



Welcome to

Kangaroo Island Catholic Community

(Part of the Adelaide Cathedral Parish)

PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR A

Vol 14 : No 27

KANGAROO ISLAND CATHOLIC PARISH

Parish House: 14 Todd Street
KINGSCOTE, SA 5223
Phone: 8553 2132

Postal address: PO Box 749,
KINGSCOTE, SA 5223

Email: cphkingscote@iinet.net.au
Web: www.kicatholic.org.au

ADELAIDE CATHEDRAL PARISH

39 Wakefield St, ADELAIDE 5000
Phone: (08) 8210 8155
E: acp@acp.adelaide.catholic.org.au

PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

PARISH PRIEST
Fr Lancy D'Silva
Phone: (08) 8210 8155

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Mr Peter Clark (8559 5131)

FINANCE

Mrs Helen Mumford (0408 367 009
or kimumford@bigpond.com)

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.

- Mrs Helen Mumford (KI contact - 0408 367 009)
- Integrity and Safeguarding Dept (8210 8150 - select option 2)

Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide - Our Resources and Fact Sheets
adelaide.catholic.org.au



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, 34

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

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

(Continued page 4)



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.

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

PRIEST ROSTER

24 May Fr Vivencio Besa
31 May Fr Chris Horvat SJ

WHAT'S ON

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

LIGHTING THE ROOM: A PENTECOST STORY OF HOPE

A teacher once asked her students to write down one thing they were worried about. Some wrote about family struggles. Others mentioned friendships, pressure, loneliness or fear about the future. The teacher collected the papers, placed them in a basket and quietly said, "Every person in this room is carrying something invisible."

She then lit a single candle at the front of the classroom and invited each student to come forward and light a smaller candle from it. Within moments, the whole room was filled with light. The teacher said, "This is what Pentecost is about. God does not remove every difficulty instantly, but the Holy Spirit gives us light for each other's darkness."

That image speaks just as strongly to parish life and family life as it does to schools. Many people today carry burdens that others never see. A kind word, a listening ear, a welcoming smile at Mass, patience at home or support during a difficult season can become moments where the Holy Spirit quietly works through us.

Pentecost reminds us that the Spirit of God is not only present in dramatic miracles, but in ordinary people who choose to bring hope, peace and compassion into everyday life. One small light can change the atmosphere of an entire room. One Spirit-filled person can do the same for a family, a classroom, a parish or a community.

We Pray

Through the Spirit of God, all things live and have their being.
We receive the Spirit and live in God's way.

*Jesus breathes the Spirit upon us and we are forgiven and forgiving.
We receive the Spirit and live in God's way.*

The Holy Spirit is with us always, the presence of God in our world.
We receive the Spirit and live in God's way.

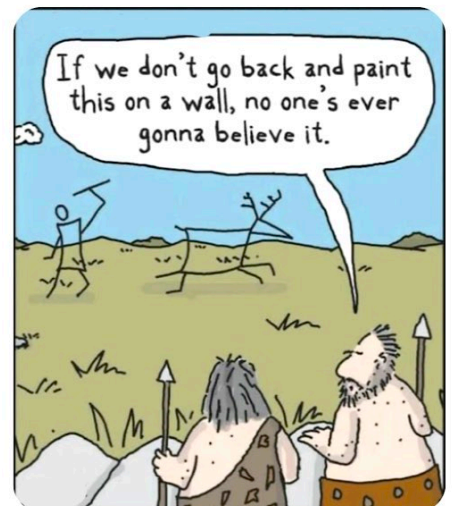
GPBS eNews



As most people would be aware, our Church is named for Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Picture above).

Since 2022 our Church has been a part of the Adelaide Cathedral Parish. In honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, a large group of parishioners from the Cathedral Parish will be visiting our Church for a 11.30am Mass on Sunday July 5. They will bring with them a special choir. Fr Lancy D'Silva will be the celebrant and Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will attend if his schedule permits.

We are all invited to join them for lunch (Indian cuisine) at the Lions' Hall following Mass.



MASS ROSTERS

Date	Readers/Prayers	Special Ministers	Cleaners
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
05 July	W Bennett, M Slagter	K Hammat, M Slagter	C Brinkley



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

THE COMPLEX MYSTERY OF SUFFERING

Sometimes it is hard to tell sickness from health. When we're suffering, is it an indication that there's something wrong with us or might it be that the suffering is the healthy result of living faithfully? When we are anxious, are worrying God's kingdom into birth or are we simply worrying ourselves to death? Suffering is complex and ambiguous. Here's an example.

Henri Nouwen, one of our generation's most renowned and respected spiritual guides was, as he shared so honestly in his writings, a complex and often tortured individual. He was a saint, but one who struggled mightily at times to keep his life true to his commitments and his vows. His commitment was solid, but his emotions were not.

He was a Roman Catholic priest, vowed to celibacy, but prone to fall in love at times. In one such instance, he fell in love obsessively. Having a vow of celibacy, recognising that this relationship could never include the special intimacy he craved, and getting a clear signal from the other that the obsession wasn't mutual, he fell into a depression which landed him in a clinic for a number of months. Eventually he regained his health and balance, and from that new space, wrote *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, his signature book which has become a spiritual classic.

Most of the commentaries on Nouwen's life treat this incident as a pathology, as a period in his life where he was not healthy, as certain downfall from grace. They point to a number of things that seemingly indicate this: He was gay and had fallen in love with a heterosexual man who did not have romantic

feelings toward him; his seminary training had ill-prepared him for the experience of falling in love in this way; he was by temperament an emotionally complex and often times tortured individual; and there are questions about how healthy his relationship with his mother was as he was growing up.

