is the power of the Holy Spirit! But even more amazing, the Spirit gave them strength, courage and faith to spread the Gospel.

That Spirit is still within the Church and within you! *GPBS eNews*

THE GOD OF OUR DESIRES

We all struggle to turn our attention towards God. We find religious practice and prayer more of a disruption to life than an entry into it, more a duty than an offer, more an asceticism than a joy, and more as something that has us missing out on life than entering its depths. Mostly, we serve God out of obligation and are bitter about the fact that many others do not. This side of eternity, virtue often envies sin and truth be told, this is particularly true regarding sexuality.

Partly this is natural and a sign of health, given that the brute reality of our physicality and the pressures of the present moment naturally impose themselves on us in a way that can make the things of God and spirit seem abstract and unreal. That is simply the human condition and God, no doubt, understands. You would have to be a true mystic to be above this.

However, it can be helpful to tease out more explicitly something we profess in faith, namely, that all that we find attractive, beautiful, irresistible, erotic, and pleasurable here on earth is found, even more fully, inside of its source, God. God is better looking than any movie star. God is more intelligent than the brightest scientist or philosopher. God is wittier and funnier than the best of our comedians. God is more creative than any artist, writer, or innovator in history. God is more sophisticated than the most-learned person on earth. God is more exuberant than any young person. God is more popular than any rock star. And, not least, God

is more erotic and sexually attractive than any woman, man, or sexual image on earth. We don't ordinarily think that or believe this about God, but those statements are as much dogma as are the strictest church-doctrines on record. Everything that is alluring on earth is inside of God, in even a richer form, since God is its author.

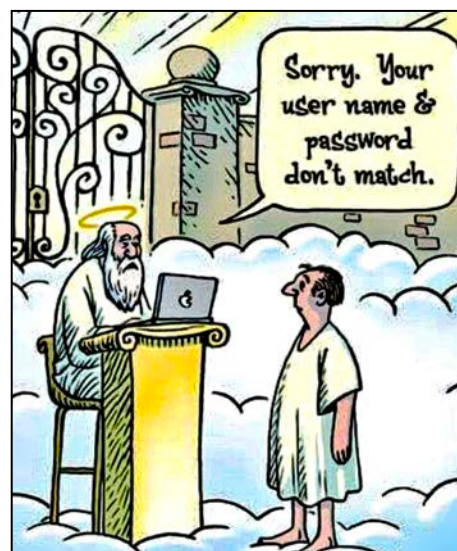
The beauties and pleasures of this life are a gift from God, meant to be enjoyed. But, by being aware of their source, we can also then be free enough to accept the very real limits that life puts on our desires. And, better still, we need not fear death since what we lose will be trumped one-hundredfold by what we gain.

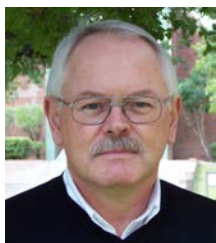
WORLD REFUGEE DAY

Finding Freedom: Diversity in Community

Each year on June 20, the world celebrates World Refugee Day. This day is designated by the United Nations to honour refugees who have been forced to flee their homes and to promote solidarity with them for a 'world where refugees are welcomed'.

9 Jun	King's birthday holiday
29 Jun	Holy Father's Appeal
2 Jul	Last day School term 2
6 July	NATSICC Appeal
20 Jul	Stella Maris - Sea Sunday
21 Jul	First day School term 3
10 Aug	Vocations Appeal
26 Sep	Last day School term 3
6 Oct	Labour day holiday
13 Oct	First day School term 4
12 Dec	Last day School term 4





Ron Rolheiser column

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IT IS BETTER FOR YOU THAT I GO AWAY

It is better for you that I go away!
These are some of Jesus' parting words on the night before he died.

How can it be better for us when someone we love deeply goes away? That would make sense only if the relationship is dysfunctional or abusive. But how can that be true in a case where we love someone deeply and will painfully miss him or her?

The ascension of Jesus supplies the roots for an answer. He tells his disciples that it is better for them that he goes away because, if he doesn't, they will be unable to receive his spirit. Why not? Why must he go away in order that those who love him can receive his spirit?

This plays on the mystery of *presence* and *absence*. We bring something to others with our presence, but we also leave something with them in our absence. In brief, what we leave in our absence is a new space within which they can receive our person more purely. This may sound hopelessly abstract, but we experience this in ordinary ways in our lives.

Here's an example: Imagine a young woman, deeply loved by her parents, who has just graduated from high school and is leaving home to attend college, or train for the work force, or begin working in a job. Her childhood years are forever over and she senses it, as do her parents. There's pain and sadness on both sides. She probably won't have the words, but if she did, she could say to her parents what Jesus said to his loved ones as he spoke his words of farewell: *It is better for you that I go away; otherwise you cannot receive my spirit.*

Except, for her, the words would sound like this: It is better for you (and for me) that I go away; otherwise I will always be your little girl and will be unable to gift you with my adult presence. I need to go away so that my absence creates the space for me to come back to you as an adult.

