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WEEKEND MASSES
Kingscote at 9.30am

CONFESSION
Kingscote at 9.00am (prior to Mass)

INTEGRITY & SAFEGUARDING

We are a safeguarding Organisation which is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and adults at risk.

We believe that all God's children, young people and adults at risk have the right to be healthy and safe, and to have their voice heard, respected, and valued. A safe environment for all.

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FIRST READING

Acts 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord. O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the

Lord upon the harp with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

2. For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

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Bulletin Board

KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Brianna Chudlee, Annette Roestenburg, Michelle Glynn, Rebecca Semler, Chris Heath, Simon Laundry, Josh Semler, MaryAnne Higgs

May 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.

PRIEST ROSTER

3 May Fr Vincent Wijesurya

RAFFLE



The Guild is holding a new "Squares" fundraiser to support the end-of-year Maths Prize. Squares are on sale for \$2 each. Your generous support would be very much appreciated.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY

That everyone might have food: Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

MARY'S MONTH



In this month we honour Mary. She is Jesus' mother. Her 'yes' made it possible for Jesus to share our humanity. She encourages us to say our 'yes', trusting that God is with us even when we do not understand. She is our mother. She continues

her role as mother by interceding for us so that we may receive the gifts of eternal salvation. She is at work forever, for whatever we need, whenever we need it. For these reasons and more, Mary deserves honour, not only during the month of May, but always. What tends to crowd out those moments of fullness in your weekly routine, and how intentional are you about protecting space for what matters most?

How might your home or parish community become more of a place where people feel truly seen, supported, and valued in everyday life?

ST JOSEPH, PATRON SAINT OF WORKERS

The work that God entrusts to us — whether paid or volunteer, inside or outside the home, part-time or full-time, a career or a job is sacred and worthy of attention and respect. How we labour every day matters, and how we are treated and treat others in our work is an essential concern of Christians.

We pray for those in difficult work and for those who are searching for meaningful work. May St Joseph support and inspire them.

FINDING THE WAY, LIVING THE TRUTH, CHOOSING LIFE TODAY

In a world of constant noise, shifting values, and endless scrolling, it is easy to feel ungrounded. Many people are

searching for direction, something steady to hold onto. Jesus says, "I am the way and the truth and the life." These words speak just as powerfully into our homes, families, and parish communities today.

"I am the way" invites us to think about how we are living day to day. In family life, it is seen in the small choices.

"I am the truth" matters in a time where it can be hard to know what to trust. Social media, opinions, and pressure can blur what is real.

"I am the life" speaks to something deep in every person. The desire not just to get through the week, but to truly live.

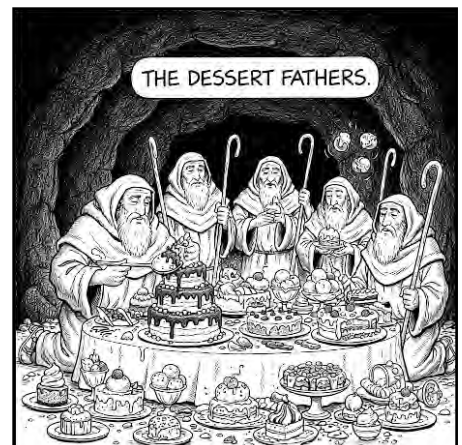
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WHAT'S ON

- 17 May St Vincent de Paul Appeal
- 8 Jun King's Birthday
- 28 Jun Holy Father's Appeal
- 3 Jul End school term 2
- 5 Jul NATSICC Appeal
- 12 Jul Stella Maris - Appeal
- 20 Jul Beginning school term 3
- 9 Aug Promotion Vocations Appeal
- Sep Catholic Charities Month
- Sep 5-13 Royal Adelaide Show
- 25 Sep School term 3 ends
- 26 Sep AFL Grand Final
- 5 Oct Labour Day
- 12 Oct School term 4 begins
- 18 Oct World Mission Month
- 3 Nov Melbourne Cup
- 8 Nov Supporting our Clergy Appeal
- 15 Nov St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal
- 11 Dec School term 4 ends
- 25 Dec Christmas Day (Catholic Charities Special Appeal)
- 26 Dec Proclamation Day

MASS ROSTERS

Date	Readers/Prayers	Special Ministers	Cleaners
03 May	P Bennett, K Hammat	S Semler, W Bennett	C Berden
10 May	H Mumford, A Clark	M Slagter, L Grant	C Berden
17 May	S Semler, L Grant	H Mumford, A Clark	C Berden
24 May	K Hammat, M Glynn	W Bennett, S Semler	C Berden
31 May	S Semler, L Grant	P Bennett, M Slagter	C Berden
7 June	P Clark, W Bennett	L Grant, H Mumford	H Mumford
14 June	K Hammat, S Semler	W Bennett, A Clark	H Mumford
28 June	A Clark, M Glynn	L Grant, H Mumford	H Mumford





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

A SOUL FRIEND

One of the saints who speaks to me is Therese of Lisieux, commonly known as the *Little Flower*. This wasn't love at first sight. For years I was put off and left cold and uninterested by how her person and her image have become encrusted in an overly saccharine piety. She was too sweet, too pious. Not a saint for me! That changed, thanks to a friend who told me, "Don't read books about her – read her!" I read her and found in her a soul friend.

Who is Therese of Lisieux? She was a Carmelite nun who died from tuberculosis in 1897. She was only twenty-four years old when she died, and as a Carmelite nun hidden away in a convent in rural France, she died in anonymity, probably known by fewer than a hundred people. However, during the last two years of her life, as she lay dying from tuberculosis, she kept several diaries. After her death, her Carmelite sisters sent her unpublished diaries to a few other convents, intending to let a small circle of religious women know of her death and a little about her life.

