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

MASS CENTRES

- **KINGSCOTE:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Cnr Giles and Todd Streets
Sunday - 9.30am
- **PARNDANA:** Uniting Church, Cook Street
4th Sunday - 4pm
- **PENNESHAW:** St Columba's Anglican Church, Cnr North Terrace and Fourth Street
Saturday before 4th Sunday - 7pm

SPONSORSHIP

KANGAROO ISLAND TRANSFERS (0427 887 575)
generously donate transport for our visiting Priests.

CHILD PROTECTION UNIT

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FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his

commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:1-9

In the evening of that same day, 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.'

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APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Josephine Bannan, Ray Bannan, Elizabeth Black, Wilma Buick, Karen Cairney, Gwen Chalmers, Ambrose Clark, Robert Clark, Francis Clarke, Catherine Cummerford, Sarah Cunningham, Jimmy Dow, Tate Furniss, Monika Gibbs, Mary O'Brien, Norah Ridge, Verna Trethewey, Berly Williams, Albert Willson, Jamie Larcombe, ... and all the faithful departed

Prayers for the sick

Please pray for Clarence Cook, Phil Connell, Maureen Dunn, Veronica Farnden, Jayden Forster, Cynthia Fowler, Charles & Sue Gorman, Robyn Guerne, John (BJ) Hardy, Rev Brad Henley, Toni Kempster, Leigh and Philip McDonald, Val Lockett, Fr Frank Perry, Jack Pitcher, Anne Redden, Harry and Margaret Rich, Bill Roestenburg, John Smith, Brian Travers, Angela Ward, Peter and Anthony Weatherstone and Rob Willmott., Joyce Pearson

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

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MAKING CONNECTIONS

Look for ways in which a simple touch can convey friendship, compassion or healing this week.

PARISH NOTICES –12/04/2015

1. Thank you to Fr Peter Milburn for celebrating Mass with us today.
2. **Next Sunday**
There will be Mass with Fr Peter Milburn
3. This year's Sacramental preparation will begin in April.
If you have a child who is ready to make their First Holy Communion or Confirmation, Please ring Helen Mumford on 85595156.
4. **Easter Raffle**
Winners were: 1st Prize Cathy Howson
2nd Prize Kay Florence
5. **Project Compassion**
Please return any collection boxes so the money can be sent to Caritas.

DID YOU KNOW

- The period from Easter Sunday to Pentecost is known as the Great Fifty Days and is an integral part of the Lent-Easter-Pentecost cycle.
- There is an ancient tradition that Thomas preached the Gospel as far as India.
- In Aramaic, the language spoken by Jesus, the name Thomas means 'twin'.



Ron Rolheiser column

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WHERE TO FIND RESURRECTION

Something there is that needs a crucifixion. Everything that's good eventually gets scapegoated and crucified. How? By that curious, perverse dictate somehow innate within human life that assures that there's always someone or something that cannot leave well enough alone, but, for reasons of its own, must hunt down and lash out at what's good. What's good, what's of God, will always at some point be misunderstood, envied, hated, pursued, falsely accused, and eventually nailed to some cross. Every body of Christ inevitably suffers the same fate as Jesus: death through misunderstanding, ignorance, and jealousy.

But there's a flipside as well: Resurrection always eventually trumps crucifixion. What's good eventually triumphs. Thus, while nothing that's of God will avoid crucifixion, no body of Christ stays in the tomb for long. God always rolls back the stone and, soon enough, new life bursts forth and we see why that original life had to be crucified. ("Wasn't it necessary that the Christ should so have to suffer and die?") Resurrection invariably follows crucifixion. Every crucified body will rise again. Our hope takes its root in that.

But how does this happen? Where do we see the resurrection? How do we experience resurrection after a crucifixion?

Scripture is subtle, though clear, on this. Where can we expect to experience resurrection? The gospel tell us that, on the morning of the resurrection, the women-followers of Jesus set out for the tomb of Jesus, carrying spices, expecting to anoint and embalm a dead body. Well-intentioned but misguided, what they find is not a dead body, but an empty

tomb and an angel challenging them with these words: "Why are you looking for the living among the dead? Go instead into Galilee and you will find him there!" Go instead into Galilee. Why Galilee? What's Galilee? And how do we get there?

In the gospels, Galilee is not simply a geographical location, a place on a map. It is first of all a place in the heart. As well, Galilee refers to the dream and to the road of discipleship that the disciples once walked with Jesus and to that place and time when their hearts most burned with hope and enthusiasm. And now, after the crucifixion, just when they feel that the dream is dead, that their faith is only fantasy, they are told to go back to the place where it all began: "Go back to Galilee. He will meet you there!"