Such is the mystery of presence and absence. Such too is the mystery of Jesus' ascension, how new spirit can be recognized and received only after there has been an absence, a going away.

This is depicted powerfully in the scene in John's Gospel where Mary Magdala meets the resurrected Jesus on Easter Sunday. Initially, she doesn't recognize him; but, after she does, her immediate reaction is to embrace him in a familiar hug. However, Jesus stops her with the words, "*Don't cling to me because I have not yet ascended to my Father and to your Father.*"

Why? Why is Jesus seemingly reluctant to receive a familiar embrace from a longtime friend? The hesitancy has precisely to do with the familiarity. Mary wanted to welcome back her old Jesus, but this wasn't her old Jesus. This was the resurrected Christ, who now had something new to give her. What Jesus was gently telling her when he asked her not to "cling" to him was that if she continued to cling to his old person, to the way she once had him, she would be unable to receive his new presence and what he was now bringing to her.

Mary Magdala's attempt to embrace the risen Jesus is akin to loving parents who, having painfully missed their now adult daughter while she was away, welcome her home with a hug and the words: *Our little girl is back home!* Hearing these words, the daughter, whether she voices that or not, would need to

say gently: *If you cling to the little girl you once had, you will be unable to receive the riches which your adult daughter can now bring you.*

This dynamic, how the painful absence of someone we love can transform their presence so that they can now nurture us in a deeper way, is the essence of the mystery of the ascension, Jesus' ascension and our own.

Still, it's hard not to cling. As we watch those around us change, grow, move away, and become something other than how we have always known and loved them, like Mary Magdala, it can have us both weeping in joy and regret: in joy to see our little girl now a vibrant adult woman; in regret because we have lost her in how we once had her as our beautiful little girl.

It is better for you that I go away. Jesus spoke those words on the night before he died. I was at the deathbed of both my father and my mother. Our family clung them. There was no way we believed that it was better for us that they were going away. It's been fifty years now since they died and, painful as their leaving was, we realize they are now able to give us something we could not receive from them before they went away.

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



WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

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A/c No 100027201
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SPEAKING THE FIRE

Jesus continued, "I'm telling you these things while I'm still living with you, the Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send at my request, will make everything plain to you." (John 14: 25)

The word "apostle" means "one who is sent." In that sense, we are all baptised into the mission of being apostles. Our reception of the Spirit is the same commissioning the disciples received in the upper room. So what are we waiting for?

Maybe we are afraid, like the early disciples who huddled in that room. Maybe we are sceptical, like Thomas. Maybe we are waiting for an appearance, a sign, further instructions, a personal invitation.

Well, here it is! This is Pentecost, the feast day of being church. This day marks the beginning of the partnership between humanity and the indwelling Spirit. Ask God to awaken within you the power of the Spirit and to release the gifts that are uniquely yours. Make this prayer with as much passion as you dare. And stand back – such prayers are answered with more fire than you may intend.

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Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

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 coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

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 14:15-16,23-26

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever.

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him.
Those who do not love me do not keep my words.
And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME

Her family had moved away long before I arrived at the parish. Her last years were spent in a nursing home somewhere down south. When she died her children called the parish. We were where she wanted to have her funeral Mass celebrated. We had been her church for decades. There would only be a handful in attendance. At the funeral home, the family made clear that none of them were practicing their faith anymore. I should select all the music and read the scripture of my choosing. Nothing special to say in my homily. No eulogy. No cemetery burial.

I left the wake wondering if I had just wasted my evening. As I passed the adjacent chapel a young man stepped out calling me by name. After a few seconds I recognised his face and remembered his name – a student I had taught years ago and hadn't seen since graduation. I saw on the sign in the chapel that the deceased was his father. Excitedly he told me that he had convinced his mother I would somehow be there, that I would never let him down. How I was able to do that, not being contacted, was a mystery to me. Calling him by his name, I assured him I was there for them. I said a prayer, comforted the family, and drove home once again appreciating the mysterious way the Holy Spirit uses us. A Pentecost moment for sure. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

09 - 12 June)

- **Monday, 09:** The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (Gen 3:9-15, 20; Jn 19:25-34)
- **Tuesday, 10:** Weekday, Ord Time 10 (2 Cor 1:18-22; Mt 5:13-16)
- **Wednesday, 11:** St Barnabas (Acts 11:21-26, 13:1-3; Mt 10:7-13)
- **Thursday, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 10 (2 Cor 3:15 - 4:1, 3-6; Mt 5:20-26)
- **Friday, 13:** St Anthony of Padua (2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 5:27-32)
- **Saturday, 14:** Weekday, Ord Time 10 (2 Cor 5:14-21; Mt 5:33-37)
- **Sunday 15:** The MOST HOLY TRINITY (Prov 8:22-31; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15)

PASTORAL CARE

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