The rest is history. The manuscripts were leaked to a wider public and in less than ten years, printing presses were literally having trouble meeting the demand for her autobiography. Her little convent in Lisieux was receiving more than five hundred letters a day, and people from all over the world were beginning to come to Lisieux on pilgrimage. A hundred and thirty years later, little has changed. She remains extraordinarily popular.

Why? Why this perennial intrigue about Therese? Because there is something about her that touches the soul in a particularly empathic way. How so?

Therese had an anomalous background that produced an

extraordinary character. Her life as a child was in many ways tragic. Her mother got sick at the time of Therese's birth and was unable to care for her during the crucial first year of her life. She was cared for by a nurse and an aunt. As a one-year-old she was returned to her mother, but her mother was already terminally ill and when Therese was four, her mother died. Therese then chose her older sister, Pauline, to be her new mother. Five years later, Pauline entered the convent and as a nine-year-old Therese again lost a mother.

Shortly after this she took ill and almost died. This was triggered by a visit to Pauline who was then a Carmelite nun. Together with her three other sisters and her father, she had gone to visit Pauline in her convent. After Pauline had spent some time focused on her little sister, she naturally became preoccupied in adult conversation. Left out, in sheer frustration, little Therese stood right in front of her big sister and, shaking her dress, began to cry.

"What's the matter?" asked Pauline. "You didn't notice!" cried Therese, "I'm wearing the dress you made me!"

She then became disconsolate and on returning home took to bed and for some weeks; despite the best efforts of various doctors and every kind of cajoling by her family, hovered between life and death. Eventually she recovered. Such was the tragedy and oversensitivity of her childhood. Yet, and this is the great anomaly, as a child, Therese was doted on and loved in a way that few children ever are. Her father, her sisters and her extended family considered her their little queen and she was cherished and made to feel extraordinarily precious and unique. Her sister Celine photographed her every move. Few children ever grow up as

nurtured in love and affirmation as did Therese.

And her personality bore out the effects of both the tragedy and the love. On the one side, she could be heavy, dark, withdrawn, and otherworldly. She made easy friends with mortality, was a mystic of darkness, the austere adult, the little girl-woman, who, wounded early, grew up fast. But, on the other side, she always remained the magical child, Cinderella, who, because she was so loved and graced, developed a very robust self-esteem, a confidence and a capacity to love as few others ever have.

So loved as child, a part of her remained ever the little girl, the *puella*, the incarnation of childlikeness, innocence, and gaiety. Only a Therese of Lisieux could end all her letters with the phrase: *I kiss you with my whole heart!*

In a soul so formed lies her mystique, that is, her unique combination of depth, insight, and other worldliness, even as she desperately clings to the tiniest gifts from her family and every small token of earthly affection. Only a soul so formed could, at age twenty-two, have the complexity and wisdom to write a mystical and theological treatise that rivals that of great theological doctors, and only a soul so formed could be both a study in hyper-sensitivity and human resilience.

A saint so pathologically complex can be a soul friend to our own complex souls.

You can read, or download, Ron Rolheiser's weekly columns from his website at: 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 (Support for Priests):
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Kangaroo Island Parish – CDF Account
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A/c No 100000067
Reference: Your name

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In my Father's house there are many dwelling places (rooms) ... And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself. (John 14: 2, 3)

Can you imagine what the dwelling places must be like in God's house? And Jesus promises that everyone who trusts and follows him can live there forever and ever. That means you! Now, what is keeping you from following Jesus completely? Is it hard for you to be kind or tell the truth? Maybe you have a hard time listening to others. Whatever it is, ask Jesus to help you with that. He loves you so much, and he wants you to join him in the great joy of heaven!

Jesus, please help me to ...

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father’s house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.’

Thomas said, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?’ Jesus said:

‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.’

Philip said, ‘Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.’ ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip,’ said Jesus to him ‘and you still do not know me?’

‘To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, “Let us see the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.’

THE MOMENT YOU ALMOST STAYED SILENT

It was a normal afternoon. A group chat lit up, a photo was shared, and within seconds the comments started rolling in. Some were jokes. Some were harsher. One crossed a line. Then another. Most people in the chat saw it

happen in real time. Most said nothing. One student sat there, phone in hand, reading every message. They knew the person in the photo. They also knew that if they spoke up, things could turn on them just as quickly. So, they hesitated. Watched. Scrolled. Paused.

Then they typed something simple. Not dramatic. Not aggressive. Just enough to interrupt the direction things were heading. A few words that shifted the tone. It did not fix everything instantly. But it stopped the spiral. Others began to respond differently. The moment passed, but it stayed with them. Later that evening, they wondered why it had felt so difficult to send that message. It would have been easier to stay silent, to go along with the flow. No risk. No attention. Just another moment lost in the scroll.

That is often how it works. The choice between silence and courage rarely feels like a big, obvious crossroads. It feels small. Almost invisible. A comment. A reaction. A decision not to laugh. A decision to speak.

We like to think that meaning is found in big gestures. But more often, it is found in these quiet moments where something inside us asks a simple question. What kind of person do you want to be right now? Because in the end, it is not the noise of the crowd that defines us. It is the choices we make when it would be easier to stay quiet.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(04 - 10 May)

- **Monday, 04:** Monday 5th week Easter (Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26)
- **Tuesday, 05:** Tuesday 5th week Easter (Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31)
- **Wednesday, 06:** Wednesday 5th week Easter (Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8)
- **Thursday, 07:** Thursday 5th week Easter (Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17)
- **Friday, 08:** Friday 5th week Easter (Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17)
- **Saturday, 09:** Saturday 5th week Easter (Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21)
- **Sunday 10:** Sixth Sunday of Easter (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pet 3:15-18; Jn 4:15-21)

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