And they do go back to Galilee, both to the geographical location and to that special place in their hearts where once burned the dream of discipleship. And just as promised, Jesus appears to them. He doesn't appear exactly as he was before, or as frequently as they would like him to, but he does appear as more than a ghost and a memory. The Christ that appears to them after the resurrection is in a different modality, but he's physical enough to eat fish in their presence, real enough to be touched as a human being, and powerful enough to change their lives forever. Ultimately that's what the resurrection asks us to do: To go back to Galilee, to return to the dream, hope, and discipleship that had once inflamed us but has now been lost through disillusionment.

This parallels what happens on the road to Emmaus in Luke's gospel, where we are told that on the day of the resurrection, two disciples were walking away from Jerusalem towards Emmaus, with their faces

downcast. An entire spirituality could be unpackaged from that simple line: For Luke, Jerusalem means the dream, the hope, and the religious centre from which all is to begin and where ultimately, all is to culminate. And the disciples are "walking away" from this place, away from their dream, towards Emmaus (Emmaus was a Roman Spa), a place of human comfort, a Las Vegas, or Monte Carlo. Since their dream has been crucified, the disciples are understandably discouraged and are walking away from it, towards some human solace, despairing in their hope: "But we had hoped!"

They never get to Emmaus. Jesus appears to them on the road, reshapes their hope in the light of their disillusionment, and turns them back towards Jerusalem.

That is one of the essential messages of Easter: Whenever we are discouraged in our faith, whenever our hopes seem to be crucified, we need to go back to Galilee and Jerusalem, that is, back to the dream and the road of discipleship that we had embarked upon before things went wrong. The temptation of course, whenever the kingdom doesn't seem to work, is to abandon discipleship for human consolation, to head off instead for Emmaus, for the consolation of Las Vegas or Monte Carlo.

But, as we know, we never quite get to Las Vegas or Monte Carlo. In one guise or another, Christ always meets us on the road to those places, burns holes in our hearts, explains our latest crucifixion to us, and sends us back – and to our abandoned discipleship. Once there, it all makes sense again.

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 Howe Roads*

Saturday 6.00pm
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 Honeypot Rd and Goldsmith Dve*

Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 9.00am
1st Sunday 11.00am (Spanish Mass)
2nd Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)
Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm
Monday 9.00am
Tuesday 8.00am
Wednesday 7.00am
Thursday 9.00am (St John's School)
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

4th Sunday 4.00pm

PENNESHAW

*St Columba, North Terrace
(shared with Anglicans)*

Saturday before 4th Sunday 7.00pm

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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'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.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was
one of the Twelve, was not with
them when Jesus came. When the
disciples said, 'We have seen the
Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the
holes that the nails made in his
hands and can put my finger into the
holes they made, and unless I can
put my hand into his side, I refuse to
believe.' Eight days later the
disciples were in the house again and
Thomas was with them. The doors
were closed, but Jesus came in and
stood among them. 'Peace be with
you' he said. Then he spoke to
Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look,
here are my hands. Give me your
hand; put it into my side. Doubt no
longer but believe.' Thomas replied,
'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said
to him:

'You believe because you can see
me.

Happy are those who have not seen
and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that
Jesus worked and the disciples saw,
but they are not recorded in this
book. These are recorded so that you
may believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of God, and that believing
this you may have life through his
name.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM

"... it is becoming increasingly
difficult to find local solutions for
enormous global problems which
overwhelm local politics with
difficulties to resolve. If we really
want to achieve a healthy world
economy, what is needed at this
juncture of history is a more efficient
way of interacting with due regard
for the sovereignty of each nation,
ensures the economic well-being of
all countries, not just of a few."

*Para 206 from Evangelii Gaudium,
Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013*

EXPLORING THE WORD

Today's Gospel is one of
transformation. The fear of the
disciples is transformed by the gift
of peace and the doubt of Thomas is
transformed by his encounter with
the risen Jesus. With this
transformation comes responsibility,
however. The disciples are not to
simply bask in the joy of Christ but
are sent to continue the mission of
Jesus in the world. "As the Father
sent me, so I am sending you."

When Thomas is told by his
companions that they have seen
Jesus, he places his own conditions
on faith. He will not believe unless
he sees. Jesus must fulfil the
expectation of Thomas. The
following week, Thomas is forced to
confront this and is brought to
realise the pointlessness of imposing
conditions on God. Only after
accepting this truth does Thomas
come to understand what faith really
is.

Are there times when we expect God
to behave as we want, rather than
being open to the presence of the
risen Christ in unexpected ways?

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(13 - 19 April)

- **Monday, 13:** Monday, 2nd week of
Easter (Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8)
- **Tuesday, 14:** Tuesday, 2nd week of
Easter (Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7-15)
- **Wednesday, 15:** Wednesday, 2nd
week of Easter (Acts 5:17-26; Jn
3:16-21)
- **Thursday, 16:** Thursday, 2nd week
of Easter (Acts 5:27-33; Jn
3:31-36)
- **Friday, 17:** Fri, 2nd week of Easter
(Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15)
- **Saturday, 18:** Sat, 2nd week of
Easter (Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21)
- **Sunday, 19:** Third Sunday of
Easter (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1Jn
2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48)