All of these factors no doubt played a role in his depression; but, looked at more deeply, this incident can be viewed in a very different way, that is, not as a pathology, a sickness, or an immaturity (albeit these are always a factor for all of us), but rather as a crisis that ultimately gives profound witness to Nouwen's deep spiritual health, to his fidelity to the Gospel, to his commitments, and to his willingness to, like Jesus, sweat blood in Gethsemane.

Whatever else, Nouwen accepted this crushing pain in his life with honesty and integrity and, like Jesus, accepted to be personally broken rather than to break his vows.

That's the deep challenge, one given to us by Jesus and one that was given to me and my siblings by my dad, who would tell us: "Unless you're willing to sweat blood, you will not be able to keep your commitments." Jesus tells us the same thing and we see that he had to precisely do that, sweat blood to remain faithful to his mission. Moreover, it is significant to note where he sweated blood, namely, in a "garden".

In both Old and New Testaments, the word "garden" does not refer to a place to grow vegetables. Biblically, the "Garden" is the place of love; it's where lovers go. Note that Jesus doesn't sweat blood in the temple, or on a mountain, or in a boat on the sea. Rather, he sweats blood in a garden, the place of love, as one whose heart is breaking in love.

Henri Nouwen sweated blood in a clinic, as one whose heart was breaking. That clinic was his "garden", his Gethsemane, the place where he was undergoing paschal transformation more so than succumbing to an illness.

Whatever his weaknesses, his temptations, his emotional crises, Nouwen always shared these openly and with a disarming honesty. For all his complexities and the seeming contradictions in his life, he was always transparent, almost in a childlike manner. He kept little under the surface. Moreover, the argument that this crisis was ultimately a healthy experience for him can be based too on the fruits it bore in his life.

By their fruits you will know them!

Henri Nouwen, despite his immense popularity, struggled his entire adult life to simply receive love and to believe that he was loveable. He was changed radically by undergoing this breakdown. After leaving the clinic and returning to his normal life, he had for the rest of his life an abiding sense of being loved and of being loveable. Out of that transformed space he wrote his spiritual masterpiece, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, which has helped thousands of us to receive love more deeply and accept that we are (despite our haunting congenital doubts to the contrary) loveable.

Sometimes it's hard to tell when suffering is a sign of sickness or of fidelity. However, it's usually a sign of fidelity, when, like Nouwen, we accept to be personally broken rather than break our vows.

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):
Kangaroo Island DPF - CDF Account
14870 S7.65
BSB 066-782
A/c No 100027201
Reference: Your name

2nd Collection (Support for Parish):
Kangaroo Island Parish – CDF Account
1040 S1
BSB 066-782
A/c No 100000067
Reference: Your name

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Priests and Parish Facilities.



During the celebration of Pentecost, crowds of Jewish people from many countries, speaking different languages, gathered in Jerusalem. But away from the crowds, in a quiet room, huddled Jesus' followers, scared and sad. Then, a roar like thunder filled the room, and a fire appeared! It separated, coming to each person. This filled them with the Holy Spirit! Suddenly, they wanted to tell the world about Jesus. And, astonishingly, they could because now they could speak in many languages! About 3,000 people chose to become followers of Jesus that day. This miraculous day is called the birthday of the Church. You are the Church, too, so make sure to celebrate!

Come, Holy Spirit, our teacher and Advocate!
GPBS eNews



(Continued from page 1)

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 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side.

The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

BREATHING PEACE INTO OUR PARISH AND HOMES: PENTECOST IN EVERYDAY LIFE

The disciples are gathered behind locked doors, overwhelmed with fear and uncertainty, when the risen Jesus appears among them and says, "Peace be with you." He then breathes the Holy Spirit upon them. It is a moment of reassurance, renewal and mission. It is also the beginning of Pentecost.

That Gospel speaks powerfully into our world today. Many families and parish communities are carrying quiet worries about rising costs of living, mental health struggles, loneliness and the pace of modern life. People are searching for peace in a culture that often feels anxious, divided and constantly switched on. Into that reality, Jesus still speaks the same words: "Peace be with you."

Pentecost reminds us that the Holy Spirit is not distant or reserved for extraordinary moments. The Spirit moves through ordinary people and everyday acts of love. It is present in families who continue to choose patience and forgiveness, in parishioners who quietly support

others, in volunteers who keep communities alive and in people who bring kindness into places that desperately need hope.

The Church is strongest when faith is lived, not just spoken about. Every conversation after Mass, every act of welcome, every meal shared with someone who feels isolated and every moment of compassion becomes part of the mission Christ entrusted to his followers. Pentecost is not only something we remember. It is something we are called to live.

The disciples were far from perfect. They were uncertain, fearful and unsure of what would come next. Yet Jesus still entrusted them with his mission and filled them with the Holy Spirit. That same Spirit continues to guide parish communities and families today, especially in moments when faith can feel challenging or disconnected from everyday life.

Perhaps Pentecost in our homes and parishes is found less in dramatic signs and more in the daily choice to bring peace, hope and encouragement to others. Through ordinary people living with faith and compassion, the Spirit of Christ continues to breathe life into our world.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(25 - 31 May)

- **Monday, 25:** Our Lady Help of Christians (Sirach 4:11-18; Jn 19:25-34)
- **Tuesday, 26:** St Philip Neri (1 Pet 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31)
- **Wednesday, 27:** Weekday, Ord Time 8 (Pet 1:18-25; Mk 10:32-45)
- **Thursday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 8 (1 Pet 2:2-5, 9-12; Mk 10:46-52)
- **Friday, 29:** Weekday, Ord Time 8 (Pet 4:7-13; Mk 11:11-26)
- **Saturday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 8 (Jude 17, 20-25; Mk 11:27-33)
- **Sunday 31:** The Most Holy TRINITY (Ex 34:4-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18)

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